

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Petition of Evergy Kansas)
Central, Inc., Evergy Kansas South, Inc., and)
Evergy Metro, Inc. for Determination of the)
Ratemaking Principles and Treatment that will) Docket No. 25-EKCE-207-PRE
Apply to the Recovery in Rates of the Cost to)
be Incurred for Certain Electric Generation)
Facilities Under K.S.A. 66-1239.)

**ORDER GRANTING RENEW MISSOURI'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
WITHDRAWAL LATE-FILED BRIEF**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On November 6, 2024, Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (EKC) and Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro (EKM) (EKC and EKM collectively referred to as Evergy) filed an Application requesting a determination of the ratemaking principles and treatment that will apply to the recovery in rate of the costs to be incurred relating to: (1) EKC's planned construction and acquisition of 50% of a 710 MW combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) located in Kansas near its Viola Substation (Viola plant); (2) a 50% interest in a second 710 MW CCGT located near Hutchinson, Kansas (McNew plant), with flexibility to acquire the second 50% of the McNew Plant, and (3) its construction and ownership of approximately 200

MWDC (159 MWAC) of solar generation, known as the Kansas Sky generating resource (Kansas Sky).¹

2. Evergy explains that the Viola Plant will be built on a greenfield site in Sumner County, and jointly owned by EKC and Evergy Missouri West, with a projected date of commercial operation on January 1, 2029.² The McNew Plant will be built on a greenfield site in Reno County, and fully owned by EKC, before eventually transferring half of the plant to Evergy Missouri West or EKM, with a projected date of commercial operation of January 1, 2030.³ Kansas Sky is being developed by Savion and is located in Douglas County, with a projected date of commercial operation in December of 2026.⁴

3. On November 14, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Setting Procedural Schedule, which included Intervenor post-hearing briefs due May 28, 2025.⁵

4. On May 29, 2025, Renew Missouri Advocates (Renew Missouri) filed its Post-Hearing Brief in Opposition to the Non-Unanimous Partial Settlement Agreement Regarding the Construction of Natural Gas Generation Facilities. Subsequently, Renew Missouri filed a Motion for Leave to Withdrawal Late-Filed Brief requesting the Commission allow them to withdraw its brief.⁶

5. Since the Motion is unopposed, the Commission finds that granting the Motion for Leave to Withdrawal Late-Filed Brief will not unduly burden or prejudice any party. Accordingly, the Commission grants Renew Missouri's Motion for Leave to Withdrawal Late-Filed Brief.

¹ Petition of Evergy Kansas Central, Inc., Evergy Kansas South, Inc., and Evergy Metro, Inc. for Determination of Ratemaking Principles and Treatment, Nov. 6, 2024 (Evergy's Application).

² *Id.*, ¶¶ 15 & 17.

³ *Id.*, ¶¶ 16 - 17.

⁴ *Id.*, ¶ 28.

⁵ Order Setting Procedural Schedule; Granting CURB's Petition to Intervene; Designating Presiding Officer; Protective and Discovery Order, Nov. 14, 2024.

⁶ Renew Missouri's Motion for Leave to Withdrawal Late-Filed brief, May 30, 2025.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Renew Missouri's Motion for Leave to Withdrawal Late-Filed Brief is granted.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 06/10/2025



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