BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)	
Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas)	
South, Inc. for Approval of the Nuclear)	Docket No. 26-EKCE-141-TAR
Production Tax Credit Tariff)	

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF NUCLEAR PTC TARIFF

COME NOW Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (collectively referred to as "Evergy Kansas Central" or "EKC") and, pursuant to the terms of the Unanimous Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS, file this Joint Application for approval of their Nuclear Production Tax Credit ("PTC") Tariff. In support of this Application, Evergy Kansas Central states:

I. Background and Proposed Tariff

1. Evergy Kansas Central filed a general rate case in Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS. As part of its Application in that docket, EKC made proposals related to nuclear PTCs potentially available from its Wolf Creek Generating Station. EKC explained that the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 created a new tax credit for electricity produced by nuclear facilities that is sold after December 31, 2023, and before December 31, 2032. The credit is intended to help support nuclear facilities that produce emission-free electricity. EKC also explained that there was some uncertainty regarding the value of these PTCs that was dependent on guidance needed from the US Treasury department. EKC proposed a nuclear PTC tracker and deferral to ensure all benefits related to the nuclear PTCs are preserved and returned to customers.

- 2. EKC's request related to nuclear PTCs was addressed in the Unanimous Settlement Agreement filed in the docket. Paragraphs 13 and 14 of that Unanimous Settlement Agreement provided:
 - 13. The Parties agree that the EKC's request for approval of a nuclear PTC tracker with deferral to ensure all benefits related to the nuclear PTC are preserved and returned to customers should be approved. EKC will return the deferred benefits from the nuclear PTCs to customers as soon as reasonably practicable after the time EKC receivers a cash tax benefit for the credits by either using them to offset EKC's tax liability or selling them to a third party. The return of the deferred amount will be completed through a new line-item credit on customers' bills as follows:
 - a. Within 60 days of EKC's initial receipt of a cash benefit for nuclear PTCs, EKC shall file its proposal for return of the already-deferred amounts related to the nuclear PTCs to retail customers through a line-item bill credit to be processed in EKC's normal billing cycle. EKC's proposal shall include the period of time over which the already-deferred amounts should be returned to customers through a bill credit and the allocation of such amounts to the customer classes. EKC's proposed line-item bill credit shall be effective 30 days after its filing, subject to further review and audit by Commission Staff.
 - b. By April 30 following each calendar year after EKC's initial filing, EKC shall file an update to the line-item bill credit to reflect any additional cash benefits received during that calendar year related to nuclear PTCs. Each annual update shall be effective 30 days after its filing, subject to further review and audit by Commission Staff.
 - c. In the event that EKC receives a cash benefit from nuclear PTCs as a result of a sale to a third-party and the agreement with that third-party includes a provision that would require EKC to return the cash payment for the PTCs if they ultimately are not recognized by the IRS and EKC has already provided that cash benefit to retail customers, EKC will be entitled to recover the amount it has to return to the third-party from retail customers in the next annual update of the line-item bill credit.

- 14. EKC will file a tariff outlining this process for calculating the line-item credit by October 2025.
- 3. The Commission approved the Unanimous Settlement Agreement in its Order on September 25, 2025.
 - 4. Therefore, EKC is filing the attached Nuclear PTC Tariff for Commission approval.
- Agreement. The Tariff would result in the return of deferred nuclear PTCs to customers over a five-year period, with the provision of interest at EKC's weighted average cost of capital. This is reasonable because the credits will accumulate over multiple years and should be provided to customers over multiple years and because use of a five-year amortization period will help smooth rate volatility since the amount of credits will likely be different from year to year. Additionally, EKC is just beginning an investment cycle for generation and amortization of the nuclear PTCs over a five-year period would be beneficial to EKC with respect to its ability to manage cash flow and utilize the deferred unamortized nuclear PTC regulatory liability as an additional funding source. Given that EKC is still waiting on guidance from the US Treasury Department that will confirm the value of the nuclear PTCs, a five-year amortization period is reasonable because it helps manage the risk of uncertainty and of providing credits to customers and then having to reverse them.

II. Procedural Matters and Service

6. In addition to undersigned counsel, all correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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7. EKC also requests that the Commission's Discovery Order issued in this docket include a notification to all parties that data requests issued to EKC need to be served on EKC's regulatory affairs department at regulatory.affairs@evergy.com.

III. Request for Expedited Approval

8. EKC anticipates the potential for the first receipt of a cash benefit to occur sometime in the first quarter of 2026. EKC would like to have its Tariff in place prior to that time so that the provision of related benefits to customers can occur timely and smoothly. Thus, EKC requests that the Commission issue an order approving the proposed Nuclear PTC Tariff within 60 days of the filing of this Application.

WHEREFORE, EKC requests the Commission issue an Order approving its Nuclear PTC

Tariff and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATE OF KANSAS)
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COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

VERIFICATION

Cathy Dinges, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that she is the Sr Director and Regulatory Affairs Counsel for Evergy Inc., that she has read and is familiar with the foregoing Application and attests that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Cathryn J. Dinges

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of October 2025.

Notary Public

My Appointment Expire Jack 30, 2026

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