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OF

JESSICA L. TUCKER

ON BEHALF OF

EVERGY MISSOURI WEST

**Kansas City, Missouri
September 2024**

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1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 A: My name is Jessica L. Tucker. My business address is 1200 Main Street, Kansas City,
3 Missouri 64105.

4 **Q: Are you the same Jessica L. Tucker who submitted Direct testimony on February 2,**
5 **2024, and Surrebuttal/True-Up Direct testimony on September 10, 2024?**

6 A: Yes, I am.

7 **Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?**

8 A: I am testifying on behalf of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West
9 (“EMW” or the “Company”).

10 **Q: What is the purpose of your True-Up Rebuttal testimony?**

11 A: I will respond to MPSC Staff witness Jared Giacone’s True-Up Direct testimony regarding
12 fuel expense, specifically relating to coal price assumptions.

13 **Q: How did Staff handle coal pricing in its True-Up?**

14 A: According to Staff’s workpapers, it appears that Staff did not update the price assumptions
15 used in their Direct testimony for coal pricing.

16 **Q: Why did Staff utilize pricing from their Direct testimony and not true-up those**
17 **assumptions?**

18 A: Mr. Giacone stated on page 15 of his Surrebuttal/True-Up Direct testimony that “Coal is
19 procured under long term contracts so Staff did not true-up coal pricing.”

1 **Q: Do you agree with Staff's approach regarding coal pricing in their True-Up**
2 **testimony?**

3 A: Generally speaking, Staff's approach is not the approach I would recommend. I do agree
4 with Mr. Giacone that, for the most part, coal for EMW is procured under long-term
5 contracts. However, that does not mean that commodity and associated delivery costs are
6 the same in every year of a given contract. There are aspects of delivered coal costs that
7 can certainly change on an annual basis and in some cases, more often than that.

8 **Q: What is your recommendation pertaining to coal pricing used in True-Up?**

9 A: As a matter of general approach, I would recommend that coal prices be updated as
10 appropriate. I recognize that in terms of this specific proceeding, the difference in Staff's
11 and EMW's fuel expense as it pertains to coal isn't significant enough to be considered
12 overly consequential. However, that may not always be the case.

13 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

14 A: Yes, it does.

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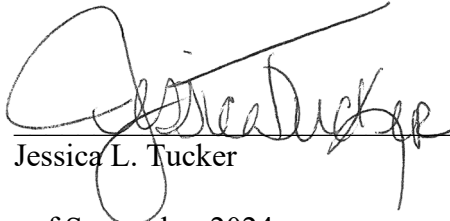
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AFFIDAVIT OF JESSICA L. TUCKER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF JACKSON)

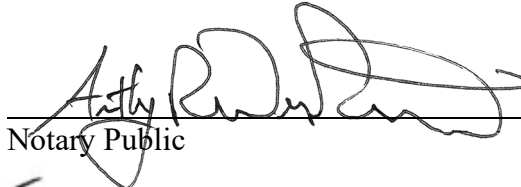
Jessica L. Tucker, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

1. My name is Jessica L. Tucker. I work in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. as Senior Manager, Fuels & Emissions.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my True-Up Rebuttal Testimony on behalf of Evergy Missouri West consisting of two (2) pages, having been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-captioned docket.
3. I have knowledge of the matters set forth therein. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded, including any attachments thereto, are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Jessica L. Tucker

Subscribed and sworn before me this 18th day of September 2024.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/26/2025

