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**I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

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**Q: Please state your name and business address.**

A: My name is Ronald A. Klotz. 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. I serve as Senior Director – Regulatory Affairs for Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a as Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”), 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: On whose behalf are you testifying?**

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

**Q: What are your responsibilities?**

A: My responsibilities include the coordination, preparation and review of financial information and schedules associated with Company rate case filings, compliance filings and other regulatory filings.

1 **Q: Please describe your education, experience and employment history.**

2 A: In 1992, I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accountancy from the University of  
3 Missouri-Columbia. In May 2016, I completed my Master of Business Administration  
4 Degree from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. I am a Certified Public  
5 Accountant holding a certificate in the State of Missouri. In 1992, I joined Arthur  
6 Andersen, LLP holding various positions of increasing responsibilities in the auditing  
7 division. I conducted and led various auditing engagements of company financial  
8 statements. In 1995, I joined Water District No. 1 of Johnson County as a Senior  
9 Accountant. This position involved operational and financial analysis of water  
10 operations. In 1998, I joined Overland Consulting, Inc. as a Senior Consultant. This  
11 position involved special accounting and auditing projects in the electric, gas,  
12 telecommunications and cable industries. In 2002, I joined Aquila, Inc. (“Aquila”)  
13 holding various positions within the Regulatory department until 2004 when I became  
14 Director of Regulatory Accounting Services. This position was primarily responsible for  
15 the planning and preparation of all accounting adjustments associated with regulatory  
16 filings in the electric jurisdictions. As a result of the acquisition of Aquila by Great  
17 Plains Energy Incorporated (“GPE”), I began my employment with Kansas City Power &  
18 Light Company (“KCP&L”) as Senior Manager, Regulatory Accounting in July 2008. In  
19 April 2013, I joined the Regulatory Affairs department as a Senior Manager remaining in  
20 charge of Regulatory Accounting responsibilities. In December 2015, I became Director,  
21 Regulatory Affairs continuing my Regulatory Accounting responsibilities. In addition, I  
22 was responsible for the coordination, preparation and filing of rate cases and rider filings

1 in our electric jurisdictions. In October 2021, I became Senior Director of Regulatory  
2 Affairs and I continue in that position today with Evergy.

3 **Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding before the Missouri Public Service**  
4 **Commission (“Commission” or “MPSC”) or before any other utility regulatory**  
5 **agency?**

6 A: Yes. I have testified before the MPSC, Kansas Corporation Commission, California  
7 Public Utilities Commission, and the Public Utilities Commission of Colorado.

8 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

9 A: The purpose of my testimony is to: (i) describe the revenue requirement model and  
10 schedules that are used to support the rate increase Evergy Missouri West is requesting in  
11 this proceeding (Schedules RAK-1 through RAK-3 attached to this testimony) (Section  
12 II); and (ii) to identify the witnesses who support various accounting adjustments listed  
13 on the Rate Base and Summary of Adjustments (Schedule RAK-2 and RAK-4 attached to  
14 this testimony) and provide support on various accounting adjustments. As discussed in  
15 Section IV of my Direct Testimony, these include but are not limited to adjustments for  
16 various pensions and Other Post Employment Benefits, Plant In Service Accounting  
17 (“PISA”), Pay As You Save (“PAYS®”) Program, storm reserves, amortization of the  
18 Sibley Accounting Authority Order (“AAO”) and COVID AAO amortization.

## 19 II. REVENUE REQUIREMENT MODEL AND SCHEDULES

20 **Q: What is the purpose of Schedules RAK-1 through RAK-3?**

21 A: These schedules represent the key outputs of the Company’s revenue requirement model  
22 used to support the rate increase that Evergy Missouri West requests in this proceeding.  
23 Schedule RAK-1 shows the revenue requirement calculation. Schedule RAK-2 lists the

1 rate base components, along with the sponsoring witnesses. Schedule RAK-3 is the  
2 adjusted income statement.

3 **Q: Were the schedules prepared either by you or under your direction?**

4 A: Yes, they were.

5 **Q: Please describe the process the Company used to determine the requested rate**  
6 **increase.**

7 A: We utilized our historical ratemaking preparation process to determine the rate increase  
8 request. We used historical test year data from the financial books and records of the  
9 Company as the basis for operating revenues, operating expenses and rate base. We then  
10 adjusted the historical test year data to reflect: (i) normal levels of revenues and expenses  
11 that would have occurred during the test year; (ii) annualizations of certain revenues and  
12 expenses; (iii) amortizations of regulatory assets and liabilities; and (iv) known and  
13 measurable changes that have been identified since the end of the historical test year. We  
14 then allocated the adjusted test year data to arrive at operating revenues, operating  
15 expenses, and rate base applicable to the Evergy Missouri West jurisdiction. We  
16 subtracted operating expenses from operating revenues to arrive at operating income. We  
17 multiplied the net original cost of rate base times the requested rate of return to determine  
18 the net operating income requirement. This was compared with the net operating income  
19 available to determine the additional net operating income before income taxes that  
20 would be needed to achieve the requested rate of return. Additional current income taxes  
21 were then added to arrive at the gross revenue requirement. This requested rate increase  
22 is the amount necessary for the post-increase calculated rate of return to equal the rate of  
23 return proposed by Evergy Missouri West witness Kirkland Andrews in his Direct

1 Testimony and supported by Evergy Missouri West Witness Ann Bulkley in her Direct  
2 Testimony. In addition, Witness Andrews addresses late changes to projected May 31,  
3 2022, Evergy Missouri West capital structure that will be reflected in the revenue  
4 requirement model in the true-up to this case. Finally, Evergy Missouri West Witness  
5 Melissa Hardesty addresses the Company's proposed treatment of any federal corporate  
6 tax rate changes which may be enacted before the true-up period in this case.

### 7 III. TEST YEAR

8 **Q: What historical test year did Evergy Missouri West use in determining rate base  
9 and operating income?**

10 A: The revenue requirement schedules are based on a historical test year of the 12 months  
11 ending June 30, 2021, with known and measurable changes projected through May 31,  
12 2022. At the true-up date, we plan to true up to actuals as part of the true-up process  
13 associated with this rate case proceeding.

14 **Q: Why was this test year selected?**

15 A: The Company used the 12-month period ending June 30, 2021 for the test year in this rate  
16 proceeding because that period reflects the most currently available quarterly financial  
17 information to provide adequate time to prepare the revenue requirement for this case.

18 **Q: Does Evergy Missouri West's test year expense reflect an appropriate allocation of  
19 Evergy Metro and Evergy Kansas Central ("Evergy Kansas Central") overhead to  
20 Evergy Missouri West and other affiliated companies?**

21 A: Yes, Evergy Metro and Evergy Kansas Central incur costs for the benefit of Evergy  
22 Missouri West and other affiliated companies and these costs are billed out as part of the  
23 normal accounting process. Certain projects and operating units are set up to allocate



1 costs among the various affiliated companies based on appropriate cost drivers while  
2 others are set up to assign costs directly to the benefiting affiliate.

3 **Q: Does Evergy Missouri West incur costs that are allocated to Evergy Metro and**  
4 **Evergy Kansas Central?**

5 A: Yes. These are not as significant as the costs allocated from Evergy Metro and Evergy  
6 Kansas Central, but Evergy Missouri West does incur some costs that are allocated to  
7 Evergy Metro and Evergy Kansas Central.

8 **Q: Why is a true-up period needed for this rate case?**

9 A: Historically, rate cases have included true-up periods which provide for updates to test  
10 year data. This process allows for changes in cost levels included in the test year to be  
11 updated to the most current information as of a specified date which is closer to the date  
12 rates are to become effective. This allows for a proper matching of rate base, revenues  
13 and expenses to account for known and measureable changes that have occurred since the  
14 end of the test year. As stated above the Company is requesting a true-up date effective  
15 May 31, 2022 in order to provide this update to rate base, revenues and expenses in this  
16 rate case.

#### 17 **IV. ACCOUNTING ADJUSTMENTS**

18 **Q: Please discuss Schedule RAK-4.**

19 A: This schedule presents a listing of adjustments to net operating income for the 12 months  
20 ended June 30, 2021, along with the sponsoring Company witnesses. Various Company  
21 witnesses will support, in their direct testimonies, the need for each of these adjustments.

1 **Q: Please explain the adjustments to reflect normal levels of revenues and expenses.**

2 A: Adjustments are made to reflect “normal” levels of revenues and expenses; for example,  
3 retail revenues are adjusted to reflect revenue levels that would have occurred if the  
4 weather had been “normal” during the test year.

5 **Q: Please explain the adjustments to annualize certain revenues and expenses.**

6 A: Revenues are annualized to reflect anticipated customer growth during the true-up period.  
7 Annualization adjustments have been made to reflect an annual level of expense in cost  
8 of service, such as the annualization of payroll and depreciation expenses. The former  
9 reflects a full year’s impact of recent and expected pay increases, while the latter reflects  
10 the impact of a full year’s depreciation on plant additions included in rate base.

11 **Q: Please explain the adjustments to amortize regulatory assets and liabilities.**

12 A: Various regulatory assets and liabilities have been established in past Evergy Missouri  
13 West jurisdictional rate cases. These assets/liabilities are then amortized over the number  
14 of years authorized in the orders for the applicable rate cases. Adjustments are  
15 sometimes necessary to annualize the amortization amount included in the test year or  
16 remove amortizations that have ceased during the test year.

17 **Q: Did the Company comply with the prospective tracking of regulatory assets and**  
18 **liabilities as agreed to in the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement from Rate**  
19 **Case No. ER-2018-0146 (“2018 Case”)?**

20 A: Yes. In this rate case filing Evergy Missouri West complied with this agreement and  
21 reflected the prospective tracking treatment of regulatory assets and liabilities in  
22 accordance with this agreement. Please see the individual regulatory asset and regulatory

1 liability adjustments that describe the prospective treatment where applicable in the  
2 Direct Testimony of Company witness Linda Nunn.

3 **Q: Please explain the adjustments to reflect known and measurable changes that have**  
4 **been identified since the end of the historical test year.**

5 A: These adjustments are made to reflect changes in the level of revenue, expense, rate base  
6 and cost of capital that either have occurred or are expected to occur prior to the true-up  
7 date in this case. For example, payroll expense and fuel costs have been adjusted for  
8 known and measurable changes.

9 **Q: Do the adjustments listed on Schedule RAK-4 and discussed throughout the**  
10 **remainder of this testimony and other Evergy Missouri West witnesses testimony**  
11 **entail an adjustment of test year amounts?**

12 A: Yes, the adjustments summarized on Schedule RAK-4 and discussed in this testimony  
13 and other Evergy Missouri West witnesses' testimony reflect adjustments to the test year  
14 ended June 30, 2021.

#### 15 **RB-20 PLANT IN SERVICE**

16 **Q: Please explain adjustment RB-20.**

17 A: Evergy Missouri West rolled the test year ended June 30, 2021 plant balances forward to  
18 May 31, 2022, by using the Company's actual results through June 2021 and the 2021-  
19 2022 capital budgets for subsequent additional capital additions post June 2021.  
20 Projected plant additions net of projected retirements were added to actual balances  
21 through June 2021 to arrive at projected plant balances at May 31, 2022.

