

**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	)	
West for Authority to Implement Rate	)	<u>Case No. ER-2026-0375</u>
Adjustments Required by 20 CSR 4240-	)	<u>Tracking No. JE-2026-0163</u>
20.090(8) and the Company's Approved Fuel	)	
and Purchased Power Cost Recovery	)	
Mechanism	)	

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy	)	
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri	)	<u>Case No. EO-2026-0374</u>
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 *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On June 30, 2026, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (EMW) submitted direct testimony and a tariff sheet designed to implement a true-up and adjustment under its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause (FAC). EMW requested that the Commission authorize a true-up adjustment and implement it under its FAC tariff. The proposed tariff sheet, which was assigned Tracking No. JE-2026-0163, has an effective date of September 1, 2026.

2. Concurrently, EMW submitted a true-up filing in File No. EO-2026-0374 concerning its Fuel Adjustment Rates (FAR) and requested the Commission to approve the amount as calculated by EMW and authorize it to include that amount in the next accumulation period.

3. Pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(F), the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation regarding its examination and analysis of EMW's tariff filing no later than July 30, 2026.

4. Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, recommends the Commission issue an order approving the 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 124.10 of the FAC for Evergy Missouri West, to become effective on September 1, 2026.

5. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) states: "An electric utility that has a FAC shall file proposed tariff sheet(s) to adjust its FARs following each accumulation period." The rule requires Staff to "determine if the proposed adjustment to the FARs is in accordance with the provisions of this rule, section 386.266, RSMo, and the FAC mechanism established, continued, or modified in the utility's most recent general rate proceeding."

6. "Within sixty (60) days after the electric utility files its testimony and tariff sheet(s) to adjust its FARs, the commission shall either (1) Issue an interim rate adjustment order approving the tariff sheet(s) and the adjustments to the FARs; (2) Allow the tariff sheet(s) and the adjustments to the FARs to take effect without commission order; or..." the commission may reject the proposed rate sheet, suspend the timeline, set a prehearing date, and order the parties to propose a procedural schedule.

7. EMW's filing in this case requests Commission approval of one tariff sheet bearing an effective date of September 1, 2026, that revises the current FARs in its FAC. The filing includes testimony and work papers of EMW's witness Linda Nunn supporting the Company's calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPA).

8. The FPA amount, subject to prudence review, is \$48,700,633, for AP38 (December 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026). This reflects the sum of:

- a. The amount of \$47,868,571 on line 7 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, which is equal to 95% of the difference between: a) EM W's Missouri jurisdiction¹ Actual Net Energy Costs ("ANEC") (fuel costs plus net emission costs plus purchased power costs plus transmission costs less off-system sales revenue less renewable energy credit revenue), and b) Evergy Missouri West's Missouri jurisdiction Net Base Energy Cost;
- b. The true-up amount² reflected on line 8 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, of (\$818,894); and,
- c. The interest amount reflected on line 9 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, of \$1,650,956.

9. The proposed Current Period EMW FAR of \$0.00487 per kWh (line 13 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10), is equal to EMW's FPA amount of \$48,700,633 divided by the estimated Recovery Period 38 ("RP38")³ Retail Net System Input ("RNSI") at the generator level⁴ ("S_{RP}") of 10,005,631,851 kWh (line 12 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10).

10. Because of differences in line losses for secondary, primary, substation, and transmission voltage service levels,⁵ tariff sheet lines 14, 17, 20, and 23 reflect different current period FARs for service taken at secondary, primary, substation, and transmission voltage service levels.

11. After reviewing EWM's filings, including the testimony of Linda Nunn, Staff concludes that the tariff sheet complies with the Commission's *Report and Order* in Case No. ER-2024-0189, Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090, Section 393.1400.5 RSMo, and EMW's FAC, as embodied in its tariff. Based on its review and analysis of the information

¹ See line 4 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10 and definition of J on Original Sheet No. 124.7.

² The true-up amount was requested by EMW in its June 30, 2026, filing in File No. EO-2026-0374.

³ RP38 includes September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027.

⁴ See definition of S_{RP} on Original Sheet No. 124.8.

⁵ The voltage adjustment factors (VAFs) for EMW for primary, secondary, substation and transmission voltage service levels are included on lines 26 through 29 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10.

EWM filed and submitted for RP35, Staff has determined that EWM's calculations for the true-up amounts for RP35, including the calculation of monthly interest, are correct.

12. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve EMW's thirty-fifth true-up filing for RP35 during which EMW over-collected \$818,894 from its customers. The over-collected amount will be returned to the customers as it will be included in EMW's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2026-0375, filed on June 30, 2026, for Accumulation Period 38 (December 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026).

13. Staff has verified that EWM is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its 2025 Annual Report. EMW is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6) and its monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5).

14. Except for EMW's RP35 true-up filing in File No. EO-2026-0374 (also filed on June 30, 2026), Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing. Staff's recommendation for the Current Period FARs is based solely on the accuracy of EMW's calculations and is not indicative of the prudence of the fuel costs during AP38.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheet, to take effect on September 1, 2026: P.S.C. MO. No. 1, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, Canceling P.S.C. MO. No. 1, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 July 2026, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Ray Cunneen

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. ER-2026-0375, Tariff Tracking No. JE-2026-0163

FROM: Melanie Marek, Utility Regulatory Audit Supervisor

DATE: /s/ Melanie Marek / July 30, 2026
Energy Resources Department / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Sheet Filed to Change Rates
Related to Evergy Missouri West, Inc.'s, d/b/a Evergy Missouri West Fuel
Adjustment Clause Pursuant to the Commission's Report and Order in Case
No. ER-2024-0189

DATE: July 30, 2026

Staff Recommendation

On June 30, 2026, Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy Missouri West") filed one (1) tariff sheet, P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, Canceling P.S.C. MO. No. 1, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, bearing a proposed effective date of September 1, 2026. This tariff is to revise Evergy Missouri West's current annual Fuel Adjustment Rates ("FARs") (lines 16, 19, 22, and 25 on 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10) of its Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"). Evergy Missouri West also filed the direct testimony of Linda J. Nunn on June 30, 2026, and submitted to Staff work papers in support of the direct testimony and filed tariff sheet.

Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 124.10 of the FAC for Evergy Missouri West, to become effective on September 1, 2026.

Accumulation Period 37 FARs

The testimony and work papers include information supporting Evergy Missouri West's calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment ("FPA") amount of

\$48,700,633 line 11¹ of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, for Accumulation Period 38 (“AP38”) (December 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026) reflecting the sum of:

1. The amount of \$47,868,571 on line 7 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, which is equal to 95% of the difference between: a) Eversource Missouri West’s Missouri jurisdiction² Actual Net Energy Costs (“ANEC”) (fuel costs plus net emission costs plus purchased power costs plus transmission costs less off-system sales revenue less renewable energy credit revenue), and b) Eversource Missouri West’s Missouri jurisdiction Net Base Energy Cost;
2. The true-up amount³ reflected on line 8 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, of (\$818,894); and,
3. The interest amount reflected on line 9 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, of \$1,650,956.

The proposed Current Period Eversource Missouri West FAR of \$0.00487 per kWh (line 13 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10), is equal to Eversource Missouri West’s FPA amount of \$48,700,633 divided by the estimated Recovery Period 38 (“RP38”) ⁴ Retail Net System Input (“RNSI”) at the generator level⁵ (“S_{RP}”) of 10,005,631,851 kWh (line 12 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10).

Because of differences in line losses for secondary, primary, substation, and transmission voltage service levels,⁶ tariff sheet lines 14, 17, 20, and 23 reflect different current period FARs for service taken at secondary, primary, substation, and transmission voltage service levels.

¹ Line 11 is the FPA amount subject to prudence review, line 11.1 is the PISA amount deferred to a PISA regulatory asset account, and line 11.2 is the FPA amount subject to recover in true-up.

² See line 4 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10 and definition of J on Original Sheet No. 124.7.

³ The true-up amount was requested by Eversource Missouri West in its June 30, 2026 filing in File No. EO-2026-0374.

⁴ RP38 includes September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

⁵ See definition of S_{RP} on Original Sheet No. 124.8.

⁶ The voltage adjustment factors (VAFs) for Eversource Missouri West for primary, secondary, substation and transmission voltage service levels are included on lines 26 through 29 of 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10.

The Accumulation Periods, Recovery Periods, and other specifications of Eversource Missouri West's FAC for AP38 are set out in its tariff sheets: Original Sheet No. 124 through Original Sheet No. 124.9.

