BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West's Notice of Intent to File Applications for Authority to Establish a Demand-Side Programs Investment)))	File No. EO-2019-0132
Mechanism)	

NOTICE REGARDING INFORMAL TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Issue Date: December 19, 2019

On December 18, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., the Commission held an informal phone conference regarding Evergy Missouri Metro's and Evergy Missouri West's (Evergy Missouri) requested approval date of January 1, 2020, for a revised Technical Resource Manual (TRM). The parties were notified of the telephone conference at approximately 2:30 p.m. by email and by Commission order.

At the telephone conference, the regulatory judge asked the parties whether it was necessary for the TRM's effective date to be the same as the MEEIA Cycle 3 compliance tariffs. Evergy Missouri, the Commission's Staff (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) all agreed that it was necessary. According to Evergy Missouri, the TRM is needed when the tariffs become effective because that is how energy efficiency savings are calculated and so the efficiency savings would be unknown for any time the tariff was effective and the TRM was not. Staff indicated that EM&V and prudence reviews are dependent upon the TRM being effective to show the energy efficiency savings for the time period, and any period where the TRM was not effective would be difficult to calculate for EM&V or prudence review purposes.

The regulatory judge asked the parties what harm would result from approval of the TRM later than the tariffs. Evergy Missouri expressed that it feared it would be unable to recover for energy efficiency savings prior to when the TRM becomes effective. Staff again reiterated the importance of the TRM to EM&V and prudence reviews. OPC concurred with Staff's answers to both questions.

Staff asked the regulatory judge what the Commission was requesting regarding Staff's recommendation regarding the TRM. The regulatory judge told the parties that the Commission wanted to know whether the revised TRM aligned with the Commission's Report and Order approving Evergy Missouri's MEEIA Cycle 3.

Present at the telephone conference:

Roger Steiner, Robert Hack, and Anthony Westenkrirchner were present for Evergy Missouri.

Nicole Mers, Travis Pringle, J Luebbert, and Brad Fortson were present for the Commission's Staff.

Caleb Hall and Dr. Geoff Marke were present for the Office of the Public Counsel.

ShayIn Dean was present for Spire Missouri.

Tim Opitz was present for Renew Missouri.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19th day of December, 2019.