1 **Q: Was the Transmission and Distribution Plant disallowance adjustment**  
2 **contemplated in the Stipulation and Agreement in Case No. ER-2012-0175 (“2012**  
3 **Case”) included in RB-20.**

4 A: Yes. Per the Stipulation and Agreement in the 2012 Case, the Company agreed to reduce  
5 its Transmission and Distribution Plant in rate base by \$8 million. This disallowance was  
6 included in adjustment RB-20.

7 **Q: Was the Crossroads Generating Station included in rate base in this rate case**  
8 **reflective of previous case disallowances?**

9 A: Yes. Adjustment RB-20 includes the disallowance adjustment associated with the  
10 Crossroads Generating Station. The Crossroads Generating Station is included in rate  
11 base for the following amounts for plant of \$65,921,909 and accumulated depreciation of  
12 \$31,603,042 (RB-30). These amounts are the roll forward jurisdictional amounts at May  
13 31, 2022 consistent with the amount of plant and accumulated depreciation after the  
14 disallowance adjustment that was included in Case Nos. ER-2010-0356, ER-2012-0175,  
15 ER-2016-0156 and ER-2018-0146.

#### 16 **RB-30 RESERVE FOR DEPRECIATION**

17 **Q: Please explain adjustment RB-30.**

18 A: This adjustment rolls forward the Reserve for Depreciation from June 30, 2021 to  
19 balances projected as of May 31, 2022.

20 **Q: How was this roll-forward accomplished?**

21 A: The depreciation/amortization provision component was calculated in two steps: (i) the  
22 June 2021 depreciation provision was multiplied by eleven months to approximate the  
23 provision that will be charged to the Reserve for Depreciation from July 2021 through

1 May 2022 for plant existing at June 30, 2021; and (ii) by estimating the  
2 depreciation/amortization through May 31, 2022 attributable to projected net plant  
3 additions from July 2021 through May 2022. In the second step, we assumed the net  
4 plant additions occurred ratably over this period.

5 **Q: Was the impact of retirements included in the roll-forward?**

6 A: Yes. Projected retirements for the period July 2021 through May 2022 were based on  
7 actual test period retirements except for Heavy Trucks and General Plant Amortization  
8 accounts. For Heavy Truck vehicles, the company projected retirements based on a 2  
9 year average due to the high number of retirements that occurred in the test period. For  
10 General Plant Amortization accounts, the company used the actual amount of retirements  
11 that are expected to occur in December 2021 as the value is already known.

12 **Q: Were the accumulated depreciation impacts for the Crossroads disallowance and**  
13 **the Transmission and Distribution Plant disallowances discussed in adjustment RB-**  
14 **20 reflected in Adjustment RB-30?**

15 A: Yes. Both the Crossroads disallowance and the Transmission and Distribution Plant  
16 disallowance were included in adjustment RB-30.

17 **Q: What additional adjustment to the accumulated reserve was made?**

18 A: In the 2018 Case, the Company entered into a Non-unanimous Partial Stipulation and  
19 Agreement regarding the deferral of depreciation expenses for plants included in the  
20 revenue requirement that were subsequently retired. Specifically, the agreement  
21 identified Sibley units 1, 2 and 3, including common plant and Lake Road unit 4/6. The  
22 Stipulation provided that upon retirement depreciation expense included in the revenue  
23 requirement would be deferred into a regulatory liability and subsequently moved to the

1 accumulated reserve. The Company has included the forecasted amount of this  
2 regulatory liability for Sibley 1, 2 and 3, including common plant, as of November 2022  
3 in the accumulated reserve in this case which increases the total accumulated reserve  
4 balance. The Company did not retire Lake Road unit 4/6 during this time period and thus  
5 no deferral to a regulatory liability was required.

6 **Q: Regarding the additional annual amortization that was agreed to by the parties in**  
7 **the 2016 Case, was the annual amortization amount appropriately included in the**  
8 **depreciation study and ultimately included in the appropriate accumulated reserve**  
9 **accounts?**

10 **A:** Yes it was. In the 2016 rate case, the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement  
11 provided for the collection of an annual amortization amount equal to \$7.2 million. The  
12 Stipulation and Agreement reads as follows:

13 *In addition to the attached schedule, GMO (now Evergy MO West) shall be*  
14 *allowed to collect an annual amortization amount equal to \$7.2 million. This*  
15 *additional amortization shall be booked and accounted for on an annual basis*  
16 *until GMO's next general electric rate case. In GMO's next filed rate case the*  
17 *Commission will determine the distribution of the additional amortization. The*  
18 *balance will be used to cover any deficiencies in reserves across production,*  
19 *transmission and distribution accounts.*

20 Due to the short window between the 2016 rate case and the 2018 rate case there was no  
21 full depreciation study conducted. As such, in the 2018 rate case there was a Non-  
22 unanimous Partial Stipulation and Agreement entered into that stated the following:

23 *GMO will cease the recording of the additional \$7.2 million amortization*  
24 *from its revenue requirement calculation. GMO will apply the*  
25 *accumulated amortization amount to steam production plant and in*  
26 *GMO's next depreciation study, the accumulated amortization amount*  
27 *will be reflected in the Sibley depreciation accrual FERC Account 312*  
28 *including non-unit train sub accounts.*

1 As such, after the 2018 rate case the Company ceased recording the annual amortization  
2 amount and subsequently included the accumulated annual amortization amount in the  
3 Company's depreciation study conducted by Company witness John Spanos in FERC  
4 Account 312. The accumulated reserve appropriately reflects this amount in the revenue  
5 requirement calculation.

6 **Q: Has the Company undertaken a decommissioning project since the Company's last**  
7 **rate case?**

8 A: Yes. Subsequent to the retirement of the Sibley Generating Station the Company  
9 undertook the project of a complete full dismantlement of the facility.

10 **Q: Please describe this project.**

11 A: Evergy retained Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. ("Burns &  
12 McDonnell") to assist, as Owner's Engineer, with the demolition of the former Sibley  
13 Generating Station located at 33200 E Johnson Road, Sibley, Missouri (Site).  
14 Simultaneously, in a separate scope of work, impoundment closure activities were  
15 conducted at the Site, including closure of some on-site process and wastewater treatment  
16 ponds, cover of the coal combustion residual (CCR) landfill, establishment of a soil  
17 borrow area, final Site grading, and Site restoration. Demolition was completed by  
18 Brandenburg and Civil Activities were completed by Kissick Construction. Demolition  
19 and abatement began on December 20, 2019. Abatement of asbestos was completed on  
20 November 25, 2020. Other regulated and hazardous materials were removed from the  
21 facility prior to demolition, and additional sampling was performed as required during  
22 abatement/demolition activities. Demolition Substantial Completion was met, and

1 Brandenburg demobilized from the Site on October 22, 2021. Demolition Final  
2 Completion of Bradenburg's scope was met on December 13, 2021.

3 **Q: What are the expected planned costs of the full dismantlement of the Sibley**  
4 **Generating Station?**

5 A: The estimated total decommissioning costs is approximately \$37.5M.

6 **Q: Is this project expected to be completed before the true-up date in this rate case?**

7 A: Yes. The project was substantially complete by December 31, 2021.

8 **Q: Explain how expenditures associated with decommissioning a plant are recorded?**

9 A: Expenditures for decommissioning a plant are recorded as cost of removal to  
10 accumulated depreciation. The cost of removal relates to either asset retirement  
11 obligations ("ARO") or normal retired plant in-service. The cost of removal related to  
12 the an ARO offsets the liability until the ARO is completed. Once the ARO is complete,  
13 then it is recorded to accumulated depreciation as cost of removal. The cost of removal  
14 related to normal retired plant in-service is recorded to accumulated depreciation as cost  
15 of removal. Decommissioning costs are incorporated into Depreciation Studies by  
16 including them in the reserve and historically have been recovered after incurred over the  
17 life of the other facilities.

18 **Q: How are the costs associated with the Sibley Generating Station decommissioning**  
19 **project proposed to be recovered?**

20 A: Since the costs associated with the Sibley Generating Station have not previously been  
21 recovered in depreciation expense in prior periods, the costs as previously discussed have  
22 been recorded to the accumulated reserve as a debit, decreasing the total accumulated  
23 reserve account thus increasing net plant. This activity will be included in rate base at the



1 true-up in this rate case and ultimately recovered like all other capital expenditures which  
2 includes both a return on amount and a return of amount included in depreciation  
3 expense. This is the proper regulatory accounting treatment of decommissioning capital  
4 expenditures that have been recorded associated with the Sibley Generating Station. The  
5 Company requests the Commission approve this recovery in this rate case.

6 **RB-85 PLANT IN SERVICE ACCOUNTING (“PISA”) REGULATORY ASSET**  
7 **CS-93 AMORTIZATION OF PISA REGULATORY ASSET**

8 **Q: Please explain the background that led to adjustment RB-85.**

9 A: On January 1, 2019, the Company elected to participate in PISA pursuant to Missouri  
10 Senate Bill 564, which became law on June 1, 2018. It is effective for five years until  
11 December 2023 with an option to re-elect for another five years with Commission  
12 approval. PISA allows deferral into a regulatory asset the depreciation expense and  
13 return on investment associated with 85% of qualifying rate base additions between rate  
14 cases including carrying costs at the Company’s weighted average cost of capital. At  
15 least 25% of annual capital expenditures must consist of grid modernization projects as  
16 broadly defined in the statute. Another key provision of PISA is it prevents rate increases  
17 from exceeding a compound annual growth rate of 3.0%, and enables increased  
18 renewable energy investments. PISA is similar to construction accounting in that it  
19 permits the utility to partially recover the cost of investing in capital projects, thus  
20 reducing the disincentive to invest created by regulatory lag.

21 **Q: What are the benefits associated with the PISA regulatory asset?**

22 A: Please see the testimony of Company witness Darrin Ives which includes a discussion of  
23 the benefits associated with the PISA regulatory asset.

1 **Q: Please explain what is included in qualifying rate base additions?**

2 A: Qualifying electric plant is defined in section 393.1400 of Senate Bill 564 as follows:

3 All rate base additions, except rate base additions for new coal-fired  
4 generating units, new nuclear generating units, new natural gas units, or  
5 rate base additions that increase revenues by allowing service to new  
6 customer premises.

7 The Company has calculated its PISA deferrals associated with rate base additions that  
8 follow these guidelines.

9 **Q: What recovery does 393.1400RSMo. prescribe for the PISA regulatory asset that**  
10 **has been established?**

11 A: 393.1400RSMo. allows for the regulatory asset that has been accumulated to be included  
12 in rate base. The Company has forecasted the amount expected at the time of the true up  
13 in this rate case and included it in rate base in its revenue requirement calculation. In  
14 addition, the regulatory asset will be amortized over a 20 year period according to the  
15 statute.

16 **Q: Please explain adjustment RB-85.**

17 A: Adjustment RB-85 includes the projected deferral of the PISA regulatory asset balance at  
18 May 31, 2022, in rate base. For qualifying electric plant, this regulatory asset deferral  
19 includes 85% of the depreciation expense recorded once the asset has been placed in  
20 service. In addition, the deferral includes 85% of the return on the plant that has been  
21 placed in service between rate cases.

