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Coty King (Rate Design)  
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File No. ER-2024-0189

*Exhibit No.:*  
*Issue(s):* *Non-standard Metering  
Charges*  
*Witness:* *Coty L. King*  
*Sponsoring Party:* *MoPSC Staff*  
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**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**INDUSTRY ANALYSIS DIVISION**

**ENGINEERING ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY**

**OF**

**COTY L. KING**

**EVERGY MISSOURI WEST, INC.,**

**d/b/a Evergy Missouri West**

**CASE NO. ER-2024-0189**

*Jefferson City, Missouri*  
*July 12, 2024*

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5 **d/b/a Every Missouri West**  
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7 Q. Please state your name and business address.

8 A. Coty L. King, and my business address is P. O. Box 360,  
9 Jefferson City, MO 65102.

10 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

11 A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as  
12 a Senior Compliance Analyst in the Engineering Analysis Department, Industry  
13 Analysis Division.

14 Q. Please describe your work and educational background.

15 A. A copy of my work and educational experience is attached to this testimony as  
16 Schedule CLK-d1.

17 Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?

18 A. The purpose of my testimony is to recommend a change in the non-standard  
19 metering charge contained in Evergy Missouri West’s (“EMW”) Non-Standard Metering  
20 Service Tariff.<sup>1</sup>

21 Q. Please briefly describe EMW’s Non-Standard Metering Service tariff.

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<sup>1</sup> P.S.C. MO. No. 1, Original Sheet No. R-33.2 and P.S.C. MO. No. 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. R-66.

Direct Testimony of  
Coty King

1 A. EMW's Non-Standard Metering Service tariff allows customers to opt-out of  
2 using an automated meter reading device. These customers pay an initial one-time meter setup  
3 fee of \$150 and a \$45 monthly non-standard meter read charge.

4 Q. Is the initial one-time set meter setup fee of \$150 charge reasonable?

5 A. No. Based on the information that the company has provided, the cost of a  
6 non-standard meter is \$99.28 and the cost of installation is \$41.20. The charge should be  
7 lowered to \$141 to better reflect actual costs.

8 Q. Is the \$45 monthly non-standard meter read charge reasonable?

9 A. The monthly charge of \$45 is reasonable.

10 Q. Do other utilities allow customers to opt-out of advanced meters?

11 A. Yes. Several electric and water utilities regulated by this Commission allow  
12 customers to opt-out of advanced meters. The table below is a non-exhaustive summary of  
13 other advanced meter opt-out rates:

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Utility	One-time fee	Monthly fee	Tariff Reference	Effective Date	Case
Ameren Missouri	\$100	\$40	Sheet No. 63 Sheet No. 129	2/19/2021 4/1/2020	EE-2019-0382; ER-2019-0335
Empire District Electric	\$150	\$45 \$10 (for additional meters)	Section 5, Sheet 11 & Section 3, Sheet 5	8/17/2020 9/16/2020	ER-2019-0374, AO-2020-0237
Empire Water	\$150	\$45 \$10 (for additional meters)	Section 2, Sheet 6; Section 1, Sheet 3	10/11/2020	AO-2020-0237
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water)	\$150	\$45 \$10 (for additional meters)	Sheet 5, Sheet 20	9/10/2020	AO-2020-0237

15 Note: Empire District Electric, Empire District Water, & Liberty Water tariffs include an  
16 additional option of disabling two-way communications. Also, a customer who opts out prior to  
17 installation is not assessed the one-time fee.  
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19 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

20 A. Yes it does.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**


In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc.     )  
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Request for     )           Case No. ER-2024-0189  
Authority to Implement A General Rate         )  
Increase for Electric Service                    )

**AFFIDAVIT OF COTY L. KING**

STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
                                                          )           ss.  
COUNTY OF COLE     )

**COMES NOW COTY L. KING** and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Direct Testimony of Coty L. King*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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COTY L. KING

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 3rd day of July 2024.

D. SUZIE MANKIN  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
State of Missouri  
Commissioned for Cole County  
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025  
Commission Number: 12412070

  
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Notary Public

## Coty L. King

### Present Position:

I am a Senior Compliance Analyst in the Engineering Analysis Department, of the Industry Analysis Division of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

### Educational Background and Work Experience:

I received my Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Excelsior in 2023. I served in the United States Army as a Heavy Equipment Supervisory from 2008 through 2021. I have been employed by the Commission since 2023.

### Case History:

Case Number	Utility	Type	Issue
GO-2023-0432	Spire	Gas	Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge
E0-2024-0161	Evergy Missouri West	Electric	Change of Supplier
EO-2024-0281	Ameren	Electric	Vegetation Management Standards Variance
EO-2024-0297	Liberty (Empire)	Electric	RES Compliance Plan