Exhibit No.:	
Issue:	Nuclear PTC Property Tax Kansas City Earnings Tax
Witness:	Melissa K. Hardesty
Type of Exhibit:	True-Up Direct Testimony
Sponsoring Party:	Evergy Missouri Metro
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Date Testimony Prepared:	September 10, 2026

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

MELISSA K. HARDESTY

ON BEHALF OF

EVERGY MISSOURI METRO

Kansas City, Missouri
September 2026

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I. INTRODUCTION

Q: Please state your name and business address.

A: Melissa K. Hardesty. My business address is 1200 Main, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.

Q: By whom and in what capacity are you employed?

A: I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. and serve as Senior Director of Taxes for Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a as Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro", "EMM" or the "Company"), Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy Missouri West"), Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro ("Evergy Kansas Metro"), and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy South, Inc., collectively d/b/a as Evergy Kansas Central ("Evergy Kansas Central") the operating utilities of Evergy, Inc.

Q: Are you the same Melissa K. Hardesty who previously filed direct and rebuttal testimony in this case?

A: Yes.

Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?

A: I am testifying on behalf of Evergy Missouri Metro.

Q: What is the purpose of your true-up direct testimony?

A: The purpose of my testimony is to discuss the true-up of certain adjustments I previously supported in my Direct testimony.

Q: Please briefly describe the process used to true-up for tax related expenses included in the true up filing.

A: The following were the tax related expense true-up adjustments. For additional True-Up Direct Testimony please see Company witnesses Ronald Klote, Aron Branson, Linda Nunn, Darcie Kramer, Hsin Foo and JP Meitner.

<u>Nuclear Production Tax Credits</u>

The true-up adjustment for income tax expense does not include any tax benefits related to nuclear production tax credits. At June 30, 2026, EMM did not have any nuclear production tax credits that were utilized to offset the tax liability of the company or sold to a third party. Although nuclear production tax credits have been generated as of June 30, 2026, none have been utilized or sold to a third party. EMM is committed to ensuring that customers receive the full benefit of those credits through the Nuclear Production Tax Credit Tracker once the credits are used or sold to a third party. For more information on the Nuclear Production Tax Credit Tracker, see my filed Direct testimony.

Property Tax Expense

The true-up adjustment for Property Tax Expense was updated for 2025 actuals. Previously, estimates were used in the Direct calculation. In addition, property amounts deferred associated with property tax tracker beginning in August 2022 were included in rate base and amortized over 4 years.

Kansas City Earnings Tax

The true-up adjustment for Kansas City Earnings tax expense is based on the average of the Kansas City Earnings tax liability due on EMM's 2022, 2023 and 2024 earnings tax returns.

Q: Does this conclude your true-up direct testimony?

A: Yes, it does.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro's Request for Authority to Implement A General Rate Increase for Electric Service	))))	Case No. ER-2026-0143

AFFIDAVIT OF MELISSA K. HARDESTY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Melissa K. Hardesty, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

1. My name is Melissa K. Hardesty. I work in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. and serve as Senior Director of Taxes.

2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Surrebuttal Testimony on behalf of Evergy Missouri Metro consisting of four (4) pages, having been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-captioned docket.

3. I have knowledge of the matters set forth therein. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded, including any attachments thereto, are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Melissa K. Hardesty

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of September 2026.

Notary Public

My commission expires: April 26, 2029

ANTHONY R WESTENKIRCHNER
NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2029
PLATTE COUNTY
COMMISSION #17279952

Evergy
2026 RATE CASE - MO METRO - True-Up
TY 6/30/25; Cut-Off 12/31/25; True-Up 6/30/26

Income Tax Calculation

Line No.	Line Description	Total Company Balance	Juris Factor #	Juris Allocator	Tax Rate	(Jurisdictional) Adjusted with 7.651% Return
1	Net Income Before Taxes (Sch 9)	388,273,256				194,144,022
2	**Add to Net Income Before Taxes:**					
3	Depreciation Exp	402,517,431				217,228,723
4	Plant Amortization Exp	135,296,959				73,212,101
5	Amortization of Unrecovered Reserve-KS	836,504	100% KS	0.0000%		0
6	Book Nuclear Fuel Amortization	28,641,741				16,646,007
7	Transp & Unit Train Depr-Clearing	964,228				513,846
8	50% Meals & Entertainment	713,773	Sal&Wg	53.6371%		382,847
9	**Total**	568,970,636				307,983,523
10	**Subtract from Net Income Before Taxes:**					
11	Interest Expense	157,672,426				85,373,503
12	IRS Tax Return Depreciation	369,707,762	PTD	54.1437%		200,173,462
13	IRS Tax Return Plant Amortization	55,517,357	PTD	54.1437%		30,059,151
14	IRS Tax Return Nuclear Amortization	25,557,489	E1	58.1180%		14,853,501
15	Employee 401k ESOP Deduction	1,183,055	Sal&Wg	53.6371%		634,556
16	IRC Section 199 Domestic Production Activities	0	D1	52.7687%		0
17	**Total**	609,638,089				331,094,174
18	**Net Taxable Income**	347,605,803				171,033,371
19	**Provision for Federal Income Tax:**					
20	Net Taxable Income	347,605,803				171,033,371
21	Deduct State Income Tax @ 100.0%	12,532,826				6,169,772
22	Deduct City Income Tax	0				0
23	Federal Taxable Income	335,072,977				164,863,599