22 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-93.**

23 A: The projected deferral of the PISA regulatory asset balance at May 31, 2022, will be  
24 amortized over 20 years as set out in the statute. An annual amortization amount was  
25 included in Adjustment CS-93.

1 **RB-86 PAY AS YOU SAVE (“PAYS”) REGULATORY ASSET**  
2 **R-40 PAYS REVENUE OFFSET NORMALIZATION**  
3 **CS-135 PAYS AMORTIZATION**

4 **Q: Please explain the PAYS program?**

5 A: Pursuant to the Amended Report and Order in File No. EO-2019-0132, the Company was  
6 required to offer a one-year Pay As You Save (“PAYS”) pilot program (“Pilot”) to move  
7 forward with MEEIA Cycle 3. The Pilot program costs are to be recovered from  
8 customers in two ways. First, customers directly participating in the Pilot will pay a  
9 monthly service charge, as defined in the PAYS tariff. Second, a portion of the Pilot  
10 program costs will be recovered through the Company’s Missouri Energy Efficiency  
11 Investment Act (“MEEIA”) Demand Side Investment Mechanism (“DSIM”) rider and  
12 through the Company’s base retail rates. After installation of equipment and customer  
13 financing arrangements have been made, the equipment costs are recorded as a regulatory  
14 asset. The MEEIA DSIM rider will recover the difference between the 3% equipment  
15 financing costs paid by the participant and our standard weighted average cost of capital  
16 rate of return, from the point of when the participant initiates the installation of the  
17 customer equipment until when program equipment costs are included in the Company’s  
18 base rates. This amount will cease to be recovered through the MEEIA DSIM rider once  
19 the regulatory asset is included in base rates. The program costs accumulated in the  
20 regulatory asset are then included in the rate base and the regulatory asset will be  
21 amortized over a period not to exceed 12 years. This will allow for recovery of a return  
22 on and of the costs recorded in the regulatory asset.

1 **Q: Please explain adjustment RB-86.**

2 **A:** Adjustment RB-86 includes the PAYS-financed regulatory asset projected at the true-up  
3 date May 31, 2022 which is included in rate base in the Company's revenue requirement  
4 proposed in this rate case.

5 **Q: Please explain adjustment R-40.**

6 Included in the revenue requirement calculation is an annualized level of PAYS revenue  
7 which includes principal and interest payments associated with the equipment installed  
8 associated with the PAYS program. Adjustment R-40 recognizes expected annualized  
9 revenue at May 31, 2022.

10 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-135.**

11 **A:** Adjustment CS-135 reflects annualized amortization of the PAYS-financed regulatory  
12 asset expected at the true-up date over twelve years.

13 **CS-61/RB-61 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

14 **Q: Please explain adjustments CS-61 and RB-61.**

15 **A:** CS-61 is the adjustment for Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") expense as  
16 recorded under Accounting Standards Codification No. 715, Compensation-Retirement  
17 Benefits to an annualized level for ratemaking purposes for Evergy Missouri West's  
18 portion of the Evergy postretirement benefit plans. Previously the accounting guidance  
19 was referred to as Financial Accounting Standards No. 106 "Employers' Accounting for  
20 Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions" (FAS 106) and this description will  
21 continue to be used in the regulatory process.

22 RB-61 is the roll forward of the FAS 106 regulatory liability and the prepaid  
23 OPEB regulatory asset to the projected true-up date of May 31, 2022.

1 **Q: Do these adjustments take into consideration OPEB expense billed to joint partners,**  
2 **billed to affiliated companies, and charged to capital?**

3 A: Yes, for adjustment CS-61 total company costs are adjusted for projected billings to  
4 affiliates and joint partners and charges to capital, based on data from the payroll  
5 adjustment discussed later in this testimony (adjustment CS-50). Adjustment RB-61 also  
6 takes into account billings to joint partners and affiliates, but the balances are before  
7 charges to capital.

8 **Q: Please explain the components of adjustment CS-61.**

9 A: CS-61 has two components which include (1) the annualized FAS 106 expense for the  
10 Company's OPEB plans based on the projected 2022 cost provided by the Company's  
11 actuary, Willis Towers Watson; and (2) the five-year amortization of the FAS 106  
12 regulatory liability.

13 **Q: Was annualized OPEB expense determined in accordance with established**  
14 **regulatory practice?**

15 A: Yes, annualized OPEB expense was determined based on the methodology established in  
16 the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in the 2018 Case.

17 **Q: What is the amount of FAS 106 expense currently built into rates?**

18 A: The Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in the 2018 Case established the annual  
19 FAS 106 amount in rates at \$734,279, after removal of capitalized amounts and the  
20 portion of MO West's annual OPEB cost allocated to MO West's joint partners, but  
21 before the inclusion of FAS 106 amortization.

1 **Q: What is the comparable level of FAS 106 expense on a total company Missouri basis**  
2 **included in cost of service for this case?**

3 A: The comparable amount included in cost of service in this case is \$192,433.

4 **Q: Please explain the FAS 106 regulatory liability.**

5 A: This regulatory liability represents the cumulative unamortized difference in FAS 106  
6 OPEB expense for ratemaking purposes and the postretirement expense built into rates.

7 **Q: How was the FAS 106 regulatory liability rolled forward to the May 31, 2022,**  
8 **balance?**

9 A: The FAS 106 OPEB regulatory liability balance at June 30, 2018 was adjusted by the  
10 projected difference between FAS 106 expense for Missouri ratemaking purposes and the  
11 FAS 106 amount built into rates for the period July 1, 2018 through May 31, 2022. The  
12 balance was also adjusted for the projected amortizations for the July 1, 2018 through  
13 May 31, 2022 time period.

14 **Q: What is the projected FAS 106 regulatory liability balance at May 31, 2022?**

15 A: The FAS 106 regulatory liability is projected to be \$4,989,483 at May 31, 2022.

16 **Q: Is the FAS 106 regulatory liability properly includable in rate base?**

17 A: Yes, the FAS 106 regulatory liability is included in rate base consistent with the Non-  
18 Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in the 2018 Case.

19 **Q: Does adjustment CS-61 take into consideration OPEB expense billed to Evergy**  
20 **Missouri West as a joint partner in the Iatan 1 and 2 generating units and amounts**  
21 **charged to capital?**

22 A: Yes it does, based on data from the payroll adjustment.

1 **Q: Does the Company request to continue the regulatory treatment of OPEB costs?**

2 A: Evergy would like to propose a change to the method used for regulatory accounting  
3 purposes for OPEB expense. Evergy is currently maintaining OPEB expense calculations  
4 on different accounting methods to meet its various reporting requirements which  
5 creates a complicated series of calculations. Evergy would like to continue the trend of  
6 delivering customer savings by simplifying prospective OPEB expense calculations and  
7 utilizing the Evergy Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) accounting  
8 method for regulatory purposes. Simplifying the OPEB expense calculation would  
9 reduce actuarial and accounting costs for the plan resulting in annual customer savings.  
10 In order to maintain rate neutrality, the difference in unrecognized losses between the  
11 regulatory method and the Evergy GAAP method would need to be amortized as an  
12 additional fixed adjustment for regulatory purposes. See my discussion below included  
13 in CS-65/RB-65 Pension Costs section which explains this request more fully.

14 **CS-65/RB-65 PENSION COSTS**

15 **Q: Please explain adjustments CS-65 and RB-65.**

16 A: CS-65 is the adjustment for pension expense as recorded under Accounting Standards  
17 Codification No. 715, Compensation-Retirement Benefits to an annualized level for  
18 ratemaking purposes. Previously the accounting guidance was referred to as Financial  
19 Accounting Standards No. 87 “Employers’ Accounting for Pensions” (FAS 87) and No.  
20 88, “Employers’ Accounting for Settlements and Curtailments of Defined Benefit  
21 Pension Plans and for Termination Benefits” (FAS 88) and these descriptions will  
22 continue to be used in the regulatory process.

1 RB-65 is the roll forward of the FAS 87, FAS 88 and prepaid pension regulatory  
2 assets to their projected May 31, 2022 balances.

3 **Q: Do these pension adjustments take into consideration pension expense billed to**  
4 **Evergy Missouri West as a joint partner in the Iatan 1 and Iatan 2 generating units**  
5 **as well as amounts charged to capital?**

6 A: Yes, they do, based on data from the payroll adjustment discussed later in this testimony  
7 (adjustment CS-50).

8 **Q: Please explain the components of adjustment CS-65, pension expense.**

9 A: CS-65 consists of the Evergy Missouri West's share of the annualized FAS 87 expense  
10 which is based on the projected 2022 total company cost provided by the Company's  
11 actuarial firm, Willis Towers Watson. In addition, annualized pension expense includes  
12 the five-year amortization of the FAS 87 and FAS 88 regulatory assets.

13 **Q: Was annualized pension expense determined in accordance with established**  
14 **regulatory practice?**

15 A: Yes, except Evergy is proposing to develop the annualized pension expense based on the  
16 Evergy GAAP method in order to create more efficiencies in the accounting of pension  
17 costs across jurisdictions. I have included a more detailed explanation of this proposal  
18 later in my testimony..

19 **Q: What is the amount of FAS 87 expense on a total company basis currently built into**  
20 **rates for MO West?**

21 A: The 2018 Pension and OPEB Stipulation and Agreement established the annual total  
22 company amount of FAS 87 expense built into rates at \$22,229,953 for Evergy Missouri  
23 West. This amount is 1) after removal of capitalized amounts and 2) after inclusion of



1 the portion of Metro’s annual pension cost which is allocated to Evergy Missouri West  
2 for its joint owner share of Metro’s Iatan 1 and Iatan 2 generating unit/stations, but 3)  
3 before inclusion of allowable Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (“SERP”) pension  
4 costs and 4) before amortization of pension-related regulatory assets/liabilities.

5 **Q: What is the comparable level of FAS 87 expense for Evergy Missouri West on a total**  
6 **company basis included in cost of service for this case?**

7 A: The comparable amount included in cost of service in this rate case for Evergy Missouri  
8 West is \$9,447,191.

9 **Q: Please explain the FAS 87 regulatory asset?**

10 A: This regulatory asset represents the projected cumulative unamortized difference in FAS  
11 87 pension expense for ratemaking purposes and pension expense built into rates. The  
12 balance is rolled forward to May 31, 2022 to determine the proper amount to be included  
13 in rate base and upon which to base an annualized amortization in this case.

14 **Q: How was the FAS 87 regulatory asset rolled forward to the May 31, 2022 balance?**

15 A: The total company FAS 87 pension regulatory asset balance at June 30, 2018 was  
16 adjusted by the projected total company difference between FAS 87 expense for Missouri  
17 ratemaking purposes and the FAS 87 expense built into rates for the period July 1, 2018  
18 through May 31, 2022. The regulatory asset balance was also reduced by the projected  
19 amortizations for the July 1, 2018 through May 31, 2022 period.

