

**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)
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)

File No. EO-2025-0324

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 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 Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”), respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

1. Staff’s report, filed contemporaneously herewith, is the third prudence review for Evergy Missouri Metro’s MEEIA demand-side programs and DSIM Cycle 3 costs, and first prudence review for Evergy Missouri Metro’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 and implementation contractors’ expenses during the review period. Staff recommends a total ordered adjustment (“OA”) of \$38,556.51 plus interest for Cycle 3

and \$206.32 for Cycle 4 in Evergy Missouri Metro's next DSIM Rider rate adjustment filing to account for these disallowed expenses.

3. Staff identified expenses for their Resource Innovations tracking systems annual access fee, for which 10% should have been allocated towards Electrification. Staff recommends that the Commission order an OA of \$14,000, plus interest, for Cycle 3 to be applied to Evergy Missouri Metro'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 \$6,554.66 for Cycle 3 and \$206.32 for Cycle 4, plus interest, to be applied for Evergy Missouri Metro's next DSIM filing.

5. Staff found that Evergy Missouri Metro 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 \$18,001.85, plus interest for Evergy Missouri Metro's next DSIM filing. In addition, Staff recommends going forward that Evergy Missouri Metro 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

directing Evergy Missouri Metro 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