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#### **MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

#### CASE NO.: ER-2025-0348

#### **DIRECT TESTIMONY**

#### OF

#### LINDA J. NUNN

#### **ON BEHALF OF**

#### EVERGY MISSOURI WEST, INC. d/b/a EVERGY MISSOURI WEST

Kansas City, Missouri June 2025

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy	)
Missouri West for Authority to Implement	) Case No. ER-2025 0348 )
Rate Adjustments Required by 20 CSR	
4240-20.090(8) and the Company's	)
Approved Fuel and Purchased Power Cost	)
Recovery Mechanism	)

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF LINDA J. NUNN**

#### **STATE OF MISSOURI** ) ) ss **COUNTY OF JACKSON**

Linda J. Nunn, being first duly sworn on her oath, states:

1. My name is Linda J. Nunn. I work in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am employed by

Evergy, Inc. as Manager, Regulatory Affairs.

2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony on behalf of Evergy Missouri West Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West, consisting of consisting of eleven (11) 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.

Linda J. Nunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June 2025.

Notary Public

ANTHONY & WESTENKIRCHNER NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL STATE OF MISSOURI 2029 PLATTE COUNTY DMMISSION #17279952

My Commission expires: April 26, 2029

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#### LINDA J. NUNN Case

#### No. ER-2025-0348

1 Q: Please state your name and business address.

2 A: My name is Linda J. Nunn. My business address is 1200 Main, Kansas City,
3 Missouri 64105.

#### 4 Q: By whom and in what capacity are you employed?

- A: I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. as Manager, Regulatory Affairs for Evergy
  Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("EMM"), Evergy Missouri West, Inc.
  d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("EMW"), Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas
  Metro ("Evergy Kansas Metro"), and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy
  South, Inc., collectively d/b/a Evergy Kansas Central ("Evergy Kansas Central").
  These are the operating utilities of Evergy, Inc.
- 11 Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?
- 12 A: I am testifying on behalf of EMW ("Company").
- 13 Q: What are your responsibilities?

A: My responsibilities include the coordination, preparation, and review of financial information and schedules associated with fuel or transmission impacts on rate case filings, and the coordination, preparation and review of financial information and schedules associated with retail rider mechanism tariff filings for Evergy including:
 Evergy Kansas Central, Evergy Kansas Metro, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West.

#### 1 Q: Please describe your education.

- 2 A: I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a
  3 concentration in Accounting from Northwest Missouri State University.
- 4 Q: Please provide your work experience.

5 I became a Senior Regulatory Analyst with Kansas City Power & Light A: 6 ("KCP&L") in 2008, as a part of the acquisition of Aquila, Inc., by Great Plains 7 Energy. In 2013, I was promoted to Supervisor - Regulatory Affairs. In 2018 I 8 became Manager, Regulatory Affairs. Prior to my employment with KCP&L, I was 9 employed by Aquila, Inc. for a total of eleven years. In addition to Regulatory, I 10 have had experience in Accounting, Audit, and Business Services, where I had 11 responsibility for guiding restructuring within the delivery division. In addition to 12 my utility experience, I was the business manager and controller for two area 13 churches. Prior to that, I was an external auditor with Ernst & Whinney.

# 14 Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding before the Missouri Public 15 Service Commission ("MPSC" or "Commission") or before any other utility 16 regulatory agency?

- 17 A: Yes, I have testified before the MPSC, and I have provided written testimony in
  18 various dockets before the MPSC. I have also worked closely with many MPSC
  19 Staff on numerous filings as well as on rate case issues. Additionally, I have
  20 provided written testimony in Kansas Corporation Commission dockets.
- 21 Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?
- A: The purpose of my testimony is to support the Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC")
  that has been filed by Evergy Missouri West ("Company"). This FAC tariff filing

