

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)	
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri)	
West for the Issuance of a Depreciation)	File No.: HO-2025-0244
Authority Order Relating to their)	
Steam/Heat Operations)	

**APPLICATION OF EVERGY MISSOURI WEST
FOR A DEPRECIATION AUTHORITY ORDER**

COMES NOW, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”, the “Company”, or “Applicant”) and, pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. 386.250 and 393.140¹and 20 CSR 4240-2.060, hereby requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issue a Depreciation Authority Order (“DAO”) authorizing EMW to depreciate certain accounts with a specific depreciation rate.

1. EMW is a Delaware corporation with its principal office and place of business at 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. It is primarily engaged in the providing electric and steam utility service in western Missouri to the public in its certified areas. EMW is an “heating company” and a “public utility” subject to the jurisdiction, supervision, and control of the Commission under Chapters 386 and 393.

2. A certificate of authority for EMW to do business in Missouri as a foreign corporation was filed with the Commission in Case No. HN-2020-0065 and is incorporated by reference pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(G).

3. EMW is a wholly owned subsidiary of Evergy, Inc. (“Evergy”). Evergy’s other wholly owned public utilities are Evergy Metro, Inc. (“Evergy Metro”) and Evergy Kansas

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all citations are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (2010), as amended to date.

Central, Inc. (“Evergy Kansas Central”). EMW has no annual report or regulatory assessment fees that are overdue.

4. EMW has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court that involve customer services or rates, which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three years of the date of this application.

5. In addition to serving counsel named below, all correspondence, pleadings, notices, orders, and other communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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6. Data requests concerning this Application should be addressed to Regulatory.Affairs@evergy.com.

7. The Company requests the authorization of a depreciation rate for an existing plant utility account that will be transferred to a new plant utility account due to the implementation of FERC Order 898. In June 2023, FERC issued Order 898 to update the Uniform System of Accounts (“USOA”) for certain categories of assets including solar and wind generation, energy storage, environmental credits and computer hardware, software and communications equipment. The company will be creating new plant and O&M accounts for Industrial Steam Plant assets. The

effective date of FERC Order 898 is January 1, 2025, with prospective application required. The authorized rate for the old plant utility account will be used for the assets transferred to the new plant utility account. The company will be changing from a five-digit plant utility account to a six-digit plant utility account in PowerPlant by adding a zero in the middle of the plant utility account number. For example, Plant utility Acct 31209 will be changed to 312009. If the only change was the adding of an additional zero in the middle of the plant utility account, those accounts are not being listed in this filing. The only Industrial Steam plant account at this time affected by the implementation of FERC 898 will be to Acct 31209. The current authorized depreciation rate for Acct 31209 is 2.22%. Some software will transfer from Acct 31209, into a new plant utility Acct 315029, with no change to the depreciation rate until the next depreciation study.

8. The Applicant presumes that the depreciation rates established in this case will be reviewed when the Applicant submits its next depreciation study and the associated depreciation rates are authorized by the Commission.

9. Granting the DAO requested herein will not impact customer rates. Although a DAO puts the Company in a position where it can, in future rate proceedings, request depreciation expense recovery in rates, a Commission order authorizing a DAO carries with it no guarantee that such rate recovery will be allowed. The Company will seek recovery of these costs in general rate case proceedings.

WAIVER OF 60-DAY NOTICE RULE

10. The Commission's General Provisions regarding its Standards of Conduct include a 60-day notice of filing provision at 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) ("Rule") which states:

Any person that intends to file a case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case. Such

notice shall detail the type of case and issues likely to be before the commission and shall include a summary of all communication regarding substantive issues likely to be in the case before the filing party and the office of the commission that occurred in the ninety (90) days prior to filing the notice.

Under Section (1)(D) of the Rule, Evergy seeks a waiver of this requirement because good exists under the facts of this case.

11. The Company needs to record entries with the appropriate rates in 2025 as soon as possible, as detailed in paragraph 7 above.

12. Under these unique circumstances, which raise real and substantial issues, Evergy's request for a waiver of the 60-day notice Rule is reasonable and made in good faith. Waiver of the 60-day notice requirement would not cause any issues. The Commission has recognized that good cause has been defined by the courts as a "substantial reason or cause" that is "real, not imaginary, substantial, not trifling, and reasonable, not whimsical." Accordingly, good cause exists for a waiver of the Rule in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the Company requests that the Commission grant the Company's application and:

a) Issue a DAO to Applicant authorizing EMW Industrial Steam to utilize the depreciation rates related to the FERC 898 plant account changes; and

b) Provide the Company such other relief that the Commission believes is necessary and appropriate and that is not inconsistent with the DAOs requested in this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Ronald A. Klotz, state that I am Senior Director—Regulatory Affairs for Evergy, Inc., that I have reviewed the foregoing pleading, that I am familiar with its contents, that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Ronald A. Klotz

Subscribed and sworn before me this 11th day of March 2025.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/26/2025



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and copy of the foregoing application was emailed on this 11th day of March 2025, to the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Roger W. Steiner

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