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

| In the Matter of the Application of Evergy | ) |                       |
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| Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri  | ) | File No. EO-2025-0347 |
| West Containing Its Semi-Annual Fuel       | ) |                       |
| Adjustment 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 June 30, 2025,<sup>1</sup> Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy Missouri West" or "Evergy") filed its fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") true-up for Recovery Period 33 ("RP33") under the provisions of 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).
- 2. On July 1, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation no later than July 30.
- 3. Staff reviewed Evergy Missouri West's filings, and its review, analysis, findings and recommendation are set out fully and in detail in its Staff Memorandum, attached hereto as **Appendix A**.
- 4. As set out in Staff's Memorandum, Staff reviewed the direct testimony of Linda J. Nunn, Manager, Regulatory Affairs at Evergy Missouri West, the supporting schedules which Evergy Missouri West provided with its application, the monthly information which Evergy Missouri West has submitted, and Evergy Missouri West's monthly interest calculations. Staff finds those calculations to be correct.
- 5. Based on its examination and analysis of the information contained in Evergy Missouri West's true-up filing for RP33 (March 1, 2024 through

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all date references will be to 2025.

February 28, 2025), the Staff finds that Evergy under-collected \$743,077 from its customers.

- 6. The under-collected amount of \$743,077 which is the true-up amount for RP33, and interest of (\$409,319), which includes interest for Accumulation Period ("AP36") (December 31, 2024 through May 31, 2025) are both included in the calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment ("FPA") amount in Evergy West's AP36 adjustment filing, also filed on June 30, in File No. ER-2025-0348.
- 7. Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West filed its 2024 Annual Report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri West 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 Missouri West's true-up filing for RP33 during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$743,077 from its customers, for inclusion in its Fuel Adjustment Rate for the 36th Accumulation Period of its Fuel Adjustment Clause in File No. ER-2025-0348.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies by his signature below that on July 29, 2025, he filed the above captioned pleading in the EFIS file of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Isl Paul T. Graham

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

File No. EO-2025-0347

FROM: Brooke Mastrogiannis, Utility Regulatory Audit Supervisor

DATE: /s/ Brooke Mastrogiannis 07/29/2025

Energy Resources Department /Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation to Approve Evergy

Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Thirty-third Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR

4240-20.090(9).

DATE: July 29, 2025

#### **Recommendation**

On June 30, 2025, Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy Missouri West") filed one (1) tariff sheet, P.S.C. Mo. No. 1st Revised Sheet No. 124.10, Canceling Original Sheet No. 124.10, bearing a proposed effective date of September 1, 2025. This tariff is to revise Evergy Missouri West's current annual Fuel Adjustment Rates ("FARs") (lines 16, 19, 22, and 25 on 1st Revised Sheet No. 124.10) of its Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"). Evergy Missouri West also filed the direct testimony of Linda J. Nunn on June 30, 2025, and submitted to Staff work papers in support of the direct testimony and filed tariff sheet.

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's ("Evergy Missouri West") thirty-third true-up filing for Recovery Period 33 ("RP33") during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$743,077<sup>2</sup> from its customers.

#### **Discussion**

On June 30, 2025, Evergy Missouri West filed with the Commission, along with direct testimony and supporting schedules of Evergy Missouri West witness Linda J. Nunn, its fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") true-up filing under the provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The currently effective tariff sheet is 4th Revised Sheet No. 127.34, as it is in effect until August 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The true-up amount on line 8 of the proposed 1st Revised Sheet No. 124.10 is \$743,077 under-recovery.

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According to Evergy Missouri West's true-up filing, in the aggregate for RP33 (March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025), Evergy Missouri West under-collected from its customers \$743,077 following its Accumulation Period 33 ("AP33") (June 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023).

#### **Staff Review and Recommendation**

Staff reviewed the direct testimony of Evergy Missouri West witness Linda J. Nunn, the supporting schedules Evergy Missouri West provided with its application in this case, and the monthly information Evergy Missouri West submitted to the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri West filed and submitted for RP33, Staff has determined that Evergy Missouri West's calculations for the true-up amounts for RP33, including the calculation of monthly interest, are correct.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West's thirty-third true-up filing for RP33 during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$743,077 from its customers. The under-collected amount will be collected from the customers as it will be included in Evergy Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2025-0348, filed on June 30, 2025, for Accumulation Period 36 (December 31, 2024 through May 31, 2025).

Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its 2024 Annual Report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri West is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2025-0348 (also filed on June 30, 2025), Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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| STATE OF MISSOURI | )    |
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|                   | ) ss |
| COUNTY OF COLE    | )    |

COMES NOW BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS, and on her oath states that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*, in *Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

#### **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 24+day of July 2025.

Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027 Commission Number: 15207377