

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

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc.)	
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro's)	<u>Case No. EO-2026-0138</u>
Demand Side Investment Mechanism)	Tracking No. JE-2026-0073
Rider Rate Adjustment and True-Up)	
)	
In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc.)	<u>Case No. EO-2026-0139</u>
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Demand Side)	Tracking No. JE-2026-0074
Investment Mechanism Rider Rate Adjustment)	
and True-Up)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On December 1, 2025, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, Evergy) filed revised tariff sheets, with supporting testimony, to adjust charges related to their approved Demand Side Investment Mechanism (DSIM) Riders. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of February 1, 2026, and have been assigned Tracking Nos. JE-2026-0073 and JE-2026-0074, respectively.

2. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4) requires Staff to examine and analyze the information Evergy has filed and to submit a recommendation no later than 30 days after Evergy filed its tariff revisions.

3. On December 2, 2025, the Commission entered an order directing staff to file its recommendation no later than December 31, 2025, and limited applications to intervene to be filed no later than December 17, 2025.

4. The Commission Staff's Tariff/Rate Design and Energy Resources Departments reviewed the filed tariff sheets and recommends the Commission issue an

order approving the tariff sheets filed on December 1, 2025, for service on and after February 1.

5. Staff's recommendation to approve these tariffs is based upon Staff's acceptance of Evergy's non-verified work papers and does not constitute a review of the prudence of Evergy's actions in relation to its DSIM. Staff has verified that Evergy is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its Annual Report. Evergy is current on its submission of its Quarterly Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(D).

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully request that the Commission accept its Recommendation on this matter; approve the tariff sheets bearing tracking Nos. JE-2026-0073 and JE-2026-0074; and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ray Cunneen

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First-Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 31st day of December 2025, to all parties and/or counsel of record.

/s/ Ray Cunneen

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. EO-2026-0139 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2026-0074

FROM: Randall Jennings, Senior Data Analyst
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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to Approve Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's ("Evergy Missouri West") Proposed Tariff Sheet to Adjust Demand Side Investment Mechanism ("DSIM") Rider Rate effective February 1, 2026.

DATE: December 31, 2025

Evergy Missouri West Filing

On December 1, 2025, Evergy Missouri West filed with the Commission twelve tariff sheets bearing an issue date of December 1, 2025, and an effective date of February 1, 2026, proposing to adjust charges related to Evergy Missouri West's DSIM Rider. Evergy Missouri West's filing also included the Direct Testimony of Leigh Anne Jones and work papers consisting of electronic worksheets showing its calculation of the proposed rates. As filed, Evergy Missouri West's DSIM revenue requirement through December 2026 is approximately \$13.96 million.

On December 2, 2025, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Establishing Intervention Date, and Directing Staff Recommendation* which directed Staff to file its recommendation no later than December 31, 2025.

Change in Evergy Missouri West's DSIM Rates

Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4), Evergy Missouri West is required to adjust its DSIM rates no less often than annually¹ to reflect the amount of revenue that has been over/under collected.

The current Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act ("MEEIA") mechanism rate per class of customer is collected through a line item on current bills and is based on an annual level

¹ Evergy Missouri West makes semi-annual adjustments to its DSIM rates.

of projected costs and incentives with reconciliations from actual prior periods and any ordered adjustments with interest. In addition to reconciliations for prior periods, this adjustment includes:

- Changes to the DSIM components based upon a reconciliation of actual and expected performance in the six-month period ending October 2025, with interest, for cycles 2, 3, & 4;
- Projected performances through December 2026 for Cycle 4 Program Costs (“PC”); and Cycles 3 & 4 Throughput Disincentive (“TD”),
- Cycle 3 Earnings Opportunity (“EO”) 1) including TD adjustments based on verified MWh savings for the 2022 program year and 2) based on actual program cost spend for the 2024 program year.

The table below provides a summary of the cumulative TD, PC, and EO for Cycles 2, 3, and 4 and the average cost per estimated kilowatt hour (kWh) saved. PC, EO, and TD values for the months of November and December of 2025 are forecasted data, which will be adjusted for actual data in the next filing.

	MEEIA Cycle 4 through December 2025	MEEIA Cycle 3 through December 2025	MEEIA Cycle 2	MEEIA Cycle 1	Totals - All Cycles
TD	\$ 28,719	\$ 19,859,951	\$ 32,348,376	\$ 2,365,128	\$ 54,602,175
Program Cost	\$ 7,777,891	\$ 78,502,615	\$ 72,280,835	\$ 9,347,462	\$ 167,908,804
EO	\$ -	\$ 13,071,475	\$ 10,400,157	\$ -	\$ 23,471,632
Total	\$ 7,806,611	\$ 111,434,042	\$ 115,029,368	\$ 11,712,590	\$ 245,982,610
Estimated kWh Saved	-	315,881,214	266,135,153		
Avg Cost per Estimated kWh saved	\$ -	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.43		

Additionally, from January 2026 through December 2026, Evergy Missouri West is projecting to recover approximately \$981,705 for projected Cycle 3 TD, \$393,341 for projected Cycle 4 TD, and \$15.4 Million for projected Cycle 4 PC. Staff agrees these are reasonable projections based on past projections to actuals comparison.

