

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 for) **File No. ET-2021-0151**
Approval of a Transportation Electrification)
Portfolio)

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri) **File No. ET-2021-0269**
West for Approval of a Transportation)
Electrification Portfolio)

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

Issue Date: April 15, 2021

Effective Date: April 15, 2021

On February 24, 2021, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively “Evergy”) filed its application requesting the Commission approve transportation electrification pilot programs, pursuant to Section 393.1610, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2020). In addition, Evergy filed associated tariff sheets.¹ Evergy’s application also requests variance of Commission rules prohibiting certain promotional practices and authority to defer costs associated with the pilot programs as a regulatory asset for consideration in future rate cases. Finally, Evergy requests the Commission find that the proposed “Clean Charge Network” expansion plan is “prudent from a decisional perspective.”²

On March 29, 2021, Staff filed its recommendation in each case and recommended the Commission reject the tariff sheets or, alternatively, order the parties in each case to submit a proposed procedural schedule.

¹ The tariffs proposed effective dates of March 26, 2021. On March 17, 2021, the Commission issued orders in each of these cases to suspend the tariff sheets until July 24, 2021.

² *Application of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West for an Order Related to Approval of a Transportation Electrification Portfolio*, ¶ 19 (Feb. 24, 2021).

On March 30, 2021, after Staff filed its recommendation and the intervention period closed in each case, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation on the consolidation of these cases. Any party recommendations regarding consolidation were to be filed no later than April 7, with any responses filed no later than April 14, 2021.

On April 7, 2021, Staff recommended the Commission consolidate the cases and advised that Evergy's applications seek similar tariffs and programs, involving substantially similar questions of fact and law. Staff advised differences between the applications occur primarily in relation to budgets, which are not likely to complicate resolution of these cases if consolidated. Also on April 7, Evergy filed a response stating support for consolidation as an efficient procedure for resolving these cases. No additional responses in regard to consolidation were filed in the time provided.³

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.110(3) allows the Commission to conduct joint hearings and make other orders to avoid unnecessary costs or delay when pending cases involve related questions of law or fact. Because Evergy's applications in these two cases share common issues of law and fact, and based on Staff and Evergy's recommendations that consolidation of these cases will promote administrative efficiency, the Commission will consolidate the cases.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. File No. ET-2021-0151 and File No. ET-2021-0269 are consolidated.

³ The Commission's March 30 order directed that any responses to Staff's recommendation regarding consolidation, and any other party filings regarding consolidation, be filed no later than April 14, 2021.

2. All future filings shall be made in File No. ET-2021-0151 and the caption shall be modified to identify Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of April, 2021.