20 **Q: What is Evergy Missouri West’s projected amount at May 31, 2022 for the FAS 87**  
21 **regulatory asset on a total company basis?**

22 A: Evergy Missouri West’s FAS 87 regulatory asset is projected to be \$9,470,983 at May  
23 31, 2022.

1 **Q: Why was a five-year amortization period used for the FAS 87 regulatory asset?**

2 A: A five-year amortization period was used consistent with the 2018 Case Pension and  
3 OPEB Stipulated Amounts.

4 **Q: Is the FAS 87 regulatory asset properly includable in rate base?**

5 A: Yes, it is included in rate base per the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in the  
6 2018 Case.

7 **Q: Please explain the FAS 88 regulatory asset?**

8 A: This regulatory asset represents the cumulative deferred costs for pension plan  
9 settlements accounted for under FAS 88. Because these do not occur on a regular basis,  
10 they are tracked by vintage for ease of calculation and discussion. This case will include  
11 four vintages: (1) the 2017 vintage for settlements related to the Joint Trusteed Pension  
12 Plan during 2017 which was approved in the 2018 Case for amortization over five years;  
13 and (2) the 2019, 2020, and 2021 settlement costs.

14 **Q: What is Evergy Missouri West's projected cumulative FAS 88 regulatory balance at  
15 May 31, 2022?**

16 A: Evergy Missouri West's projected FAS 88 regulatory asset at May 31, 2022 is  
17 \$10,068,824. The balance consists of \$1,724,665 for the 2017 vintage, \$5,066,905 for  
18 the 2019 vintage, \$1,868,294 for the 2020 vintage, and \$1,408,960 for the 2021 vintage.  
19 The 2021 vintage includes settlement charges through September 30, 2021 and will need  
20 to be adjusted to include final 2021 settlement charges once those amounts are available  
21 from the actuaries.

1 **Q: Why was a five-year amortization period used for the FAS 88 regulatory asset?**

2 A: A five-year amortization period was used consistent with the Non-Unanimous Stipulation  
3 and Agreement in the 2018 Case.

4 **Q: Is the FAS 88 regulatory asset included in rate base?**

5 A: No, it is not included in rate base in accordance with the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and  
6 Agreement in the 2018 Case.

7 **Q: Please explain the prepaid pension asset adjustment.**

8 A: This asset represents the cumulative projected difference between pension expense  
9 computed under FAS 87 and contributions to the pension trusts. This adjustment was  
10 made to roll forward the prepaid pension regulatory asset to May 31, 2022 in order to  
11 determine the proper amount of the prepaid pension asset to be included in rate base.

12 **Q: What is Evergy Missouri West's projected amount at May 31, 2022 for prepaid  
13 pension assets?**

14 A: The prepaid pension asset is projected to be \$0 for Evergy Missouri West at May 31,  
15 2022.

16 **Q: Does annualized pension expense include SERP expense?**

17 A: No, SERP expense is considered separately in adjustment CS-62 which is discussed later  
18 in this testimony.

19 **Q: Does the Company request to continue the regulatory treatment of pension costs?**

20 A: Yes. However, as stated previously in order to create efficiencies in the accounting of  
21 pension and OPEB costs, Evergy would like to propose a change to the method used for  
22 regulatory accounting purposes for pension expense. Evergy is currently maintaining  
23 pension expense calculations on different accounting methods to meet its various

1 reporting requirements, which creates a complicated series of calculations to track  
2 pension expenses. These different pension expense calculations are referred to by the  
3 following:

4 Evergy GAAP – This is GAAP accounting used for Evergy corporate accounting  
5 and reflects acquisition accounting.

6 GPE GAAP – This is GAAP accounting used for legacy GPE legal entity  
7 reporting and does not reflect acquisition accounting.

8 GPE Regulatory – This is regulatory accounting used for regulatory purposes for  
9 the legacy GPE entities and does not reflect acquisition accounting.

10 These different pension and OPEB accounting methodologies create a complex set of  
11 assumptions and calculations that must be maintained annually. Evergy would like to  
12 continue the trend of delivering customer savings by simplifying prospective pension and  
13 OPEB expense calculations and utilize the Evergy GAAP accounting method for  
14 regulatory purposes. Simplifying the pension and OPEB expense calculation would  
15 reduce actuarial and accounting costs over time for the pension and OPEB plans resulting  
16 in annual customer savings.

17 **Q: Why is Evergy required to maintain different accounting methods for both pension  
18 and OPEB accounting?**

19 **A:** There are various reporting requirements impacting both pension and OPEB accounting  
20 which include both SEC and regulatory accounting reporting. For SEC reporting  
21 purposes, Evergy Kansas Central was considered the acquiring entity in the company  
22 merger and United States GAAP required Evergy to adopt acquisition accounting for the  
23 Evergy Metro and Evergy Missouri West portion of pension and OPEB costs. This

1 accounting methodology is referred to as Evergy GAAP. In addition, for regulatory  
2 purposes Evergy Metro and Evergy Missouri West maintain a separate method of  
3 accounting (GPE Regulatory) for regulatory purposes, which continues to maintain the  
4 unrecognized losses that were included in acquisition accounting in Evergy GAAP.

5 **Q: Why does it make sense to make the transition and consolidate pension accounting**  
6 **methodologies from a GPE Regulatory method to an Evergy GAAP methodology?**

7 A: To state it simply, it will reduce complexity and create efficiencies between two pension  
8 accounting calculations that are closely aligned on key pension accounting methodologies  
9 such as asset smoothing periods and gain/loss amortization periods. For instance, asset  
10 gains/losses are smoothed over a four-year period for Evergy GAAP. For GPE  
11 Regulatory, these asset gains/losses are smoothed over a five-year period. Another  
12 example are net unrecognized gains/losses are amortized over the average remaining  
13 service period which currently equates to 11.7 years for Evergy GAAP. For GPE  
14 Regulatory, net unrecognized gains/losses are amortized over a period of 10 years.  
15 Therefore, you can see the two pension accounting calculations are quite similar in these  
16 approaches.

17 **Q: What is the impact of transitioning to the Evergy GAAP accounting method for**  
18 **regulatory accounting purposes?**

19 A: Pension expense as measured under both the Evergy GAAP accounting method and the  
20 GPE Regulatory accounting methodology are expected to result in a declining trend of  
21 pension expense over time. Evergy is proposing to create a one-time adjustment to  
22 transition from the GPE Regulatory accounting method to the Evergy GAAP accounting  
23 method. This one time adjustment results in the amortization of unrecognized losses that

1 have already been recognized in Evergy GAAP due to the impacts of acquisition  
2 accounting, but have not been amortized into pension expense for GPE Regulatory  
3 accounting. By making this one time adjustment and amortizing it over an extended  
4 period of time, the GPE Regulatory methodology can be transitioned to Evergy GAAP  
5 and benefits can be realized for both customers and the Company.

6 **Q: What are these benefits that customers and the Company will see by making this**  
7 **transition?**

8 A: As mentioned early, simplifying and consolidating ongoing pension and OPEB  
9 accounting calculations will reduce long term actuarial and accounting costs for the  
10 pension plan through efficiencies gained. In addition, by amortizing the unrecognized  
11 losses over an extended period of time rate payers will be kept neutral over the period and  
12 will create actual annualized pension expense savings over the next 5 years.

13 **Q: Does the Company have to make a change in pension accounting methodologies and**  
14 **move to Evergy GAAP?**

15 A: No. It is important for the Commission to know that the Company does not have to make  
16 the change to simplify pension accounting methodologies and can continue to have their  
17 actuary and internal accountants maintain different sets of pension accounting  
18 calculations and methodologies leaving the complexity that exists today. But, the  
19 Company believes this transition is in the best interest of the Company and its' customers  
20 and requests this Commission to approve its transition to Evergy GAAP.

21 **Q: Have adjustments CS-61 and CS-65 been prepared using the Evergy GAAP**  
22 **transition to calculate its annualized level of pension and OPEB expense?**

23 A: Yes.

1 **CASH WORKING CAPITAL**

2 **Q: Please discuss Cash Working Capital (“CWC”).**

3 A: CWC is included in rate base as summarized on Schedule RAK-5.

4 **Q: Why is it necessary to calculate an amount of CWC?**

5 A: CWC is the amount of cash required by a utility to pay the day-to-day expenses incurred  
6 to provide utility service to its customers. A lead/lag study is generally used to analyze  
7 the cash inflows from payments received by the company and the cash outflows for  
8 disbursements paid by the company. When the utility receives payment from its retail  
9 customers for utility service less quickly than it makes the disbursements for utility  
10 expenses, then the company has a positive CWC requirement. Conversely, when the  
11 utility receives payment from its retail customers for utility service more quickly than it  
12 makes the disbursements for utility expenses it has a negative CWC requirement.

13 **Q: How did you determine the amount of CWC for this rate case?**

14 A: We partnered with Concentric Energy Advisors to perform a comprehensive lead/lag  
15 study. In general the work is consistent with the Company’s previous rate cases. The  
16 application of the individual lead/lag factors to applicable amounts is shown on Schedule  
17 RAK-5. Please see the testimony of Evergy Missouri West Witness Michael Adams of  
18 Concentric Energy Advisors for discussion of work performed in supporting the lead/lag  
19 study.

1 **R-82 TRANSMISSION REVENUE ANNUALIZED**

2 **Q: Please explain adjustment R-82.**

3 The Company annualized transmission revenue recorded in FERC accounts 456009 -  
4 Miscellaneous Elec Oper Rev-Trans and 456100 - Trans of Elec for Others based on  
5 forecasted levels from January 2022 to May 2022.

6 **Q: What is the annualized amount of adjustment R-82 Transmission Revenue -**  
7 **Annualized that the Company has included in its revenue requirement calculation**  
8 **in this case?**

9 A: Evergy Missouri West included an annualized amount of \$19,026,128 in adjustment R-  
10 82.

11 **CS-39 IT SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE**

12 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-39.**

13 A: Adjustment CS-39 was made to include an annualized level of contracted software  
14 maintenance costs in this rate case. Evergy Missouri West included an annualized May  
15 2022 budgeted amount in account 935000 with resources 1500 and 1504 to reflect an  
16 annual level of expense. The types of maintenance contracts that were annualized  
17 include: PowerPlan system, Cascade, Sailpoint, ESRI, Nokia, Cisco SmartNet, Oracle  
18 support, Solarwinds, Televent, and various hardware and software maintenance contracts.

19 **CS-45 TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY BY OTHERS**

20 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-45.**

21 A: The Company annualized transmission expense recorded in FERC account 565000 -  
22 Trans Of Elec By Other, 565020 - Trans Res Load Chg and 565027 -Trans By Other  
23 Demand based on forecasted levels for the period January 2022 to May 2022.



1 **Q: Did the Company include an amount for transmission costs associated with the**  
2 **Crossroads Generating Station?**

3 A: No. The forecasted annualized amount of Crossroads transmission expense for the  
4 period January 2022 to May 2022 was \$16,089,601. Consistent with prior Commission  
5 Orders, this amount was removed from the annualized level of transmission expense  
6 included in the revenue requirement in this rate case and has and will continue to produce  
7 significant regulatory lag on Evergy Missouri West in providing regulated electric service  
8 to Missouri customers from the Crossroads facility.

