

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro for) **File No. ET-2021-0151**
Approval of a Transportation Electrification)
Portfolio)

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri) **File No. ET-2021-0269**
West for Approval of a Transportation)
Electrification Portfolio)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING ON CONSOLIDATION

Issue Date: March 30, 2021

Effective Date: March 30, 2021

On February 24, 2021, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively “Evergy”) filed its application requesting the Commission approve transportation electrification pilot programs, pursuant to Section 393.1610, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2020). In addition, Evergy filed associated tariff sheets.¹ Evergy’s application also requests variance of Commission rules prohibiting certain promotional practices and authority to defer costs associated with the pilot programs as a regulatory asset for consideration in future rate cases. Finally, Evergy requests the Commission find that the proposed “Clean Charge Network” expansion plan is “prudent from a decisional perspective.”²

On February 25, 2021, the Commission directed notice of each case, established a deadline for intervention applications and directed the Staff of the Commission to file a recommendation on Evergy’s applications. In both cases, the Commission granted

¹ The tariffs proposed effective dates of March 26, 2021. On March 17, 2021, the Commission issued orders in each of these cases to suspend the tariff sheets until July 24, 2021.

² *Application of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West for an Order Related to the Approval of a Transportation Electrification Portfolio*, ¶ 19 (Feb. 24, 2021).

unopposed intervention applications filed by Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri, Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, Midwest Energy Consumers Group, The Empire District Electric Company, Natural Resources Defense Council, Spire Missouri, Inc., and Sierra Club. In File No. ET-2021-0151, the Commission also granted an intervention application filed by ChargePoint, Inc.

On March 29, 2021, Staff filed its recommendation in each case and recommended the Commission reject the tariff sheets or, alternatively, order the parties in each case to submit a proposed procedural schedule.

Because Staff has had an opportunity to review Evergy's applications, the Commission will direct Staff to advise the Commission whether it is appropriate or desirable to consolidate consideration of Evergy's applications for further proceedings under 20 CSR 4240-2.110(3). Staff's recommendation should advise the Commission whether issues of law and fact are sufficiently related to justify consolidation and if there are issues unique to either of the applications that would complicate resolution of these cases in tandem. All parties may make a recommendation on consolidation, and the Commission will establish a deadline for any responses.

In addition, the Commission will establish a deadline for any responses to Staff's recommendation, filed on March 29, 2021.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than April 7, 2021, Staff shall file a recommendation regarding consolidation of Files No. ET-2021-0151 and ET-2021-0269, as provided above.
2. Any party may file a recommendation regarding consolidation no later than April 7, 2021.

3. Responses to any recommendation on consolidation shall be filed no later than April 14, 2021.

4. Responses to Staff's recommendation, filed on March 29, 2021, shall be filed no later than April 14, 2021.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of March, 2021.