

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri) **File No. EO-2020-0188**
West Containing its Semi-Annual Fuel)
Adjustment Clause True-Up)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its recommendation respectfully states:

1. On December 31, 2019, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”) filed an application concerning its twenty-second true-up filing for Recovery Period 22 (“RP22”),¹ as allowed by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9), in order to remedy an under-collection of \$128,984 from its customers.

2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9)(D) requires the Commission’s Staff to examine and analyze the information Evergy Missouri West has submitted and to submit a recommendation to the Commission no later than 30 days after Evergy Missouri West made its filing—in this case, no later than January 30, 2020.

3. As explained in Staff’s *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West’s twenty-second true-up filing for RP22, during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$128,984 from its customers.

4. Staff reviewed and analyzed the direct testimony, supporting schedules and work papers of Evergy Missouri West witness Lisa A. Starkebaum. Staff has determined

¹ September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.

that Evergy Missouri West's calculations for the true-up amount for RP22 are correct. The under-collected amount will be collected from the customers as it will be included in Evergy Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") filing in File No. ER-2020-0189 for Accumulation Period 25.²

5. Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its 2018 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri West is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its periodic monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri West's proposed changes to its current annual fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2020-0189, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its analysis and recommends that the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West's twenty-second true-up filing for RP22 during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$128,984 from its customers.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

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² June 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 30th day of January, 2020, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. EO-2020-0188
Evergny Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergny Missouri West

FROM: Brooke Mastrogiannis, Utility Regulatory Auditor IV
Lisa Wildhaber, Utility Regulatory Auditor III
Cynthia M. Tandy, Utility Regulatory Auditor II

DATE: /s/ Brad J. Fortson 01/30/2020 /s/ Travis Pringle 01/30/2020
Energy Resources Dept. / Date Staff Counsel Department / Date

SUBJECT: Staff’s Analysis Of and Recommendation Concerning Evergny Missouri West, Inc.’s, d/b/a Evergny Missouri West Twenty-Second Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: January 30, 2020

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergny Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergny Missouri West (“Evergny Missouri West”), f/k/a KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”), twenty-second true-up filing for Recovery Period 22 (“RP22”) during which Evergny Missouri West under-collected \$128,984 from its customers.

Discussion

On December 31, 2019, Evergny Missouri West filed with the Commission, along with direct testimony and supporting schedules of Evergny Missouri West witness Lisa A. Starkebaum, its twenty-second fuel adjustment clause (“FAC”) true-up filing under the provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). According to Evergny Missouri West’s true-up filing, in the aggregate for RP22 (September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019), Evergny Missouri West under-collected from its customers \$128,984 which followed its Accumulation Period 22 (December 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018).

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (“Staff”) reviewed the direct testimony of Evergny Missouri West witness Lisa A. Starkebaum, the supporting schedules Evergny Missouri West provided with Evergny Missouri West’s application in this case, and the monthly information Evergny Missouri West submitted to the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

Staff Review

Based on its review and analysis of the information Eversource Missouri West filed and submitted for RP22, Staff has determined that Eversource Missouri West's calculations for the true-up amounts for RP22, including the calculation of monthly interest, are correct.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve Eversource Missouri West's twenty-second true-up filing for RP22 during which Eversource Missouri West under-collected \$128,984 from its customers. The under-collected amount will be collected from the customers as it will be included in Eversource Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2020-0189, filed on December 31, 2019, for Accumulation Period 25 (June 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019).

Staff has verified that Eversource Missouri West has filed its 2018 Annual Report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Eversource Missouri West is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Eversource Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2020-0189, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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AFFIDAVIT OF BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

COMES NOW BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

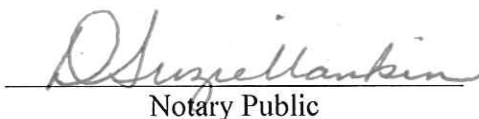
Further the Affiant sayeth not.


BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 30th day of January 2020.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires December 12, 2020
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AFFIDAVIT OF LISA WILDHABER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW LISA WILDHABER and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.


Further the Affiant sayeth not.


LISA WILDHABER

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 30th day of January 2020.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CYNTHIA M. TANDY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

COMES NOW CYNTHIA M. TANDY and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.



CYNTHIA M. TANDY

JURAT

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