9 **Q: What is the annualized amount of adjustment CS-45 Transmission Expense -**  
10 **Annualized that the Company has included in its revenue requirement calculation**  
11 **in this case?**

12 A: Evergy Missouri West included an annualized amount of \$24,703,082 in adjustment CS-  
13 45.

#### 14 **CS-50 PAYROLL**

15 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-50.**

16 A: Evergy Missouri West annualized payroll expense based on the employee headcount as  
17 of June 30, 2021 adjusted for labor impacts of the energy efficiency rider  
18 implementation, multiplied by salary and wage rates expected to be in effect as of May  
19 31, 2022.

20 **Q: How were salary and wage rates determined?**

21 A: Salary rates for non-bargaining employees were based on annual salary adjustments  
22 expected to be in effect as of May 31, 2022. Wage rates for bargaining (union)  
23 employees were based on contractual agreements. Currently, we are in negotiations with

1 all local unions. Any changes finalized from those negotiations are expected to be  
2 reflected at the true-up date May 31, 2022 in this rate case.

3 **Q: Were amounts over and above base pay, such as overtime, premium pay, etc.**  
4 **included in the payroll annualization?**

5 A: Yes, overtime was annualized at an amount equal to the average of overtime hours  
6 incurred for the 12 month periods ending December 2018, December 2019 and June  
7 2021, multiplied by a current period composite hourly rate. Temporary and summer  
8 employees O&M labor were annualized at an average of these same 12 month periods as  
9 well. Amounts were included for other categories at test year levels.

10 **Q: Does annualized payroll include payroll Evergy Metro and Evergy Kansas Central**  
11 **billed to Evergy Missouri West and other affiliates?**

12 A: The annualization process includes all payroll, since all employees are either Evergy  
13 Metro employees or Evergy Kansas Central employees. However, annualized payroll  
14 included in this rate proceeding includes only Evergy Missouri West's allocated share of  
15 this cost.

16 **Q: Was payroll expense associated with the Company's interest in the Jeffrey Energy**  
17 **Center generating station included in the payroll annualization?**

18 A: Yes, it was.

19 **Q: Does the payroll annualization adjustment take into consideration payroll billed to**  
20 **joint venture partners and payroll charged to capital?**

21 A: Yes, the payroll annualization adjustment takes these factors into consideration.

1 **Q: How was the payroll capitalization factor determined?**

2 A: The Company used a three-year average payroll capitalization factor, as being  
3 representative of payroll capitalization going forward. The periods included in the three-  
4 year average capitalization factor included the 12 months ending December 2019,  
5 December 2020 and June 2021.

6 **CS-51 INCENTIVE COMPENSATION**

7 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-51.**

8 A: Evergy Missouri West annualized incentive compensation based on a 3-year average of  
9 payouts for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 Plan Years. Adjustments were made to the  
10 annualized amount to remove all incentive compensation that was associated with metrics  
11 tied to earnings per share for the AIP Plan (executives only), and also the earnings per  
12 share portion included in the Variable Compensation Plan (“VCP”) (non-union  
13 management personnel).

14 **Q: Does this adjustment take into consideration incentive compensation billed to joint  
15 venture partners, billed to affiliated companies, and charged to capital?**

16 A: Yes, based on data from the payroll adjustment discussed earlier in this testimony  
17 (adjustment CS-50).

18 **CS-53 PAYROLL TAXES**

19 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-53.**

20 A: The Company annualized FICA, Medicare, and FUTA payroll tax expense by applying  
21 the tax rate (assuming the FUTA and SUTA ceiling had been achieved) to the annualized  
22 O&M portions of base salary plus VCP, executive incentive compensation, overtime,  
23 premium, temporary wages, and Evergy Missouri West’s share of Jeffrey Energy Center.

1 **Q: Does this adjustment take into consideration payroll tax expense billed to joint**  
2 **venture partners, billed to affiliated companies, and charged to capital?**

3 A: Yes, based on data from the payroll adjustment discussed earlier in this testimony  
4 (adjustment CS-50).

#### 5 **CS-60 OTHER BENEFITS**

6 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-60.**

7 A: Every Missouri West annualized other benefit costs based on the projected costs  
8 included in the 2022 budget. This adjustment will be trued up to actual in the true-up  
9 phase of this rate case.

10 **Q: What types of benefits are included in this category?**

11 A: The most significant benefit is medical expense. In addition, dental, Company 401k  
12 match, various insurance and other miscellaneous benefits are included with the other  
13 benefits adjustment.

14 **Q: Does this adjustment take into consideration benefits expense billed to joint venture**  
15 **partners, billed to affiliated companies, and charged to capital?**

16 A: Yes, based on data from the payroll adjustment discussed earlier in this testimony  
17 (adjustment CS-50).

18 **Q: Was other benefit expense associated with the Company's interest in the Jeffrey**  
19 **Energy Center generating station annualized in a similar manner?**

20 A: Yes, it was.

1           **CS-62 SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN (“SERP”)**

2   **Q:   Please explain SERP Expense.**

3   A:   SERP is an additional component to the standard pension plan and is customary in many  
4       companies due to limitations imposed by the IRS on standard retirement plans for  
5       executives.

6   **Q:   Was SERP expense included in Adjustment CS-65 with pension costs?**

7   A:   No.

8   **Q:   Please explain the CS-62 SERP Adjustment.**

9   A:   CS-62 consists of two components. First, Evergy Missouri West’s portion of SERP costs  
10       for the previous entity Aquila’s SERP plan is included in the calculation based on  
11       historical calculation as provided in previous Evergy Missouri West rate cases.  
12       Secondly, Evergy’s SERP plan is included. Under the Evergy SERP plan, SERP costs  
13       are funded when the benefit is paid. Given that some plan participants elect a lump-sum  
14       payment method rather than an annuity, annual funding requirements can vary  
15       significantly between years. By using an average of total funding over a typical single  
16       life annuity period of 14.3 years for lump-sum payments, the adjustment reflects actual  
17       cash payments spread over time. Monthly annuity payments were normalized using a  
18       five-year average.

19       Test year amounts which are based on expense as calculated by the Company’s actuaries  
20       are adjusted to reflect Evergy Missouri West’s portion of SERP cash payments.

1 **CS-72 STORM RESERVE**

2 **Q. Please explain why the Company is proposing to establish a storm reserve in this**  
3 **proceeding.**

4 A. Storms are a normal occurrence in our service territory. When they occur they can be  
5 quite devastating in many ways and have a significant financial cost impact on the utility.  
6 Commissions have granted in the past regulatory mechanisms which allow for the  
7 establishment of operating reserves for future contingencies that are anticipated to be  
8 significant in nature. The establishment of a storm reserve would allow Evergy Missouri  
9 West to collect in rates the cost of storms that are significant in nature that are likely to  
10 occur in the future. Collecting amounts in rates prior to when the storm costs are actually  
11 incurred allows for the Company to maintain the distribution system to be shared by  
12 current and future customers and avoid placing all the burden on future customers who  
13 are using the system at the time the storm occurs.

14 **Q: What are the benefits of a storm reserve?**

15 A: The storm reserve will be used to levelize expenditures associated with significant storms  
16 benefitting both the customers through reduced rate volatility and the Company by  
17 lessening the financial burden impact through a smoothing of month to month storm  
18 expenditures associated with the unpredictable but likely significant storm events.  
19 Storms are a normal occurrence in our service territory. When they occur they can be  
20 quite devastating in many ways and have a significant financial cost impact on the utility.  
21 The utilities focus and number one priority at the time of significant storms should be in  
22 restoring customer services that have been impacted by outages. The use of a storm  
23 reserve allows the company to do just that and focus on service restoration and not on the

1 current financial implications since these costs will be spread over time instead of the  
2 constant sporadic and unpredictable uptick in costs when storms arrive.

3 **Q: What is the Company proposing in adjustment CS-72?**

4 A: The Company is proposing to set a reserve level and annualized level based upon a three  
5 year average of storms costs (2018, 2019, and 2020) where the non-labor costs related to  
6 individual storms were greater than \$200,000. This average was then multiplied times  
7 three to establish the base reserve amount. An annual amount equal to the three year  
8 average has been included in the revenue requirement on an on-going basis. This is  
9 needed to continue to cover expenses paid out of the reserve over time due to the  
10 unpredictable and sporadic nature of storm events. The implementation of this reserve  
11 will be used to cover intermediate to large storms by using a \$200,000 minimum storm  
12 level, but in the event a storm is very significant and impactful to Company operations  
13 this request does not preclude the Company from requesting an Accounting Authority  
14 Order if the magnitude of the storm warrants the request as has been done historically. In  
15 addition, please see the testimony of Company Witness Bruce Akin for additional  
16 discussion on why the Company has requested a Storm Reserve in this rate case.

17 **Q: How is the Company proposing to establish the initial balance for the reserve?**

18 A: Currently, the Company prospectively tracks regulatory assets and liabilities. As of the  
19 period ending just prior to rates going into effect, the Company will have a significant  
20 accumulation of prospectively tracked regulatory assets which have now become  
21 liabilities as a result of overcollection in rates. We propose to utilize a portion of the  
22 combined prospectively tracked regulatory liability to fund the establishment of this  
23 storm reserve. Please see Adjustment CS-113 in Company witness Linda Nunn's

1 testimony for further discussion of the prospectively tracked regulatory assets and  
2 liabilities.

3 **Q: How will storm costs be identified and tracked?**

4 A: When a storm occurs, non-labor restoration costs will be tracked by project ID in  
5 Maximo under work orders. The costs are monitored, and once a single event  
6 accumulates costs in excess of \$200,000 these costs would be moved out of expense and  
7 booked as an offset to the established storm reserve.

8 **CS-73 REMOVE STORM COSTS FROM TEST YEAR**

9 **Q: Please explain this adjustment.**

10 A: Since we have annualized storm expense for storms greater than \$200,000 in our storm  
11 reserve proposal discussed above, the test year amounts addressed by the annualization  
12 need to be removed from the test year cost of service. This adjustment removes test year  
13 non-labor storm costs over \$200,000 per project for the purpose of establishing an  
14 appropriate level of storm related O&M expense. Maintenance related non-labor storm  
15 costs is addressed in CS-41.

16 **CS-117 COMMON USE BILLINGS – COMMON PLANT ADDS**

17 **Q: What are common use billings?**

18 A: Common use billings represent the monthly billings of common use plant maintained by  
19 Evergy Metro and Evergy Missouri West. Assets belonging to Evergy Metro and Evergy  
20 Missouri West may be used by another entity. This property, referred to as common use  
21 plant, is primarily service facilities, telecommunications equipment, network systems and  
22 software. In order to ensure that Evergy Metro and Evergy Missouri West's regulated  
23 entities do not subsidize other Evergy companies or jurisdictions, Evergy Metro or



1 Evergy Missouri West charge for the use of their respective common use assets. Monthly  
2 billings are based on the depreciation and/or amortization expense of the underlying asset  
3 and a rate of return is applied to the net plant basis. The total cost of all common use  
4 plant is then accumulated before being billed to the appropriate jurisdictions.

