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Request Summary

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Issue
Rate of Return

Cost of Capital (Equity/Debt)

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Brief Description
Short-Term Debt and Dividend

Description
On page 46, lines 21–22 of his direct testimony, Mr. David Murray states, “For example, if the holding company is issuing short-term debt to fund dividends to its shareholders rather than relying on its subsidiaries to fund dividends.” (1) In the opinion of Mr. Murray, is it true that Evergy, Inc. is issuing short-term debt to fund dividends to its shareholders rather than relying on Evergy Missouri Metro to fund dividends? (2) If so, please provide supporting evidence. Requested by: Seoung Joun Won (seoungjoun.won@psc.mo.gov)

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Response
(1)Yes, (2) Please see Mr. Murray’s workbook “Evergy and Subs CF Stmts Since 6-30-2024” provided with Mr. Murray’s workpapers on July 2, 2026. For the quarterly periods ending June 30, 2024 through March 31, 2026, Evergy Inc.’s subsidiaries, including Metro, distributed $598 million in dividends to Evergy Inc., yet Evergy Inc. paid its shareholders $1.2197 billion of dividends. Consequently, Evergy Inc. had to raise $621.7 million in capital to fund the shortfall between the dividends it received from its subsidiaries and the dividends it distributed to its shareholders. Short-term debt is the type of capital typically used to fund liquidity deficiencies. Evergy Inc. confirmed its practice of issuing holding company capital to fund the shortfall of dividends from its subsidiaries during the presentation they provided to the Kansas Corporation Commission during its November 20, 2024, Capital Structure & Return on Equity Workshop (please go to the approximate 57-minute mark at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/live/PV-NjHm0R2g?t=2794s).

Objections

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Rationale

Attachments

No Attachments Found