

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

In the Matter of Energy Missouri West,)	
Inc.'s d/b/a Evergy Missouri West Tariffs)	<u>Case No. HT-2026-0271</u>
Changing the Steam QCA for Service)	Tracking No. JH-2026-0129
Provided to Customers in its Service)	
Territory)	

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 April 15, 2026, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy”) filed one (1) tariff sheet (Tariff Sheet No. 6.10) as well as workpapers and a transmittal letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), in order to provide the current Quarterly Cost Adjustment (“QCA”) pursuant to the Stipulation and Agreement in Commission File No. HR-2009-0092 and adjusted in Commission File No. HR-2018-0231.

2. On the same day, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to file its *Staff Recommendation* no later than May 6, 2026.

3. Staff conducted a review of the tariff sheet and accompanying workpapers and recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets to go into effect for service on June 1, 2026, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

68th Revised Sheet No. 6.10, Canceling 67th Revised Sheet No. 6.10

4. Staff’s Memorandum, attached hereto and made a part herein as Appendix A, provides information regarding Staff’s review, findings, and recommendations regarding the QCA rates as proposed by Evergy.

5. The deadline for EMW to submit its Annual Report has been extended to May 15, 2026. Staff has verified that Evergy is not delinquent in payment of PSC Assessment fees. Evergy is up to date on its Surveillance Monitoring Reports. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

6. Staff's basis for Commission approval of the QCA Rate in this case is solely on the accuracy of EMW's calculations and R Factor adjustments outlined above and is not indicative of the prudence of the fuel costs included in EMW's QCA Rate filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving Evergy's proposed QCA tariff sheet (Tracking No. JH-2026-0129) filed on April 15, 2026, to take effect on June 1, 2026, and grant such other relief as is just.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 6th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Andrea B. Hansen

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. HT-2026-0271 and Tariff Tracking No. JH-2026-0129

FROM: Russell Drury, Senior Utility Regulatory Specialist
Water, Sewer, Gas, & Steam Department

/s/ Russell Drury 05/06/2026
Water, Sewer, Gas, & Steam Dept. / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to approve the Quarterly Cost Adjustment for the First Quarter of 2026 to the Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider – Steam of Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West

DATE: May 6th, 2026

On April 15, 2026, Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) the following tariff sheet, bearing an effective date of June 1, 2026:

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This tariff filing revises EMW’s Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rate (“QCA Rate”) for the first quarter of 2026. Each quarter, EMW files rate adjustments to reflect the actual fuel costs above or below a base amount of \$2.4854 per Million British Thermal Units (“MMBtu”), which was determined in EMW’s rate case HR-2018-0231.¹

The procedure for the calculation of the QCA Rate for steam service sales is set out in EMW’s Tariff Sheet Nos. 6.6 through 6.10, titled “Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider – Steam.” The Current Quarterly Cost Adjustment “is the rate adjustment component designed to reflect the customer share of the variation in fuel cost for the most recent quarter.”² The Commission first approved EMW’s Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider in Case

¹ Evergy Missouri West had a recent rate case filed in October of 2025 (HR-2026-0109). The base amount was not adjusted in this case, so the \$2.485/MMBtu remains the current standard.

² Evergy Missouri West Tariff, Revised Sheet No. 6.6.

No. HR-2005-0450 and modified it in Case Nos. HR-2009-0092, HR-2010-0028, and HR-2018-0231. EMW’s filing includes the proposed tariff sheet and supporting work papers, consisting of electronic worksheets showing EMW’s calculation of the QCA Rate for the first quarter of 2026.

On April 15, 2026, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* ordering Staff to file its recommendation no later than May 6, 2026.

