BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Required by 20 CRS 4240-20.090(8) and the Company's Approved Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Mechanism

File No. ER-2023-0011 Tracking No. JE-2023-0005

JOINT LIST OF ISSUES, ORDER OF WITNESSES, ORDER OF CROSS EXAMINATION, AND ORDER OF OPENING STATEMENTS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on behalf of itself, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West, and the Office of Public Counsel submits the following List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross Examination, and Order of Opening Statements, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. On September 20, 2022, the Commission issued its Order Amending

Procedural Schedule, ordering Staff to file a joint list of issues, order of witnesses, order

of surrebuttal, order of cross examination, and order of opening statements no later than

September 23, 2022.

List of Issues

- 1. Should the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West's ("EMW") request to defer \$31 million of FAC- fuel and purchased power costs for further treatment in a subsequent general rate case.
- 2. Should the Commission consider the FAC rate adjustment mechanism's requirement that fuel and purchased power costs will be rebased in EMW's general rate case (No. ER-2022-0130) in determining the amount of EMW's requested deferral in this FAC proceeding?
- 3. What is the full amount of the current FPA for the 30th accumulation period?

- 4. If EMW's current FAC rate is changed to allow for full recovery of the FPA or the 30th accumulation period and no other changes were made to the rates currently in effect, what would the resulting average overall rate for EMW be?
 - a. What is the percentage difference between this rate and EMW's average overall rate as of the date new base rates were set in EMWs most recent general rate proceeding concluded prior to the date the EMW gave notice under section 393.1400?
- 5. Does allowing for recovery of the full FPA for the 30th FAC accumulation period through EMW's FAC result in a change in the rates charged under EMW's FAC that would cause EMW's average overall rate to exceed the 3% annual compound growth rate cap set forth in section 393.1655.3 RSMo.?
- 6. Should EMW be permitted to defer any portion of the costs related to the 30th accumulation period on the basis of the company's claim that those costs are extraordinary?
 - a. If so, what accounting treatment should the deferral receive?

Order of Opening Statements

EMW

Staff

OPC

Order of Witnesses/Surrebuttal

- EMW: Lisa Starkebaum Darrin Ives
- Staff: Brooke Mastrogiannis
- OPC: Lena Mantle

Order of Cross Examination

EMW witnesses:	Staff, OPC
Staff witnesses:	OPC, EMW
OPC witnesses:	Staff, EMW

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this pleading for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record on this 23rd day of September, 2022.

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>