5 **Q: Why was an adjustment needed from amounts included in the test year?**

6 A: Included in plant adjustment RB-20 are plant additions that are expected to be placed into  
7 service prior to the true-up date in this rate case proceeding. These include capital  
8 additions associated with network systems and software that will be billed to Evergy  
9 Missouri West as part of the Common Use Billing Process. As such, this adjustment is  
10 the result of annualizing these costs for the test year to ensure an appropriate amount of  
11 Common Use Billings is included in Evergy Missouri West's cost of service.

12 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-117.**

13 A: First, adjustment CS-117 computes the annual amortization expense and expected return  
14 on the new common use plant additions that will be included in rate base in this rate case  
15 proceeding. The annual amortization expense for the common use software additions is  
16 based on lives lasting five to fifteen years. The return component is based on the  
17 expected rate of return that will be used in this rate case proceeding. These annual  
18 amounts are accumulated and multiplied by one minus the Evergy Missouri West  
19 jurisdictional share of these assets which is based on the General Allocator. However,  
20 the common plant addition for the MEEIA Uplight software which will be billed on the  
21 number of customers allocator will not be allocated to the steam customers. Second,  
22 common plant additions for Evergy Kansas Central to be billed to Evergy Missouri West  
23 are amortized over 5-years, also including a return component, and is then multiplied by

1 the General Allocator to determine Evergy Missouri West's share. Lastly, the actual  
2 common use journal entry at June 30, 2021 is annualized. The resulting amount is then  
3 compared to the test year per books amount to determine the adjustment.

#### 4 **CS-120 DEPRECIATION**

5 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-120.**

6 A: We calculated annualized depreciation expense by applying jurisdictional depreciation  
7 rates to adjusted Plant in Service balances. The jurisdictional rates used in the  
8 annualization were those included in the depreciation study sponsored and described by  
9 Company witness John J. Spanos of Gannett Fleming.

10 **Q: What specific action does the Company request in regard to depreciation expense?**

11 A: The Company requests that the Commission authorize the use of depreciation rates  
12 proposed by Company witness John Spanos which are used to compute total depreciation  
13 expense in this rate case proceeding.

14 **Q: Were there any additional depreciation rate requests in this case?**

15 A: Yes. New Sub-Transmission accounts 35405, 35505, 35605, 35705 and 35805 were  
16 needed to segregate the 34.5KV assets for our distribution system Maximo. In addition,  
17 the Company is proposing to separate the Bags and Catalyst included in account 31200  
18 into a separate 312 plant sub-account in order to assign a more appropriate life parameter  
19 established for these assets. Bags and Catalyst are filter layers in the baghouse that get  
20 replaced over a shorter cycle than the rest of the assets in account 31200.

1 **Q: Does depreciation expense include any amount associated with the Sibley**  
2 **generating station retirement?**

3 A: Yes it does. As described in Company witness John Spanos testimony, the Company has  
4 included in depreciation expense an amount associated with the remaining unrecovered  
5 net book value of the Sibley generating station. The amount recorded in the accumulated  
6 reserve associated with the retired Sibley generating station is amortized over a 20-year  
7 period.

### 8 **CS-121 AMORTIZATION**

9 **Q: Please explain adjustment CS-121.**

10 A: We annualized amortization expense applicable to certain plant including computer  
11 software, land rights and other intangibles, by multiplying June 2021 amortization  
12 expense by twelve. The company added to the intangible plant amounts, an annualized  
13 amortization expense amount on projected intangible plant net additions for the period  
14 July 2021 through May 2022.

15 **Q: What amortization periods were used to amortize intangible assets?**

16 A: Computer software, the most significant intangible asset, is amortized over a five-year  
17 amortization period consistent with the Company's past practice. Cost of land rights is  
18 amortized using rates that vary by function, consistent with the Company's past practice.  
19 Accumulated amortization is maintained by each individual intangible asset, other than  
20 land rights which is maintained in total by account, and amortization stops when the net  
21 book value reaches zero.

1                    **CS-132 AMORTIZATION OF SIBLEY REGULATORY LIABILITY**

2    **Q:    Please provide what the Company was Ordered to do in File No. EC-2019-0200**  
3                    **associated with the Sibley Generating Station retirement.**

4    A:    In the Report and Order effective October 27, 2019 in File No. EC-2019-0200 the  
5                    Company was Ordered to do the following associated with the retirement of its Sibley  
6                    Generating Station:

7                    *KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company(now Evergy Missouri West) shall*  
8                    *record as a regulatory liability in Account 254 the revenue and the return on the*  
9                    *Sibley unit investment collected in rates for non-fuel operations and maintenance*  
10                    *cost, taxes, including accumulated deferred income taxes, and all other costs*  
11                    *associated with Sibley units 1, 2, 3 and common plant. The regulatory liability*  
12                    *should quantify separately dollars related to return and other cost of service*  
13                    *expense savings.*

14    **Q:    Did the Company comply with this Order?**

15    A:    Yes. The Company did comply with this Order and recorded to a regulatory liability  
16                    account 254080 the revenues associated with the return on the net book value of the  
17                    Sibley Generating Station that was included in rates in the last rate case as well as return  
18                    on other rate base components included in rates in the 2018 rate case associated with the  
19                    Sibley Generating Station. In addition, the Company recorded to a regulatory liability  
20                    account 254081 the operational and maintenance expenses that had ceased at Sibley's  
21                    Generating Station but were included in rates.

22    **Q:    Where there any other entries recorded?**

23    A:    Yes. First as part of the Stipulation and Agreement in the 2018 rate case the Company  
24                    agreed to the following associated with depreciation expenses attributable to the Sibley  
25                    Generating Station:

26                    *GMO (now Evergy Missouri West) will create a regulatory liability to capture*  
27                    *the amount of depreciation expense included in GMO's revenue requirement*  
28                    *beginning when each of the following units is retired and depreciation expense is*

1                    *no longer recorded on GMO's books: Sibley units 1, 2, and 3, including common*  
2                    *plant, and Lake Road unit 4/6. The depreciation amounts will accumulate in the*  
3                    *regulatory liability account until new customer rates are established in a*  
4                    *subsequent rate case. At that time, the regulatory liability account will be closed*  
5                    *into accumulated depreciation. Additionally, the closing of this regulatory*  
6                    *liability into accumulated depreciation will be reflected in rates that are*  
7                    *established in that rate case.*

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9                    As discussed previously in my testimony, the Company did record to a regulatory  
10                    liability account the amount of depreciation expense included in Evergy Missouri West's  
11                    revenue requirement associated with the Sibley Generating Station after it was retired.  
12                    This regulatory liability was included in the accumulated reserve calculation in this rate  
13                    case's revenue requirement calculation.

14    **Q:    What other entries were recorded?**

15    A:    As part of File No. EO-2020-0262, Evergy Missouri West was ordered to do the  
16                    following:

- 17                    • *Evergy Missouri West will remove Sibley retirement costs included in*  
18                    *Accumulation Period 23 (File No. ER-2019-0198) from its FAC*  
19                    *calculation through an Ordered Adjustment of \$1,039,646, or \$984,898*  
20                    *Missouri jurisdictional and 95% sharing applied.*
- 21                    • *Evergy Missouri West will remove \$984,898, with interest, from the FAC*  
22                    *in its first fuel adjustment rate case following a Commission order*  
23                    *approving the agreement.*
- 24                    • *Evergy Missouri West will record the retirement costs of \$1,039,646 to the*  
25                    *Sibley accounting authority order (AAO) regulatory liability FERC*  
26                    *Account 254081 established in File No. EC-2019-0200 for consideration*  
27                    *in Evergy Missouri West's next general rate case. An appropriate*  
28                    *Missouri jurisdictional amount will be calculated in the general rate case*  
29                    *if it is determined that these costs are recoverable.*

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31                    As such, the \$1,039,646 Ordered to be recorded to Sibley's AAO regulatory liability as  
32                    an offset to the regulatory liability has been recorded. In addition, all subsequent  
33                    costs that would typically run through the fuel adjustment clause were recorded as  
34                    offsets to the regulatory liability.

1 **Q: What is the Company proposing in this case associated with the revenues associated**  
2 **with operations and maintenance expenses that have ceased since the retirement of**  
3 **the Sibley Generating Station?**

4 A: The Company in its revenue requirement calculation in this rate case proceeding has  
5 chosen to amortize the regulatory liability in account 254081 associated with operation  
6 and maintenance expenses as an offset to cost of service. This amortization will be  
7 returned to customers over a 4 year period which is the same period in which the  
8 revenues were collected from customers.

9 **Q: What time period did the Company include in the accumulated regulatory liability**  
10 **in account 254081 that is being amortized back to customers?**

11 A: Since the rates effective from this rate case will go into effect in early December 2022,  
12 the Company has included a forecasted amount through November 30, 2022 to amortize  
13 over a 4 year period. This amount being returned to customers is \$9,775,147 annually.

14 **Q: How are the revenues associated with the return on the Sibley Generating Station**  
15 **being treated?**

16 A: As was Ordered in the Report and Order in File No. EC-2019-0200, the revenues  
17 associated with the return on the Sibley Generating Station were instructed to be tracked  
18 separately from the non-fuel operation and maintenance expenses that had ceased. The  
19 determination of the treatment in rates of the regulatory liabilities were to be determined  
20 in this rate case. As discussed above, the non-fuel operations and maintenance expenses  
21 that had ceased are being returned to customers over a 4 year period. As supported by the  
22 testimony of Company witnesses Darrin Ives and Larry Kennedy, the retirement of the  
23 Sibley Generating Station was a prudent decision and known well in advance of the

1 retirement. As such, Evergy is proposing the regulatory liability that tracked the  
2 revenues associated with the return on the Sibley Generating Station be reversed on the  
3 Company's books and the Sibley retirement be treated as a prudent retirement in which  
4 unrecovered costs associated with retired facilities are included in rate base and are  
5 proposed to be amortized over 20 years as described earlier in my testimony and in the  
6 testimony of witness Spanos.

7 **CS-136 COVID AAO AMORTIZATION**

8 **Q: Please explain this adjustment.**

9 A: On May 6, 2020, Evergy Missouri West filed an application for an AAO to allow the  
10 Company to defer costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic in a regulatory asset,  
11 beginning on March 1, 2020. Pursuant to EU-2020-0350, Evergy Missouri West was  
12 granted an AAO to defer, in a regulatory asset, specified costs associated with the  
13 COVID-19 pandemic netted against specified savings, also associated with the pandemic  
14 from March 1, 2020 continuing through March 31, 2021. Adjustment CS-136 reflects the  
15 accumulation of Covid deferrals and the annualized amortization amount of the COVID  
16 AAO regulatory asset deferred. This regulatory asset is proposed to be amortized over a  
17 four year period.

18 **Q: Did the Company defer any lost revenues from reduced customer usage during the  
19 Covid deferral period of March 2020 to March of 2021?**

20 A: No. The Order in EU-2020-0350 did not allow for the deferral of lost revenues  
21 associated with the pandemic.

1 **Q. What did the Order in docket No. EU-2020-0350 state regarding carrying costs**  
2 **associated with the Covid deferred amounts?**

3 A: The Order in EU-2020-0350 states that it does not limit the ability of any party to propose  
4 or oppose carrying costs related to the Covid AAO deferrals in Evergy's next general rate  
5 case.