Listed below are Eversource Missouri West's proposed Current Annual FARs on 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, and the Eversource Missouri West Current Annual FARs on 2nd Revised Sheet No. 124.10 together with the changes between them for primary, secondary, substation, and transmission voltage service levels.

Eversource Missouri West Current Annual Fuel Adjustment Rate \$ per kWh			
Service	Proposed 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10	Now Effective 2nd Revised Sheet No. 124.10	Difference
Secondary	\$0.00876	\$0.00452	\$0.00424 Increase
Primary	\$0.00854	\$0.00441	\$0.00413 Increase
Substation	\$0.00846	\$0.00437	\$0.00409 Increase
Transmission	\$0.00839	\$0.00433	\$0.00406 Increase

The proposed changes to FARs will result in an increase to the typical Eversource Missouri West residential customer's monthly bill (based on 1,000 kWh) before taxes of \$4.24, i.e., from \$4.52 to \$8.76.

In her direct testimony Ms. Nunn states:

EMW's Actual Net Energy Costs ("ANEC"), are over the base energy costs included in base rates by approximately \$50.4 million. When compared to the prior 37th accumulation period, the ANEC are \$10.7 million higher in the 38th accumulation. This increase reflects \$12.4 million or 30% higher fuel costs, partially offset by \$1.3 million or 17% higher off-system sales revenue. While the winter months of December through May in the 38th accumulation period typically result in lower load requirements and corresponding lower ANEC than the summer months of June through November in the 37th accumulation period, a couple of factors contributed to the increase. Fuel and purchased power costs increased in January due to Winter Storm Fern,

as natural gas prices surged during January 23-26, when extreme cold drove higher demand while freezing conditions curtailed natural gas production. Additionally, March 2026 includes purchased power accruals of \$6.5 million related to EMW interconnection updates and \$4.2 million associated with Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) disputes. SPP began resettlements of these amounts in May 2026.⁷

Staff Review

Staff reviewed Eversource Missouri West’s proposed 3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, the direct testimony of Eversource Missouri West witness Linda J. Nunn and the work papers in this filing, in addition to Eversource Missouri West’s monthly information reports filed in compliance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5) for AP38. Staff verified that the actual fuel and purchased power costs, less off-system sales revenues, match the fuel and purchased power costs, less off-system sales revenues, in Eversource Missouri West’s proposed 3rd Revised Tariff Sheet No. 124.10. Staff reviewed Eversource Missouri West’s monthly interest rates that are applied to 95% of the jurisdictional monthly cumulative under-/over- recovery of base fuel and purchased power costs for AP38 and verified that the monthly interest rates and calculations of monthly interest amounts are correct.

The information filed with the proposed tariff sheet and work papers includes sufficient data to calculate Eversource Missouri West’s FARs based on the actual fuel, purchased power, emission allowance and transmission costs net of off-system sales revenue and renewable energy credit revenue provided by Eversource Missouri West for AP38.

Staff Recommendation

Staff concludes that the tariff sheet complies with the Commission’s *Report and Order* in Case No. ER-2024-0189, Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090, Section 393.1400.5 RSMo, and Eversource Missouri West’s FAC, as embodied in its tariff.

⁷ Eversource Missouri West witness Linda J. Nunn, Direct Testimony, page 4, lines 18 through page 5, line 8.

Evergy Missouri West requested that the 3rd Revised Tariff Sheet No. 124.10, Canceling 2nd Revised Tariff Sheet No. 124.10, become effective on September 1, 2026. Based on its examination and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri West filed and submitted in this case, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following proposed revised tariff sheet take effect on September 1, 2026:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1
3rd Revised Sheet No. 124.10, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No.
124.10

Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its 2025 Annual Report. Evergy Missouri West is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6) and its monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). Except for Evergy Missouri West's RP35 true-up filing in File No. EO-2026-0374 (also filed on June 30, 2026), Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing. Staff's recommendation for the Current Period FARs is based solely on the accuracy of Evergy Missouri West's calculations, and is not indicative of the prudence of the fuel costs during AP38.

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Clause True-Up)	

AFFIDAVIT OF MELANIE MAREK

STATE OF MISSOURI	)		
	)	ss.	
COUNTY OF COLE	)		

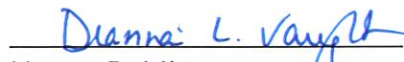
COMES NOW MELANIE MAREK and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.


MELANIE MAREK

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 29th day of July 2026.


Notary Public