Projected Costs July 2025 through June 2026	MEEIA Cycle 4	MEEIA Cycle 3	MEEIA Cycle 2	MEEIA Cycle 1	Totals - All Cycles
TD	\$ 393,341	\$ 981,705	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,375,046
Program Cost	\$ 15,390,993	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,390,993
EO	\$ -	\$ 13,071,475	\$ 10,400,157	\$ -	\$ 23,471,632
	\$ 15,784,334	\$ 14,053,180	\$ 10,400,157	\$ -	\$ 40,237,671

In total, Evergy Missouri West is projected to recover from ratepayers approximately \$286.2 Million for energy efficiency programs for MEEIA Cycles 2, 3 and 4 through December 2026.

	MEEIA Cycle 4	MEEIA Cycle 3	MEEIA Cycle 2	MEEIA Cycle 1	Totals - All Cycles
TD	\$ 422,060	\$ 20,841,656	\$ 32,348,376	\$ 2,365,128	\$ 55,977,221
Program Cost	\$ 23,168,884	\$ 78,502,615	\$ 72,280,835	\$ 9,347,462	\$ 183,299,797
EO	\$ -	\$ 26,142,950	\$ 20,800,314	\$ -	\$ 46,943,264
Total	\$ 23,590,945	\$ 125,487,222	\$ 125,429,525	\$ 11,712,590	\$ 286,220,281
Grand Total	\$ 286,220,281				
	\$ 13,962,997	DSIM Revenue Requirement December 2025			
		TOTAL CYCLES 2, 3 & 4 + Revenue Requirement + Projected			
	\$ 300,183,278	Costs through December 2026			

Listed below are the current MEEIA rates and the new MEEIA rates for the proposed DSIM Rider. The proposed DSIM Rider rate changes are applicable to all non-lighting kWh of energy supplied to customers under Evergy Missouri West’s retail rates schedules, excluding kWh of energy supplied to “opt-out” customers as stated in Tariff Sheet 138.28.

Rate Schedule	Total Proposed DSIM (\$/kWh)	Total Current DSIM (\$/kWh)	Change Increase/(Decrease) (\$/kWh)	Incr/(Decr) to Customer Bill (for every 1,000 kWh’s used) (\$)
Residential Service	\$0.00164	\$0.00225	(\$0.00061)	(\$0.61)
Non-Residential – SGS	\$0.00231	\$0.00237	(\$0.00006)	(\$0.06)
Non-Residential – LGS	\$0.00271	\$0.00348	(\$0.00077)	(\$0.77)
Non-Residential – LPS	\$0.00168	\$0.00371	(\$0.00203)	(\$2.03)

The proposed change will decrease residential customers' DSIM Rider rate from \$0.00225 to \$0.00164 per kWh. For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh, this would mean a decrease of \$0.61 per month. For a non-residential customer using 1,000 kWh, this would mean a \$0.06 decrease for Small General Service, a \$0.77 decrease for Large General Service, and a \$2.03 decrease for Large Power Service per month.

Staff Recommendation

The Commission Staff's Tariff/Rate Design Department has reviewed the filed tariff sheets and recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets, filed on December 1, 2025, for service on and after February 1, 2026, the requested effective date:

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3 rd Revised Sheet No. 138	Cancelling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 138
4 th Revised Sheet No. 138.1	Cancelling 3 rd Revised Sheet No. 138.1
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 138.2	Cancelling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 138.2
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 138.3	Cancelling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 138.3
4 th Revised Sheet No. 138.4	Cancelling 3 rd Revised Sheet No. 138.4
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 138.5	Cancelling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 138.5
5 th Revised Sheet No. 138.6	Cancelling 4 th Revised Sheet No. 138.6
11 th Revised Sheet No. 138.7	Cancelling 10 th Revised Sheet No. 138.7
8 th Revised Sheet No. 138.8	Cancelling 7 th Revised Sheet No. 138.8
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 138.10	Cancelling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 138.10
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 138.16	Cancelling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 138.16
Original Sheet No. 138.19.1	
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 138.28	Cancelling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 138.28

Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its Annual Report. Evergy Missouri West is current on its submission of its Quarterly Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(D). Staff's recommendation to approve this 3rd Revised Sheet No. 138.28 is based upon Staff's acceptance of Evergy Missouri West's non-verified work papers and does not constitute a review of the prudence of Evergy Missouri West's actions in relation to its DSIM.

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Required by 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4))

AFFIDAVIT OF RANDALL T. JENNINGS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW RANDALL T. JENNINGS and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation* in memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

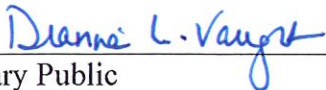
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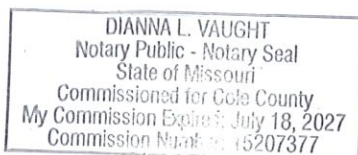
RANDALL T. JENNINGS

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 30th day of December 2025.



Notary Public



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AFFIDAVIT OF OBIANUJU S. EZENWANNE

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW OBIANUJU S. EZENWANNE and on her oath declares 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.

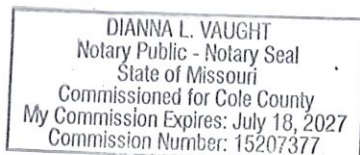
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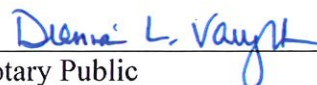


OBIANUJU S. EZENWANNE

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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 30th day of December 2025.





Notary Public