6 **Q: Is the Company requesting carrying costs associated with the amount of Covid AAO**  
7 **costs deferred?**

8 A: Yes. The Company plans to include carrying costs at the Company's short term debt rate  
9 associated with the amount that has been deferred. This amount will be included in the  
10 Company's true-up revenue requirement at May 31, 2022. The carrying costs requested  
11 will be at the short term debt rate to account for the time lag associated with the  
12 expenditures that were incurred during the extraordinary Covid pandemic that has been  
13 impacting the country since March of 2020.

14 **Q: Does the Covid AAO deferral adequately address the impacts expected to bad debt**  
15 **expense write-offs as a result of the pandemic?**

16 A: No. As I noted, the deferral was only allowed through March 31, 2021 per the order. For  
17 periods after that the Company had the ability to work with parties to the AAO  
18 proceeding or petition the Commission to extend the deferral period. However, because  
19 of the timing of the Evergy Missouri West rate case and the uncertainty surrounding  
20 recovery from the pandemic, the Company chose to address bad debt expense write-off  
21 impacts in this case. Please note Company witness Nunn's testimony where she  
22 describes our annualization proposed to set bad debt expense in this case including the  
23 adjustment as a result of pandemic impacts. Also, Company witnesses Darrin Ives and



1 Chuck Caisley discuss the incurred and ongoing pandemic impacts on our customers, the  
2 resulting high balances of unpaid customer accounts receivable and Evergy Missouri  
3 West's proposed bad debt expense tracker to address expected volatility in bad debt  
4 expense write-offs incurred coming out of rates effective in this case due to the  
5 extraordinary impacts on our customers from the Covid-19 pandemic.

6 **Q: Please explain how the Company proposes the bad debt expense tracker to be**  
7 **accounted for.**

8 A: The Company is proposing to develop a bad debt expense tracker that will be based off of  
9 the level of bad debt expense write-offs that will be set in this rate case proceeding.  
10 Company witness Linda Nunn in adjustment CS-20a and CS-20b has proposed a level of  
11 annualized bad debt expense to be collected in rates. This level of bad debt expense will  
12 be compared against the actual net writeoffs recorded. The difference between these two  
13 amounts will be deferred into either a regulatory asset account or a regulatory liability  
14 account depending on whether actual net writeoffs are above or below the level of bad  
15 debt expense that is included in the revenue requirement calculation in this rate case. The  
16 regulatory asset or liability account balance will be included in the Company's  
17 subsequent general rate proceeding through an amortization over a period of time  
18 determined by the Commission. The Company will request that carrying costs be  
19 included at the Company's short term debt rate on either the regulatory asset or  
20 regulatory liability cumulative balance.

21 **Q: When you use the term "net writeoffs" what are you referring too?**

22 A: This term refers to accounts written off less recoveries received on accounts previously  
23 written off. This is the amount that the Company proposes to utilize to track the

1 difference between the bad debt expense being collected in rates versus the actual  
2 accounts written off netted with subsequent account recoveries.

3 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

4 **A:** Yes it does.

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

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a )  
 Evergy Missouri West’s Request for Authority to ) Case No. ER-2022-0130  
 Implement A General Rate Increase for Electric )  
 Service )

**AFFIDAVIT OF RONALD A. KLOTE**

**STATE OF MISSOURI**    )  
   ) ss  
**COUNTY OF JACKSON**    )

Ronald A. Klotte, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

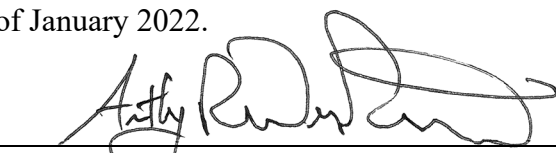
1. My name is Ronald A. Klotte. I work in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. as Senior Director – Regulatory Affairs.

2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony on behalf of Evergy Missouri West consisting of forty-seven (47) 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.

  
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 Ronald A. Klotte

Subscribed and sworn before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

  
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 Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/26/2025

**ANTHONY R. WESTENKIRCHNER  
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 STATE OF MISSOURI  
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**Revenue Requirement**

Line No.	Description	7.123% Return
	A	B
1	Net Orig Cost of Rate Base (Sch 2)	\$ 2,484,954,467
2	Rate of Return	<u>7.123%</u>
3	Net Operating Income Requirement	\$ 177,008,277
4	Net Income Available (Sch 9)	<u>\$ 131,492,221</u>
5	Additional NOIBT Needed	45,516,056
6	Additional Current Tax Required	<u>\$ 14,250,622</u>
7	Gross Revenue Requirement	<u><u>\$ 59,766,677</u></u>

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**Rate Base**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Witness	Adj No.
	A	B	C	D
<b>Total Plant :</b>				
1	Total Plant in Service - Schedule 3	\$ 4,139,884,963	Klote	RB-20
<b>Subtract from Total Plant:</b>				
2	Depreciation Reserve Schedule 5	1,088,031,567	Klote	RB-30
3	<b>Net (Plant in Service)</b>	<u>\$ 3,051,853,395</u>		
<b>Add to Net Plant:</b>				
4	Cash Working Capital	(53,077,334)	Klote	Model
5	Materials and Supplies	43,139,583	Nunn	RB-72
6	Prepayments	5,939,447	Nunn	RB-50
7	Fuel Inventory - Oil	11,939,406	Tucker	RB-74
8	Fuel Inventory - Coal	8,941,191	Tucker	RB-74
9	Fuel Inventory - Other	230,385	Tucker	RB-74
10	Pre-MEEIA DSM Programs	(6,749,355)	Nunn	RB-100
11	Iatan 1 & Common Regulatory Asset	3,721,112	Nunn	RB-25
12	Iatan 2 Regulatory Asset	12,160,757	Nunn	RB-26
13	Regulatory Asset - PAYS	1,737,258	Klote	RB-86
14	Regulatory Asset - PISA Deferral	39,903,942	Klote	RB-85
15	Reg Asset - FAS 87 Pension Tracker	9,169,390	Klote	RB-65
16	Reg Asset (Liab) - OPEB Tracker	(4,830,599)	Klote	RB-61
<b>Subtract from Net Plant:</b>				
17	Customer Advances for Construction	\$ 3,919,769	Nunn	RB-71
18	Customer Deposits	2,616,671	Nunn	RB-70
19	Income Eligible Weatherization	856,288	Nunn	RB-101
20	Deferred Income Taxes - Allocated	560,317,475	Hardesty	RB-125
21	Deferred Income Taxes - Electric/Whsl Only	71,413,909	Hardesty	RB-125
22	<b>Total Rate Base</b>	<u>\$ 2,484,954,467</u>		

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**Income Statement**

Line No.	Description	Total Company Test Year	Adjustment	Adjusted Total Company	Electric Juris Adjusted Balance
	A	B	C	D	E
1	Operating Revenue	\$ 828,546,714	13,897,159	842,443,873	823,837,255
2	Operating & Maintenance Expenses:				
3	Production	\$ 295,464,380	\$ 36,992,736	\$ 332,457,116	\$ 327,715,276
4	Transmission	48,571,324	(14,762,545)	33,808,779	33,696,410
5	Distribution	28,214,800	1,877,613	30,092,413	29,333,719
6	Customer Accounting	11,859,955	7,517,821	19,377,776	19,377,776
7	Customer Services	28,646,280	(25,534,043)	3,112,237	3,112,237
8	Sales	222,029	15,233	237,262	237,262
9	A & G Expenses	89,602,001	\$ 381,461	89,983,462	87,217,728
10	Total O & M Expenses	<u>\$ 502,580,769</u>	<u>\$ 6,488,276</u>	<u>\$ 509,069,045</u>	<u>\$ 500,690,409</u>
11	Depreciation Expense	\$ 110,260,846	\$ 27,633,931	\$ 137,894,777	\$ 135,800,011
12	Amortization Expense	1,473,491	504,427	1,977,918	1,974,595
13	Amortization Regulatory Debits & Credits	18,662,403	(25,041,992)	(6,379,589)	(4,458,722)
14	Taxes other than Income Tax	50,480,637	6,794,944	57,275,581	56,504,897
15	Net Operating Income before Tax	<u>\$ 145,088,568</u>	<u>\$ (2,482,428)</u>	<u>\$ 142,606,140</u>	<u>\$ 133,326,065</u>
16	Income Taxes	\$ (54,075,569)	\$ 70,866,412	\$ 16,790,843	\$ 16,790,843
17	Income Taxes Deferred	69,934,408	(84,891,045)	(14,956,637)	(14,956,637)
18	Investment Tax Credit	(71,613)	71,251	(362)	(362)
19	Total Taxes	<u>\$ 15,787,226</u>	<u>\$ (13,953,382)</u>	<u>\$ 1,833,844</u>	<u>\$ 1,833,844</u>
20	Total Net Operating Income	<u><u>\$ 129,301,342</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,470,954</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 140,772,296</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 131,492,221</u></u>

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**Summary of Adjustments**

Line No.	Adj No.	Description	Witness	Total Company Increase (Decrease)
A	B		C	D
1	R-20	Revenue Normalization	Bass/Miller	\$ (41,008,849)
2	R-21a	Forfeited Discounts	Nunn	\$ 985,545
3	R-21b	Forfeited Discounts - Revenue Requirement "Ask"	Nunn	\$ 76,743
4	CS-23	Remove FAC Under-Recovery (Revenue)	Nunn	\$ (505,002)
5	R-35	Off-System Sales Revenue	Tucker	\$ 53,582,652
6	R-40	PAYS Revenue Offset	Klote	\$ 175,077
7	R-80	Transmission Revenue Credit	Fluke	\$ (832,853)
8	R-82	Transmission Revenue Annualization	Klote	\$ 1,920,630
9	R-99	NUCOR Revenue	Nunn	\$ -
10	R-106	L&P Revenue Phase In Amort	Nunn	\$ (496,784)
11	CS-4	GREC Bad Debt Expense	Nunn	\$ 2,437,083
12	CS-9	GREC Bank Fees	Nunn	\$ 598,434
13	CS-10	Customer Deposits - Interest	Nunn	\$ 206,329
14	CS-11	Out-of-Period Items - Cost of Service	Nunn	\$ (29,973,840)
15	CS-20a	Bad Debt	Nunn	\$ 3,150,722
16	CS-20b	Bad Debt - Revenue Requirement "Ask"	Nunn	\$ 457,304
17	CS-23	Remove FAC Under-Recovery (Expense)	Nunn	\$ 292,680,749
18	CS-24	Fuel & PP Energy (On-system)	Tucker	\$ (249,428,607)
19	CS-25	Purchased Power (Capacity)	Tucker	\$ -

