

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

In the Matter of the Fifth Prudence Review        )  
of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved    )  
Fuel Adjustment Clause of Evergy Metro, Inc.    )  
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro                        )        **File No. EO-2023-0276**

**STAFF’S FIFTH PRUDENCE REVIEW REPORT**

**COMES NOW** Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits Staff’s Fifth Prudence Review Report (incorporated by reference) of costs related to the Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”) for the electric operations of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Company”) In support thereof, Staff states as follows:

1.       On March 3, 2023, Staff filed *Staff’s Notice of Start of Fifth Prudence Review* (“Notice”) informing the Commission that it had begun its review of the costs subject to Evergy Missouri Metro’s FAC. Also on March 3, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Acknowledging Automatic Parties, and Establishing Deadlines for Intervention and Requesting a Hearing* (“Order”).

2.       The Notice described Staff’s plan to conduct a prudence review of the costs and revenues associated with Evergy Missouri Metro’s FAC for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. This Review Period corresponds to the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> FAC accumulation periods (each accumulation period is 6 months) of Evergy Missouri Metro’s FAC.

3.       Staff has completed its prudence review and provides a detailed discussion of its findings in Staff’s *Fifth Prudence Review of Costs Related To The Fuel Adjustment Clause For The Electric Operations Of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro* (“Prudence Review Report”) submitted concurrently herewith. As a result of its prudence

review, and as more fully explained in the Prudence Review Report, Staff found evidence of imprudence by Evergy Missouri Metro when it chose to do nothing about the substantial ratepayer harm caused by the PPAs it chose to sign into approximately ten years ago. This is especially concerning when the losses the ratepayers have incurred roughly halfway through the life of the contract of the long-term PPAs is very likely to continue for the remaining years of the life of the agreements. Staff recommends the Commission order an Ordered Adjustment in the amount of \$12,401,229, plus interest, to be applied to Evergy Missouri Metro's next Fuel Adjustment Rate filing.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff requests the Commission accept its Prudence Review Report of Evergy Missouri Metro's FAC, issue an Ordered Adjustment as set forth therein, and issue such further orders as the Commission deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Casi Aslin**

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

**/s/ Casi Aslin**