1	consists of actual fuel and purchased power costs, net of off-system sales revenues
2	incurred by the Company. My testimony supports the rate schedule filed to adjust
3	rates for the adjusted FAC includable costs experienced during the six-month
4	period of December 2024 through May 2025. This six-month period represents the
5	36th accumulation period under Evergy Missouri West's FAC, which was
6	originally approved by the Commission in Case No. ER-2007-0004 ("2007 Case")
7	and modified in Case Nos. ER-2009-0090, ER-2010-0356, ER-2012-0175, ER-
8	2016-0156, ER-2018-0146, ER-2022-0130 and most recently in ER-2024-0189.
9	The proposed FAC charge for residential customers is a credit rate of (\$0.00164)
10	per kWh. Based on usage of 1,000 kWh per month, the customer will see a monthly
11	credit of (\$1.64). This represents an increase of \$1.81 to an Evergy Missouri West
12	residential customer's monthly bill compared to the current monthly FAC credit of
13	(\$3.45).

## 14 Q: Please explain why Evergy Missouri West filed the FAC adjustment rate 15 schedules at this time.

16 The Commission's rule governing fuel and purchased power cost recovery A: 17 mechanisms for electric utilities - specifically 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(A) -18 requires Evergy Missouri West to make periodic filings to allow the Commission 19 to review the actual net FAC includable costs the Company has incurred and to 20 allow rates to be adjusted, either up or down, to reflect those actual costs. The 21 Commission's rule requires at least one such review and adjustment each year. 22 Evergy Missouri West's approved FAC calls for two annual filings - one filing 23 covering the six-month accumulation period running from June through November and another filing covering the accumulation period running from December
 through May. Any increases or decreases in rates in these filings are then included
 in the customers' bills over a subsequent 12-month recovery period.

4 For the 36th accumulation period covering the period of December 2024 5 through May 2025, Evergy Missouri West's actual FAC includable costs were 6 higher than the base energy costs included in base rates by approximately \$9 7 million. In accordance with the Commission's rule and the Company's approved 8 FAC, Evergy Missouri West has calculated the FAC tariff that provides for a 9 change in rates to return to customers 95% of those cost changes, or approximately 10 \$8.6 million, plus interest. These amounts are before true-up or any other 11 adjustments.

12 In addition, a true-up filing is being made concurrent with this filing 13 covering the 33rd accumulation period of June 2023 through November 2023 and 14 its corresponding recovery period of March 2024 through February 2025. The 15 proposed true-up amount consists of an under-recovery of \$743,077.

In summary, these amounts combined including an interest credit
amounting to (\$409,319) result in a proposed 36th accumulation period FPA of
\$8.9 million to be collected from customers. The tariff being submitted with this
filing reflects rates effective September 1, 2025.

#### 20 Q: What are some of the drivers impacting this accumulation period?

A: Evergy Missouri West's Actual Net Energy Costs ("ANEC"), are over the base
energy costs included in base rates by approximately \$9 million. When compared
to the prior 35th accumulation period, the ANEC are \$3.9 million higher in the 36th

1 accumulation. This is due to a \$10.9 million, or 16%, increase in purchased power 2 expense. Natural gas prices averaged \$3.59 for the 36th accumulation period which 3 is 55% higher than the \$2.32 average for the 35th accumulation period. In addition, 4 fuel costs were \$2.9 million, or 8% higher. However, these increases to expense 5 were offset by a \$10 million increase in off-system sales revenue.

#### **O**: Is there anything else worth noting for this semi-annual FAC filing that

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### should be mentioned?

8 Yes, on March 21, 2024, in Case No. EA-2023-0291, the Commission approved A: 9 the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, effective April 20, 2024, for the 10 Dogwood Energy Facility acquisition. In this stipulation, the Company agreed that 11 the net revenues generated from the sale of energy and sale of capacity, ancillary 12 services revenues, and other applicable revenues (if any) associated with EMW's 13 percentage ownership in Dogwood shall not be recovered by ratepayers (through 14 the fuel adjustment clause or otherwise) and shall be retained by the Company until 15 new rates were effective from the 2024 general rate case. Case No. ER-2024-0189 16 was effective as of January 1, 2025. Therefore for this 36th accumulation period of 17 December 2024 through May 2025, Dogwood amounts are identified in the 18 workpapers and are not included in the ANEC for the month of December 2024.

