

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Metro, inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro) **File No. EO-2025-0216**
Containing Its Semi-Annual Fuel)
Clause True-Up)

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE TRUE-UP

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through counsel, and for its recommendation states:

1. On January 31, 2025,¹ Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Metro”) filed its fuel adjustment clause (“FAC”) true-up for Recovery Period 16 (“RP16”) under the provisions of 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

2. On February 4, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation by March 3.

3. Based on its examination and analysis of the information contained in Evergy Metro’s true-up filing for RP16 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024), during which Evergy Metro over-collected \$872,202, without interest, from its customers. Staff presents its analysis in the attached Staff Memorandum, attached hereto as **Appendix A.**

4. The over-collected amount of \$872,202, without interest, which is the true-up amount for Recovery Period 16 (“RP16”) and interest of \$288,915, which includes all interest for RP16 and Accumulation Period (“AP19”), are both included in the calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (“FPA”) amount

¹ Unless otherwise stated, all date references will be to 2025.

in Evergy Metro's AP19 adjustment filing, also filed on January 31, in File No. ER-2025-0217.

5. As set out in Staff's Memorandum, Staff reviewed the direct testimony of Linda Nunn, Manager-Regulatory Affairs at Evergy Metro, the supporting schedules which Evergy Metro provided with its application, the monthly reports which Evergy Metro has submitted, and Evergy Metro's monthly interest calculations. Staff agrees with those calculations.

7. Staff has verified that Evergy Metro filed its 2023 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Metro is current on submission of its monthly reports, required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5), and its surveillance monitoring reports, required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6). Other than as noted in the attached Staff Memorandum, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this true-up filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Metro's true-up filing for RP16 during which Evergy Metro over-collected \$872,202 from its customers, for inclusion in its Fuel Adjustment Rate for the 19th Accumulation Period of its Fuel Adjustment Clause in File No. ER-2025-0217.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies by his signature below that on March 3, 2025, he filed the above captioned pleading in the EFIS file of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

/s/ Paul T. Graham

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. EO-2025-0216

FROM: Teresa L. Denney, Lead Senior Utility Regulatory Auditor

/s/ Teresa L. Denney 3-3-25
Energy Resources Department /Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation Concerning Evergy Metro, Inc.,
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under
the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: March 3, 2025

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve the true-up filing for Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro"), for Recovery Period 16 ("RP16") during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$872,202 from its customers.

Discussion

On January 31, 2025, Evergy Missouri Metro filed with the Commission its fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") true-up¹ for RP16 under the provisions of its FAC tariff sheets and 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). RP16 began October 1, 2023 and ended September 30, 2024. It was preceded by Accumulation Period 16 ("AP16"), which began January 1, 2023 and ended June 30, 2023.

Evergy Missouri Metro's filing is supported by the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Linda Nunn, Manager - Regulatory Affairs at Evergy Missouri Metro. The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") reviewed Ms. Nunn's direct testimony and supporting schedules, as well as the monthly information Evergy Missouri Metro submitted to the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

¹ True-ups are defined on Evergy Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.40 as, After completion of each RP, the Company shall make a true-up filing by the filing date of its next FAR filing. Any true-up adjustments shall be reflected in component "T" above. Interest on the true-up adjustment will be included in component "I" above. The true-up amount shall be the difference between the revenues billed and the revenues authorized for collection during the RP as well as any corrections identified to be included in the current FAR filing. Any corrections included will be discussed in the testimony accompanying the true-up filing.

The interest of \$288,915 on line 9 of P.S.C. MO. No. 7 4th Revised Sheet No. 50.42² includes all interest³ for RP16 and Accumulation Period 19 (“AP19”). Ms. Nunn provides supporting work papers for the true-up amount of \$(872,202). Staff agrees with Evergy Missouri Metro’s calculations for this over-collection of \$872,202 during RP16.

Staff Review

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri Metro filed and submitted for RP16, Staff determined that Evergy Missouri Metro’s calculations for the true-up amount for RP16 are correct.

Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro’s true-up filing for RP16, during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$872,202 from its customers. The over-collection amount is included in Evergy Missouri Metro’s proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2025-0217, also filed on January 31, 2025, for AP19, which began July 1, 2024, and ended December 31, 2024.

Staff verified that Evergy Missouri Metro filed its 2023 Annual Report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri Metro is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its periodic reports, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri Metro’s proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2025-0217, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

² File No. ER-2025-0217 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2025-0121.

³ Interest is defined on Evergy Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.39 as:

Interest applicable to (i) the difference between Missouri Retail ANEC and B for all kWh of energy supplied during an AP until those costs have been recovered; (ii) refunds due to prudence reviews (“P”), if any; and (iii) all under- or over-recovery balances created through operation of this FAC, as determined in the true-up filings (“T”) provided for herein. Interest shall be calculated monthly at a rate equal to the weighted average interest paid on the Company’s short-term debt, applied to the month-end balance of items (i) through (iii) in the preceding sentence.

