

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 14th day of
June, 2023.

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a)	
Evergy Missouri Metro's Request for)	<u>File No. ER-2022-0129</u>
Authority to Implement a General Rate)	Tracking No. YE-2023-0206
Increase for Electric Service)	

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc.)	<u>File No. ER-2022-0130</u>
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Request for)	Tracking No. YE-2023-0208
Authority to Implement a General Rate)	
Increase for Electric Service)	

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS,
OPENING FILE, AND DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: June 14, 2023

Effective Date: June 14, 2023

On May 19, 2023,¹ Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (referring to both, "Evergy") filed tariff sheets, assigned Tracking Nos. YE-2023-0206 and YE-2023-0208, respectively. The tariff sheets have an effective date of June 19.

The submitted tariff sheets (one per tariff number) replace previously approved tariff sheets as part of the Solar Subscription Rider (Schedule SSP). Evergy stated that it submitted tariff revisions with actual costs as discussed in rate case ER-2022-0129 and ER-2022-0130, which was also reflected in the Company's Solar Subscription Rider 2022 Q4 Program Report. The Commission set a deadline for responses.

¹ All dates refer to 2023.

On June 1, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its response to the tariff sheet filings, *Staff Recommendation to Reject Evergy Metro and Evergy Missouri West's Proposed Tariff Sheets Rider and Motion to Open a New Docket*. Staff cites several concerns and recommends the Commission open a new case file, to allow Staff time to further audit the costs and evaluate the in-service criteria. Staff notes the new case file would also be an appropriate place to determine appropriate charges and associated tariff language. Staff suggested that it could provide its recommendation within approximately 45 days.

On June 7, Renew Missouri filed its response in support of Staff's recommendation to reject the tariff sheets and open a new case file.

On June 7, Evergy responded with its agreement to the establishment of a new EO² case file to consider the 45-day construction audit of the cost and generation projections related to the Hawthorn solar facility and address any necessary updates to the current Commission-approved Solar Subscription Pilot tariffs. Evergy's response also stated its intent to withdraw the submitted tariff sheets, assigned Tracking Nos. YE-2023-0206 and YE-2023-0208, and to refile them after the conclusion of the new case file to update the Commission-approved SSP tariffs currently in effect. Evergy also states that it would file a new ET³ file for the Commission's consideration of the Time-of-Use (TOU) and the Service and Access charge issues contained in Staff's Recommendation.

² In the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) an "EO" designation on a file number indicates that the case relates to "Electric Other".

³ In the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) an "ET" designation on a file number indicates that the case relates to "Electric Tariff".

The Commission finds the unopposed request reasonable, and will grant the requests of Staff for a new case file and 45-day time frame to file a recommendation.

However, Evergy's pending tariff sheets have an effective date of June 19. Although Evergy has stated its intent to withdraw the tariff sheets, the Commission will suspend the effective date of the pending tariff sheets in order to allow Evergy time to file an appropriate pleading withdrawing the pending tariff sheets.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on May 19, 2023, and assigned Tracking Nos YE-2023-0206 and YE-2023-0208, are suspended until July 14, 2023.
2. Two new case files are opened for consideration of Evergy's Schedule SSP and related issues. For Evergy Metro, that is File No. EO-2023-0423. For Evergy West, that is File No EO-2023-0424.
3. Staff shall file a report and recommendation or other appropriate pleading in File Nos. EO-2023-0423 and EO-2023-0424 no later than July 31, 2023.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, Kolkmeier
and Hahn CC., concur.

Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 14th day of June, 2023.



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File/Case No. ER-2022-0129 and ER-2022-0130

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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