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**Summary of Adjustments**

Line No.	Adj No.	Description	Witness	Total Company Increase (Decrease)
A	B		C	D
20	CS-39	IT Software Maintenance	Klote	\$ (60,432)
21	CS-40	Transmission Maintenance	Nunn	\$ (559,597)
22	CS-41	Distribution Maintenance	Nunn	\$ 660,870
23	CS-42	Generation Maintenance	Nunn	\$ 259,293
24	CS-43	Major Maintenance	Nunn	\$ (7,739,403)
25	CS-44	ERPP	Nunn	\$ (37,175)
26	CS-45	Transmission of Electricity by Others	Klote	\$ (12,799,818)
27	CS-48	Iatan II O&M	Nunn	\$ (537,088)
28	CS-50	Payroll	Klote	\$ 5,078,778
29	CS-51	Incentive	Klote	\$ (236,436)
30	CS-53	Payroll Taxes	Klote	\$ 476,301
31	CS-60	Other Benefits	Klote	\$ (233,601)
32	CS-61	OPEB	Klote	\$ 359,227
33	CS-62	SERP	Klote	\$ (55,628)
34	CS-65	Pension Expense	Klote	\$ (6,219,373)
35	CS-70	Insurance	Nunn	\$ 357,533
36	CS-71	Injuries and Damages	Nunn	\$ 44,925
37	CS-72	Storm Reserve	Klote	\$ 593,144
38	CS-73	Remove Storm Reserve fr TP	Klote	\$ (129,172)



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**Summary of Adjustments**

Line No.	Adj No.	Description	Witness	Total Company Increase (Decrease)
A	B		C	D
39	CS-76	Customer Deposit - Interest	Nunn	\$ (32,417)
40	CS-77	Credit Card & Electronic Check Fee Expense	Nunn	\$ -
41	CS-78	GREC Bank Fees	Nunn	\$ 41,432
42	CS-80	Rate Case Expense	Nunn	\$ 419,471
43	CS-85	Regulatory Assessment	Nunn	\$ (586,543)
44	CS-86	SPP Schedule 1A Admin Fees	Nunn	\$ (1,762,983)
45	CS-89	Meter Replacement O&M	Nunn	\$ (88,489)
46	CS-90	Advertising	Nunn	\$ (4,173)
47	CS-91	DSM Advertising Costs	Nunn	\$ (19,057)
48	CS-92	Dues & Donations	Nunn	\$ (492)
49	CS-93	Amortization PISA Deferral	Klote	\$ 1,995,197
50	CS-95	Amortization of Merger Transition Costs	Nunn	\$ -
51	CS-98	MEEIA	Nunn	\$ (14,690,258)
52	CS-100	DSM/EE	Nunn	\$ (3,436,562)
53	CS-101	Income Eligible Weatherization	Nunn	\$ (179,856)
54	CS-105	Amortization of Transource Transferred Asset Value - Reg Liab	Nunn	\$ 1,894,576
55	CS-107	L&P Ice Storm AAO	Nunn	\$ 1,349,365
56	CS-108	Remove CWIP/FERC Incentives-Transource	Fluke	\$ 120,641

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**Summary of Adjustments**

Line No.	Adj No. A	Description B	Witness C	Total Company Increase (Decrease) D
57	CS-110	Amortization of Transource Account Review-Reg Liab	Nunn	\$ 69,950
58	CS-111	Amort latan I and Common Reg Asset	Nunn	\$ -
59	CS-112	Amort latan II Reg Asset	Nunn	\$ -
60	CS-113	Amort Prospective Tracking	Nunn	\$ (468,154)
61	CS-116	Renewable Energy Standards	Nunn	\$ (7,126,362)
62	CS-117	Common Use Billings - Common Plant Adds	Klote	\$ 6,312,552
63	CS-120	Depreciation Expense	Klote	\$ 34,819,506
64	CS-121	Plant Amortization Expense	Klote	\$ 353,776
65	CS-125	Income Taxes	Hardesty	\$ 4,880,421
66	CS-126	Property Taxes	Hardesty	\$ 6,318,643
67	CS-131	Amort Electrification Deferred Asset	Nunn	\$ 10,067
68	CS-132	Amort Exp Portion of Sibley AAO Deferral	Klote	\$ (9,775,147)
69	CS-133	Amort Customer Education Reg Asset	Nunn	\$ 38,091
70	CS-134	Amort TOU Program Costs Reg Asset	Nunn	\$ 487,816
71	CS-135	PAYS Amort	Klote	\$ 144,771
72	CS-136	COVID AAO Amort	Klote	\$ 727,374
73	CS-137	Amort EPRI Contract	Klote	\$ 96,330
74		<b>Total Impact on Net Operating Income</b>		<u><u>\$ (7,362,849)</u></u>

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**Cash Working Capital**

Line No.	Account Description	(Elec-Juris)	Revenue	Expense	Net	Factor	CWC Req
		Test Year Expenses	Lag	Lead	(Lead)/Lag (C) - (D)	(Col E/365)	(B) X (F)
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
<b><u>Operations &amp; Maintenance Expense</u></b>							
1	Gross Payroll with Taxes excl Accrued Vac	49,834,882	26.11	13.21	12.90	0.04	1,761,288
2	Accrued Vacation	1,133,784	26.11	365.00	(338.89)	(0.93)	(1,052,680)
3	Iatan - Coal & Freight	23,731,480	26.11	11.84	14.27	0.04	927,803
4	Purchased Gas & Oil	843,186	26.11	38.87	(12.76)	(0.03)	(29,477)
5	Purchased Power	254,879,256	26.11	36.25	(10.14)	(0.03)	(7,080,755)
6	Pension Expense	12,946,310	26.11	42.25	(16.14)	(0.04)	(572,475)
7	Employee Benefits	(382,675)	26.11	13.29	12.82	0.04	(13,441)
8	Incentive Compensation	3,439,648	26.11	257.50	(231.39)	(0.63)	(2,180,548)
9	Cash Vouchers	154,264,539	26.11	38.30	(12.19)	(0.03)	(5,152,013)
10	<b>Total Operation &amp; Maintenance Expense</b>	<b><u>500,690,409</u></b>					<b><u>(13,392,298)</u></b>
<b><u>Taxes other than Income Taxes</u></b>							
11	City Franchise Taxes - 6%, 4% & Other GRT - MO	41,119,995	10.90	55.64	(44.74)	(0.12)	(5,040,298)
12	Ad Valorem / Property Taxes	52,579,321	26.11	205.79	(179.68)	(0.49)	(25,883,431)
13	Sales & Use Tax- MO and Fuel, Heavy Vehicle Taxes	22,185,245	10.90	5.17	5.73	0.02	348,278
14	<b>Total Taxes other than Income Taxes</b>	<b><u>115,884,562</u></b>					<b><u>(30,575,451)</u></b>
<b><u>Tax Offset From Rate Base</u></b>							
15	Current Income Taxes-Federal	14,243,404	26.11	38.00	(11.89)	(0.03)	(463,984)
16	Current Income Taxes-State	2,547,439	26.11	38.00	(11.89)	(0.03)	(82,984)
17	Interest Expense	47,795,614	26.11	91.50	(65.39)	(0.18)	(8,562,617)
18	<b>Total Offset from Rate Base</b>	<b><u>64,586,457</u></b>					<b><u>(9,109,584)</u></b>
19	<b>Total Cash Working Capital Requirement</b>	<b><u>681,161,428</u></b>					<b><u>(53,077,334)</u></b>

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**Allocation Factors**

**Retail/Wholesale - Electric/Steam Combined**

Alloc	Jurisdiction Factors	Retail	Non-Retail	Total
		B	C	D
A				
1,1	100% Jurisdictional/100% Electric	100.0000%	0.0000%	100.0000%
1,3	100% Jurisdictional/Allocated Plant Base	99.0499%	0.9501%	100.0000%
1,13	100% Jurisdictional/O&M	84.6448%	15.3552%	100.0000%
2,2	Non-Juris/Steam	0.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%
3,1	Demand/Electric	99.6676%	0.3324%	100.0000%
3,4	Demand/Land	99.6676%	0.3324%	100.0000%
3,5	Demand/Structures	94.1184%	5.8816%	100.0000%
3,6	Demand/Boiler Plant	75.5945%	24.4055%	100.0000%
3,7	Demand/Turbogenerators	98.6140%	1.3860%	100.0000%
3,8	Demand/Access Elec Eqpt & General	91.2708%	8.7292%	100.0000%
3,9	Demand/Misc Steam GEN Eqpt	71.2333%	28.7667%	100.0000%
3,10	Demand/Electric/Steam Plant	82.1007%	17.8993%	100.0000%
3,13	Demand/O&M	84.3634%	15.6366%	100.0000%
4,1	Energy/Electric	99.6594%	0.3406%	100.0000%
5,1	Distribution/Electric	99.8061%	0.1939%	100.0000%
6,1	Payroll/Electric	99.7242%	0.2758%	100.0000%
6,14	Payroll/A&G	96.8156%	3.1844%	100.0000%
7,1	Plant/Electric	99.7361%	0.2639%	100.0000%
7,3	Plant/Alloc Plant	98.7885%	1.2115%	100.0000%
7,14	Plant/A&G	96.8272%	3.1728%	100.0000%
8,1	Transmission/Electric	99.6676%	0.3324%	100.0000%

**Retail/Wholesale Allocation Factors - Combined**

Alloc	Jurisdiction Factors	Retail	Wholesale	Total
		B	C	D
A				
1	Jurisdictional-100%	100.0000%	0.0000%	100.0000%
2	Non-jurisdictional-100%	0.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%
3	Demand (Capacity) Factor	99.6676%	0.3324%	100.0000%
4	Energy Factor	99.6594%	0.3406%	100.0000%
5	Distribution Factor	99.8061%	0.1939%	100.0000%
6	Payroll Factor	99.7242%	0.2758%	100.0000%
7	Plant Factor	99.7361%	0.2639%	100.0000%
8	Transmission Factor	99.6676%	0.3324%	100.0000%

**Electric/Steam Allocation Factors - Combined**

Alloc	Jurisdiction Factors	Electric	Steam	Total
		B	C	D
A				
<b>Rate Base Allocation Factors (Elec/Steam)</b>				
1	Electric - 100%	100.0000%	0.0000%	100.0000%
2	Steam - 100%	0.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%
4	Land Factor	100.0000%	0.0000%	100.0000%
5	Structures Factor	94.4323%	5.5677%	100.0000%
6	Boiler Plant Factor	75.8466%	24.1534%	100.0000%
7	Turbogenerators Factor	98.9429%	1.0571%	100.0000%
8	Access Elec Eqpt & General Factor	91.5752%	8.4248%	100.0000%
9	Misc Steam GEN Eqpt Factor	71.4709%	28.5291%	100.0000%
10	Electric/Steam Plant Factor	82.3745%	17.6255%	100.0000%
15	Fuel Oil Demand Factor	85.2398%	14.7602%	100.0000%
<b>Income Statement Allocation Factors (Elec/Steam)</b>				
13	Electric After Steam Alloc (O&M)	84.6448%	15.3552%	100.0000%
14	Electric After Steam Alloc (A&G)	97.0834%	2.9166%	100.0000%
<b>Factors Used to Calculate Other Factors</b>				
3	Allocated Plant Base Factor	99.0499%	0.9501%	100.0000%
11	900 lb Steam Demand Factor	59.3099%	40.6901%	100.0000%
12	Total Coal Burned Factor	2.5661%	97.4339%	100.0000%