19 **Q**: Please describe the Company's process of tracking the impact on ANEC 20 related to customers serviced under the Special Incremental Load tariff, 21 Schedule SIL.

22 As noted in Staff's Recommendation on January 29, 2024, in Case No. ER-2024-A: 23 0205: "the Company and Staff agreed to settle the Nucor methodology that Staff

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1 raised concerns with. This Second Agreement resulted in a calculation that will 2 begin with hour 1 for any event where Nucor load experiences a 25% deviation 3 from the expected Nucor load for more than 4 hours, and the event tracking of 4 qualified events will include the net of both positive and negative impacts for all 5 identified qualified events in each month. Additionally, one general ledger entry 6 will be made in the last month of each 6-month Accumulation Period, and this entry 7 will only be made if the net result of the event tracking is an increase to non-Nucor 8 customers during the 6-month Accumulation period, to decrease the FAR's ANEC 9 and reduce costs to non-Nucor customers. Then after the conclusion of an 10 Accumulation Period, the amount for the event tracking will be reset to zero."

### 11 Q: What was the impact or result of the event tracking procedure as it relates to 12 this 36th accumulation period?

A: The Company has performed the calculations of the load balancing event tracking
for the months of November 2024 through April 2025 for this 36th accumulation
period of December 2024 through May 2025. The event tracking already results in
a decrease to non-Nucor customers of (\$191); therefore, no entry to reduce the
ANEC is included in May 2025 in this filing.

### 18 Q: How did you develop the various values used to derive the proposed FARs that 19 are shown on Schedule LJN-1?

A: The proposed tariff rates are shown in Schedule LJN-1. The filing made in
 conjunction with this testimony contains all the information as set in 20 CSR 4240 20.090(8)(2)(A) which supports these proposed rates. In addition, I am submitting
 a copy of the workpapers that support the determination of the current FAR.

#### 1 Q: Please describe the impact of the change in costs and how it will affect a typical

- 2 customer.
- 3 A: The proposed current period FARs for Evergy Missouri West customers by voltage
- 4 level is shown below:
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Proposed Current Period FARs		
Voltage		
Secondary	\$0.00100	
Primary	\$0.00098	
Substation	\$0.00097	
Transmission	\$0.00096	

This is the difference between base FAC includable costs and the actual costs
incurred by the Company including interest and any adjustments during the 36th
accumulation period of December 2024 through May 2025 and will be included in
billed FAC rates over the recovery period running from September 2025 through
August 2026.

12 The proposed FAR was calculated in the manner specified in the 13 Company's FAC tariff. Attached to my testimony, as Schedule LJN-1, is a copy of 14 the tariff sheet with the current FAR, the prior period FAR and the total FAR that 15 will be billed to customers over the recovery period. The FAR calculated for the 16 34th accumulation period has been removed as its recovery period will cease in 17 August 2025. The FAR for the 35th accumulation period is added to the FAR for 18 the current 36th accumulation period to provide the annual FAR. Thus, given the 19 proposed current FAR calculations, the annual FAR's for Evergy Missouri West 20 customers are shown in the table below:

	36th AP	ER-2025-0194 35th AP	
Voltage	Proposed 1st Revised Sheet No. 124.10	Current 3rd Revised Sheet No. 127.34	Impact
Secondary	-\$0.00164	-\$0.00345	\$0.00181
Primary	-\$0.00159	-\$0.00336	\$0.00177
Substation	-\$0.00158	-\$0.00333	\$0.00175
Transmission	-\$0.00156	-\$0.00329	\$0.00173

These proposed rates will be billed to customers from September 2025 through
August 2026. As stated earlier, based on usage of 1,000 kWh per month, this will
result in a monthly FAC credit of (\$1.64), an increase of \$1.81 to an Evergy
Missouri West residential customer's monthly bill compared to the current monthly
FAC credit of (\$3.45).

