BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Energy Missouri West, Inc.'s d/b/a Evergy Missouri West Tariffs Changing the Steam QCA for Service Provided to Customers in its Service Territory	)))))	**Case No. HT-2026-0271** Tracking No. JH-2027-0053

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 October 15, 2026, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("EMW") filed one (1) tariff sheet (Tariff Sheet No. 6.10) as well as workpapers and a transmittal letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in order to provide the current Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rate ("QCA Rate") pursuant to the Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider.

2. Staff conducted a review of the tariff sheet and accompanying workpapers and recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets to go into effect for service on December 1, 2027, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

70th Revised Sheet No. 6.10, Canceling 69th Revised Sheet No. 6.10

3. Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto and made a part herein as Appendix A, provides information regarding Staff's review, findings, and recommendations regarding the QCA rates as proposed by EMW.

4. EMW has submitted its Annual Report, as of May 15, 2026, and the company is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports. EMW is also current on

payment of PSC Assessment fees. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects this tariff filing.

5. Staff's basis for Commission approval of the QCA Rate in this case is based solely on the accuracy of EMW's calculations and R Factor adjustments outlined above. While Staff verified the calculations provided by EMW in this QCA Rate filing, Staff's conclusions in this recommendation are not indicative of the prudence of the fuel costs included in said QCA Rate filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving EMW's proposed QCA tariff sheet (Tracking No. JH-2027-0053) filed on October 15, 2026, to take effect on December 1, 2026, and grant such other relief as is just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 9th day of November, 2026.

/s/ Ray L Cunneen

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. HT-2026-0271 and Tariff Tracking No. JH-2027-0053

FROM: Sarah Beahm, Economics Analyst
Water, Sewer, Gas, & Steam Department

/s/ Sarah Beahm 11/9/2026
Water, Sewer, Gas, & Steam Dept. / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to approve the Quarterly Cost Adjustment for the Third Quarter of 2026 to the Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider – Steam of Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West

DATE: November 9th, 2026

On October 15, 2026, Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("EMW") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") the following tariff sheet, bearing an effective date of December 1, 2026:

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70th Revised Sheet No. 6.10, Canceling 69th Revised Sheet No. 6.10

This tariff filing revises EMW's Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rate ("QCA Rate") for the third quarter of 2026. Each quarter, EMW files rate adjustments to reflect the actual fuel costs above or below a base amount of $2.4854 per Million British Thermal Units ("MMBtu"), which was determined in EMW's rate case HR-2018-0231.[1]

The procedure for the calculation of the QCA Rate for steam service sales is set out in EMW's Tariff Sheet Nos. 6.6 through 6.10, titled "Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider – Steam." The Current Quarterly Cost Adjustment "...is the rate adjustment component designed to reflect the customer share of the variation in fuel cost for the most recent quarter."[2] The Commission first approved EMW's Quarterly Cost Adjustment Rider in

[1] Evergy Missouri West had a recent rate case filed in October of 2025 (HR-2026-0109). The base amount was not adjusted in this case, so the $2.485/MMBtu remains the current standard.
[2] Evergy Missouri West Tariff, Revised Sheet No. 6.6.

Case No. HR-2005-0450 and modified it in Case Nos. HR-2009-0092, HR-2010-0028, and HR-2018-0231. EMW's filing includes the proposed tariff sheet and supporting work papers, consisting of electronic worksheets showing EMW's calculation of the QCA Rate for the second quarter of 2026.

Line five (5) in the table below shows the calculation of the proposed Monthly QCA Rate ("Monthly QCA Rate") for the third quarter of 2026, effective for the billing period of December 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027. Lines one (1) through (4) shows change per thousand MMBtu in Cumulative QCA Rates from quarter to quarter and the respective effective dates:

Line No.	Four Most Recent Quarters (Qtr./Year)	First Effective Date	Duration of Rate (Months)	Last Effective Date	QCA Rate	Qtr/Year of R Factor Calculation	Reconciliation Rate (R Factor)	Cumulative Rate	Change Per 1,000 MMBtu
(1)	Q3 2026	12/1/2026	12	11/30/2027	$ 0.0980	Q2 2025	$ (0.0034)	$ 0.6860	$ 43.50
(2)	Q2 2026	9/1/2026	12	8/31/2027	$ 0.0091	Q1 2025	$ (0.0072)	$ 0.6425	$ (104.80)
(3)	Q1 2026	6/1/2026	12	5/31/2027	$ 0.3556	Q4 2024	$ (0.0001)	$ 0.7473	$ 120.70
(4)	Q4 2025	3/1/2026	12	2/28/2027	$ 0.2313	Q3 2024	$ 0.0027	$ 0.6266	$ 229.00
					Monthly QCA[1]				
(5)	Q3 2026	12/1/2026	3	2/28/2027	$ 0.6860				

[1] The Monthly QCA rate is a summation of the total QCA Rates and the R Factors for the previous 4 quarters.

This tariff filing reflects a proposed Monthly QCA Rate per MMBtu of $0.6860 compared to the current Monthly QCA Rate of $0.6425 per MMBtu.

Comparison to the Monthly QCA Rate for the Same Quarter of the Previous Year

The proposed Monthly QCA Rate for the third quarter of 2026 reflects an increase of $90,659 in adjusted fuel costs, when compared to the same fuel costs for the Monthly QCA Rate for the third quarter of 2025. The company presented data showing the increase in the QCA rate is driven by higher natural gas prices.[3] The Reconciliation Rate,

[3] Natural gas cost approximately $2.69 per MMBtu in the third quarter of 2025, compared to approximately $2.86 per MMBtu in the third quarter of 2026.

or "R Factor," represents the over- or under-collection of intended revenues from the QCA. Included in the Cumulative QCA, the proposed R Factor reduces steam charges to customers by $0.0034 per 1000 MMBtu. This reflects a $16,225.15 decrease in the Reconciliation Amount compared to the same quarter in the previous year.[4]

Staff reviewed the data and calculations EMW provided in its worksheets and determined that EMW's calculations related to the filed tariff sheet are correct, and that the calculations satisfy the standards set forth in EMW's Tariff Sheet Nos. 6.6 through 6.10. The calculations are also consistent with previous EMW QCA Rate filings.

Customer Billing Comparison

The following table compares, per thousand MMBtu, the proposed cost for customers receiving steam service for the period of December 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027[5], to the current period of September 1, 2026, through November 31, 2026[6]:

Billing Comparison		
Q2 2026 Billing	**Q3 2026 Billing**	**Difference**
$642.50	$686	$ 43.50

For the billing period of December 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027, the proposed cumulative QCA rate of $0.6860 for every thousand MMBtu increases a steam customer's bill by $43.50 for every thousand MMBtu, as compared to the second quarter billing period of 2026.[7]

[4] The R Factor in this filing is a comparison of the balance of the reconciliation amount per QCA period from the third quarter of 2024 through the second quarter of 2025.
[5] $0.6860 per MMBtu.
[6] $0.6425 per MMBtu.
[7] The Quarterly Cost Adjustment is the sum of the four most recent Quarterly Cost Adjustments, plus reconciliation (Evergy Missouri West Tariff, Revised Sheet No. 6.6).

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission approve EMW's proposed filed substitute tariff sheet with the effective date of December 1, 2026:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

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AFFIDAVIT OF SARAH BEAHM

STATE OF MISSOURI	)	
	)	ss.
COUNTY OF COLE	)	

COMES NOW SARAH BEAHM 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.

Sarah Beahm

SARAH BEAHM

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 9th day of November 2026.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2029
Commission Number: 12412070

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Notary Public