Line five (5) in the table below shows the calculation of the proposed Monthly QCA Rate (“Monthly QCA Rate”) for the first quarter of 2026, effective for the billing period of June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, as well as the change per thousand MMBtu in cumulative rates from quarter to quarter:

Line No.	Four Most Recent Quarters (Quarter Year)	First Effective Date	Duration of Rate (Months)	Last Effective Date	QCA Rate	Qtr/Year of R Factor Calculation	Reconciliation Rate (R Factor)	Cumulative Rate	Change Per 1,000 MMBtu
(1)	Q1 2026	6/1/2026	12	5/31/2027	\$ 0.3556	Q4 2024	\$ (0.0001)	\$ 0.7473	\$ 120.70
(2)	Q2 2025	9/1/2025	12	8/31/2026	\$ 0.1122	Q1 2024	\$ (0.0055)	\$ 0.2168	\$ 317.40
(3)	Q3 2025	12/1/2025	12	11/30/2026	\$ 0.0487	Q2 2024	\$ 0.0024	\$ 0.3976	\$ 180.80
(4)	Q4 2025	3/1/2026	12	2/28/2027	\$ 0.2313	Q3 2024	\$ 0.0027	\$ 0.6266	\$ 229.00
					\$ 0.7478		\$ (0.0005)		
					Monthly QCA¹				
(5)	Q1 2026	3/1/2026	3	5/31/2026	\$ 0.7473				

¹ The Monthly QCA rate is a summation of the total QCA Rates and the R Factors for the previous 4 quarters.

This tariff filing reflects a proposed Monthly QCA Rate per MMBtu of \$0.7473 compared to the current Monthly QCA Rate of \$0.6266 per MMBtu.

Comparison to the Monthly QCA Rate for the Same Quarter of the Previous Year

The proposed Monthly QCA Rate for the first quarter 2026 reflects an increase of \$480,451 in adjusted fuel costs, when compared to the same fuel costs for the Monthly QCA Rate for the first quarter 2025. The company presented data showing the

increase in the QCA rate is driven by higher natural gas prices.³ The Reconciliation Rate component or “R Factor” reflects an increase of \$866.80 when compared to the same quarter last year.⁴

Staff reviewed the data and calculations EMW provided in its worksheets and determined that EMW’s calculations related to the filed tariff sheet are correct, and that the calculations satisfy the standards set forth in EMW’s Tariff Sheet Nos. 6.6 through 6.10. The calculations are also consistent with previous EMW QCA Rate filings.

Customer Billing Comparison

The following table compares, per thousand MMBtu, the proposed cost for customers receiving steam service for the period June 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026,⁵ to the current period of March 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026:⁶

Billing Comparison		
Q4 2025 Billing	Q1 2026 Billing	Difference
\$229.00	\$120.70	\$108.30

Adding the previous three QCA rates and R Factor rates, this proposed QCA Rate and R Factor rate results in an increase of a steam customer’s bill of \$108.30 for every thousand MMBtu for the billing period June 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026, compared to the 2025 fourth quarter billing period.

³ Natural gas cost approximately \$3.65 per MMBtu in the first quarter of 2025, compared to approximately \$5.04 per MMBtu in the first quarter of 2026.

⁴ The R Factor in this filing is a comparison of the balance of the reconciliation amount per QCA period from the first quarter of 2024 through the fourth quarter of 2025.

⁵ \$0.7473 per MMBtu.

⁶ \$0.6266 per MMBtu.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission approve EMW's proposed filed substitute tariff sheet with the effective date of June 1, 2026:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

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The deadline for EMW to submit its Annual Report has been extended to May 15, 2026, and the company is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports. Evergy is not delinquent on payment of PSC Assessment fees. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects this tariff filing. Staff's basis for Commission approval of the QCA Rate in this case is solely on the accuracy of EMW's calculations and R Factor adjustments outlined above and is not indicative of the prudence of the fuel costs included in EMW's QCA Rate filing.

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Customers in its Service Territory)

AFFIDAVIT OF RUSSELL DRURY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW RUSSELL DRURY 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.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.




RUSSELL DRURY

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 6th day of May 2026.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027
Commission Number: 15207377



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