8 Q: If the rate schedules filed by Evergy Missouri West are approved or allowed 9 to go into effect, what safeguards exist to ensure that the revenues the 10 Company bills to its customers do not exceed the fuel and purchased power 11 costs that Evergy Missouri West actually incurred during the Accumulation 12 Period?

A: Evergy Missouri West's FAC and the Commission's rules provide two mechanisms
to ensure that amounts billed to customers do not exceed the Company's actual,
prudently incurred fuel and purchased power costs. First, at the end of each
recovery period the Company is required to true up the amounts billed to customers
through the FAR with the excess fuel and purchased power costs that were actually
incurred during the accumulation period to which the FAR applies. Second, the

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1 Company's fuel and purchased power costs are subject to periodic prudence 2 reviews to ensure that only prudently incurred fuel and purchased power costs are 3 billed to customers through Evergy Missouri West's FAC. These two mechanisms 4 serve as checks to ensure that the Company's customers pay only the prudently 5 incurred, actual costs of fuel and purchased power used to provide electric service. 6 **O**: Have each of these mechanisms been in effect throughout the FAC process 7 since its inception in the 2007 Case? 8 Yes, Evergy Missouri West recently completed its twelveth prudence review, Case A: 9 No. EO-2025-0074, for the review period of December 2022 through May 2024, 10 where MPSC Staff found no evidence of imprudence. 11 In the previous eleventh prudence review, Case No. EO-2023-0277, for the 12 review period of June 2021 through November 2022. Parties resolved certain issues 13 pertaining to purchased power and subsequent FAC reporting through a Non-14 Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement which the Commission approved on May 15 12, 2024. As part of that settlement, the Company included in the prior 34th FAR 16 filing, Case No. ER-2024-0382, an adjustment for Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") 17 administrative fees of \$2,076 that were previously included in the FAC for 18 recovery. 19 On September 14, 2022, in the Company's tenth prudence review, Case No. 20 EO-2022-0065, the Commission approved the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and 21 Agreement filed on July 25, 2022 where the Company agreed, with no admission 22 of imprudence, to a one-time FAC adjustment for 2017 vintage expired RECs. The

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Company refunded \$48,796 plus interest of \$1,968 in the 31st accumulation period 2 filing, Case No. ER-2023-0210.

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3 On May 4, 2022, in the Company's ninth prudence review, Case No. EO-4 2020-0262, the Commission issued its Report and Order finding Evergy was 5 imprudent by not utilizing demand response programs to reduce energy costs for 6 its customers during the review period of June 2018 through November 2019. 7 Therefore, the Company refunded the amount of \$160,892 plus interest of \$10,613 8 in the 30th accumulation period filing, Case No. ER-2023-0011. Also in the ninth 9 prudence review, on January 20, 2021 an Ordered Adjustment for Sibley retirement 10 costs was stipulated by parties amounting to \$1,039,646, or \$984,898 Missouri 11 jurisdictional with 95% sharing applied. Based on the agreement by parties, rather 12 than recovering this amount through the FAC, the Company recorded the 13 \$1,039,646 in retirement costs to the Sibley AAO account for consideration in the 14 2022 general rate case, Case No. ER-2022-0130, and refunded the amount of 15 \$984,898 plus interest of \$53,550 in the 28th accumulation period FAR filing, Case 16 No. ER-2022-0005.

17 In all previous prudence reviews, the MPSC Staff indicated in each of their 18 reports that there were no areas of imprudence identified within the audits with the 19 exception of Staff's recommendation in the Company's third prudence review 20 which was taken before the Commission. However, following the Commission's 21 review, the Commission issued its order stating no indication of imprudence by the 22 Company.

