

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

In the Matter of the Third Prudence Review)
of the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment)
Act (MEEIA) Cycle 3 and First Prudence)
Review of MEEIA Cycle 4 Energy Efficiency)
Programs of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West)

File No. EO-2025-0323

STAFF RECOMMENDATION REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Report* its Third MEEIA Prudence Review of Cycle 3 and First prudence review of MEEIA Cycle 4 Energy Efficiency Programs of Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”), respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. Staff’s report, filed contemporaneously herewith, is the third prudence review for Evergy Missouri West’s Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) demand-side programs and DSIM Cycle 3 costs, and first prudence review for Evergy Missouri West’s MEEIA programs and DSIM Cycle 4 costs. It covers the review period of April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2025. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(11), authorized under § 393.1075.3 and § 393.1075.11, RSMo., provides that “[a] prudence review of the costs subject to the DSIM shall be conducted no less frequently than at twenty-four (24) month intervals.”

2. Based on the review, and as more fully explained in the Staff report, Staff identified and recommends disallowances of expenses for administrative program cost expenses, meeting costs, and implementation contractors' expenses, during the review

period. Staff recommends a total ordered adjustment (“OA”) of \$37,515.99,¹ plus interest, for Cycle 3, in Evergy Missouri West's next DSIM Rider rate adjustment filing to adjust for these disallowed expenses.

3. Staff identified expenses for Resource Innovation SaaS tracking system annual access fee, for which 10% should have been allocation towards Electrification. Staff recommends the Commission order an OA of \$14,000, plus interest for Cycle 3 to be applied to Evergy Missouri West's next DSIM filing.

4. Staff identified expenses for conferences and meetings that were either not primarily related to MEEIA or lacked sufficient justification for the costs of meals, snacks, or beverages to conduct those meetings, items did not have receipts, and other miscellaneous items. Staff recommends that the Commission order an OA of \$960.13 plus interest to be applied to Evergy Missouri West's next DSIM filing.

5. Staff found that Evergy Missouri West acted imprudently by not providing the additional invoices for the other direct charges of some of the implementer contractor's expenses, therefore Staff was not able to verify if the expenses were prudent. Staff recommends the Commission order an OA of \$22,555.86 plus interest for Evergy Missouri West's next DSIM filing. In addition, Staff recommends going forward that Evergy Missouri West include the invoice or receipt number that is provided with the invoice, within each general ledger transaction.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept its *Third MEEIA Prudence Review of Cycle 3 Costs and First Prudence Review of Cycle 4 Costs Related to the Energy Efficiency Programs*, filed contemporaneously herewith and issue an order

¹ Interest is calculated on the Business Demand response disallowance however interest was not calculated on the Administrative Program expenses or the Implementation Contractors expenses.

directing Evergy Missouri West to make the Ordered Adjustment(s) reflected in the Staff Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 30th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Carolyn H. Kerr