24	Federal Tax Before Tax Credits	70,365,325			21.00%	34,621,356
25	Less Tax Credits:					
26	Nuclear PTC	0	E1	58.1180%		0
27	Wind Tax Credit	0	E1	58.1180%		0
28	Research and Development Tax Credit	(1,484,015)	E1	58.1180%		(862,480)
29	Solar Tax Credit	(297,510)	E1	58.1180%		(172,907)
30	Fuels Tax Credit	(13,476)	E1	58.1180%		(7,832)
31	**Total Federal Tax**	68,570,324				33,578,137
32	**Provision for State Income Tax:**					
33	Net Taxable Income	347,605,803				171,033,371
34	Deduct Federal Income Tax @ 50.0%	34,285,162			10.50%	16,789,069
35	Deduct City Income Tax	0				0
36	State Jurisdictional Taxable Income	313,320,641				154,244,303
37	**Total State Tax**	12,532,826			4.00%	6,169,772
38	**Provision for City Income Tax:**					
39	Net Taxable Income	347,605,803				171,033,371
40	**Total City Tax**	0			0.00%	0
41	**Effective Tax rate before Tax Cr and Earnings Tax**	23.84%	Deferred			23.84%
42	**Summary of Provision for Current Income Tax:**					
43	Federal Income Tax	68,570,324				33,578,137
44	State Income Tax	12,532,826				6,169,772
45	City Income Tax	0				0
46	**Total Provision for Current Income Tax**	81,103,150				39,747,909

47	**Deferred Income Taxes:**					
48	Deferred Income Taxes - Excess IRS Tax over Book D&A	(24,135,078)	See Computation Below			(12,809,603)
49	Amortization of Deferred ITC	(2,838,419)	PTD	54.1437%		(1,536,825)
50	Amort of Excess Deferred Income Taxes - Protected - ARAM	(12,416,211)	PTD	54.1437%		(6,722,596)
51	Amort of Excess Deferred Income Taxes - UnProtected - 10yr	(3,506,519)	PTD	54.1437%		(1,898,559)
52	Amort of Excess Deferred Income Taxes - NOL - ARAM	1,222,757	PTD	54.1437%		662,046
53	Amort of Excess Deferred Income Taxes - Misc - 10 yr	(1,118,392)	PTD	54.1437%		(605,539)
54	Amort of Excess Deferred Income Taxes - 4 yr	(107,943)	PTD	54.1437%		(58,444)
55	Amortization of Cost of Removal-ER-2007-0291	354,438	100% MO	100.0000%		354,438
56	**Total Deferred Income Tax Expense**	(42,545,367)				(22,615,082)
57	**Total Income Tax**	38,557,783				17,132,827
58	(a) Percent of vehicle depr clearing to O&M				19.85%	
59	Effective Tax Rate excluding City Earnings Taxes - MO juris	23.84%	Current			23.84%

Interest Expense Proof:

Total Rate Base (Sch. 2)	3,932,450,620
X Wtd Cost of Debt	2.171%
Interest Exp	85,373,503
Less: Interest Expense from Line 7	85,373,503
Difference	0

Computation of Line 47 Above:

	Deferred Income Taxes - Excess IRS Tax over Book D&A:				
60	IRS Tax Return Depreciation	369,707,762			200,173,462
61	Less: Book Depreciation	403,353,935			217,228,723
62	Excess IRS Tax Depr over Book Depreciation	(33,646,173)			(17,055,261)
63	IRS Tax Return Plant Amortization	55,517,357			30,059,151
64	Less: Book Amortization	135,296,959	PTD	54.1437%	73,212,101
65	Excess IRS Tax Amort over Book Amortization	(79,779,602)			(43,152,949)
66	IRS Tax Return Nuclear Amortization	25,557,489			14,853,501
67	Less: Book Nuclear Amortization	28,641,741	E1	58.1180%	16,646,007
68	Excess IRS Tax Nuclear Amort over Book Nuclear Amort	(3,084,252)			(1,792,506)
69	Total Timing Differences	(116,510,027)			(62,000,716)
70	AFUDC Equity	12,137,571	PTD	54.1437%	6,571,730
71	MO ITC Coal Basis Adjustment	2,951,974	PTD	54.1437%	1,598,308
72	MO Miscellaneous Flow Through	199,720	PTD	54.1437%	108,136
73	Total Timing Differences after Flow Through	(101,220,762)			(53,722,542)
74	Effective Tax rate	23.84%			23.84%
75	**Deferred Income Taxes - Excess IRS Tax over Tax SL**	(24,135,078)			(12,809,603)