1		In addition, the Company has made 32 true-up filings, all of which were
2		approved by the MPSC. The 33rd true-up filing is being made concurrent with this
3		filing covering the 33rd accumulation period of June 2023 through November 2023
4		and its corresponding recovery period of March 2024 through February 2025. The
5		Company's calculation of the proposed true-up resulting in an under-recovery for
6		Evergy Missouri West has been included in the calculation of the current proposed
7		tariff change.
8	Q:	What action is Evergy Missouri West requesting from the Commission with
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	<b>Q:</b> A:	What action is Evergy Missouri West requesting from the Commission with
9		What action is Evergy Missouri West requesting from the Commission with respect to the rate schedules that the Company has filed?
9 10		What action is Evergy Missouri West requesting from the Commission with respect to the rate schedules that the Company has filed? The Company requests the Commission approve the rate schedule to be effective

#### EVERGY MISSOURI WEST, INC. d/b/a EVERGY MISSOURI WEST

P.S.C. MO. No. \_\_\_\_\_1 \_\_\_\_1st

Revised Sheet No. 124.10

Canceling P.S.C. MO. No. \_\_\_\_\_1

Original Sheet No. 124.10

For Missouri Retail Service Area

#### FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE – Rider FAC FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (Applicable to Service Provided January 1, 2025 and Thereafter) Effective for the Billing Months of September 2025 through February 2026

Accu	mulation Period Ending: May 2025		
1	Actual Net Energy Cost (ANEC) = (FC+E+PP+TC-OSSR-R)		\$113,784,769
2	Net Base Energy Cost (B)	-	\$104,685,822
	2.1 Base Factor (BF) *		
	2.2 Accumulation Period NSI (SAP)		4,312,434,022
3	(ANEC-B)		\$9,098,947
4	Jurisdictional Factor (J)	х	99.66773%
5	(ANEC-B)*J		\$9,068,714
6	Customer Responsibility	х	95%
7	95% *((ANEC-B)*J)		\$8,615,278
8	True-Up Amount (T)	+	\$743,077
9	Interest (I)	+	(\$409,319)
10	Prudence Adjustment Amount (P)	+	\$0
11	Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPA)	=	\$8,949,036
	11.1 PISA Deferral (Sec. 393.1400)		\$0
	11.2 FPA Subject to Recover in True-Up		\$8,949,036
12	Estimated Recovery Period Retail NSI (S <sub>RP</sub> )	÷	9,645,564,065
13	Current Period Fuel Adjustment Rate (FAR)	=	\$0.00093
14	Current Period FAR <sub>Sec</sub> = FAR x VAF <sub>Sec</sub>		\$0.00100
15	Prior Period FAR <sub>Sec</sub>	+	\$(0.00264)
16	Current Annual FAR <sub>Sec</sub>	=	\$(0.00164)
17	Current Period FAR <sub>Prim</sub> = FAR x VAF <sub>Prim</sub>		\$0.00098
18	Prior Period FAR <sub>Prim</sub>	+	\$(0.00257)
19	Current Annual FAR <sub>Prim</sub>	=	\$(0.00159)
20	Current Period FAR <sub>Sub</sub> = FAR x VAF <sub>Sub</sub>		\$0.00097
20	Prior Period FARsub	+	\$(0.00255)
22	Current Annual FAR <sub>sub</sub>	=	\$(0.00158)
		-	φ(0.00100)
23	Current Period FAR <sub>Trans</sub> = FAR x VAF <sub>Trans</sub>		\$0.00096
24	Prior Period FAR <sub>Trans</sub>	+	\$(0.00252)
25	Current Annual FAR <sub>Trans</sub>	=	\$(0.00156)
26	$VAF_{Sec} = 1.0766$		
27	VAF <sub>Prim</sub> = 1.0503		
28	VAF <sub>Sub</sub> = 1.0388		
29	VAF <sub>Trans</sub> = 1.0300		

\*From December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, the base factor was \$0.02983. Effective January 1, 2025, the base factor is \$0.02309. *Credits are shown in parentheses, e.g. (\$0.05).*