

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filings of Evergy) **File No. ET-2025-0286**
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro) Tracking No. JE-2025-0134

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS AND DIRECTING A STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: April 18, 2025

Effective Date: April 18, 2025

On March 21, 2025,¹ Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (EMM) filed eight tariff sheets with a proposed effective date of April 21. The tariff sheets were assigned Tracking No. JE-2025-0134, and reflect proposed changes to EMM's Net Metering Option for Residential Time of Use (TOU) rates.

On April 15, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed *Motion to Suspend Tariffs, Open New Docket and for Expedited Treatment* (Motion). The Motion indicated that Staff determined that the proposed tariff revisions reflect substantial edits to EMM's Net Metering Option for Residential TOU rates, and that they may be of interest to other parties. The Motion requested that the Commission suspend the tariff sheets and order Staff to file a recommendation. The Motion stated that Staff's recommendation would likely not be ready before May 14. The Commission set a time for responses to Staff's Motion and to the tariff sheet filing.

On April 18, EMM filed *Evergy Missouri Metro's Response to Staff's Motion to Suspend Tariffs, Open New Docket, and for Expedited Treatment* (EMM Response).

¹ All dates refer to 2025 unless otherwise stated.

The Response argued that the same language and mechanism in EMM's submitted tariff sheet changes have been submitted for Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West, which are set to go into effect by operation of law. The Response noted that Staff and several parties to the Evergy Missouri West rate case, File No. ER-2024-0189, supported the implementation of these same tariffs for Evergy Missouri West. The Response argued that there is no reason to believe any party would dispute this same approach for EMM. The Response further argued that Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri has adopted the same approach for its TOU tariffs as in the EMM and Evergy Missouri West tariff sheets.

On April 18, Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri filed *Application to Intervene of Renew Missouri Advocates and Response to Evergy Metro's Tariff Filing* (Renew Missouri Response). The Renew Missouri Response argued that the tariffs are required by statute. The Renew Missouri Response also argued that public policy goals support the changes sought in EMM's proposed tariff sheets, and that the proposed tariff sheets mirror those set forth for Evergy Missouri West in the stipulation and agreement approved in Evergy Missouri West's general rate case. The Renew Missouri Response further noted a stipulation and agreement has been submitted in the Ameren Missouri general rate case, File No. ER-2024-0319, which would implement the same TOU changes as EMM's proposed tariff sheets.

After reviewing Staff's motion and the responses of EMM and Renew Missouri, the Commission finds that the EMM proposed tariff sheets must undergo their own review. Before approving these tariff sheets or allowing them to become effective by operation of law, the Commission prefers to have a recommendation from its Staff. Thus, the

Commission finds it reasonable to allow time for review by Staff and any other parties that may be interested in EMM's proposed tariff sheets before they become effective.

Section 393.150.1 RSMo (2016),² authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of proposed tariff sheets. To provide sufficient time to determine if EMM's proposed tariff sheets are just and reasonable,³ and to allow time for a Staff recommendation and other parties to review EMM's proposed tariff sheets, the Commission will suspend the tariffs for 60 days beyond their effective date, or until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

The Commission will also direct Staff to file a recommendation regarding EMM's submitted tariff sheets.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Motion is granted.
2. The tariff sheets filed by EMM on March 21, 2025, and assigned Tracking No. JE-2025-0134, are suspended until June 20, 2025, or until otherwise ordered by the Commission.
3. Staff shall file its recommendation no later than May 14, 2025.
4. Any other responses to the tariff sheets shall be filed no later than May 14, 2025.
5. This order is effective when issued.

² Unless otherwise noted, all statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri as codified in 2016.

³ Section 393.140(5), RSMo.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of April, 2025.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 18th day of April 2025.



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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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