## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

| In the Matter of the Application      | ) |            | 20-KCPE-154-MIS  |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------|------------------|
| of Evergy Metro, Inc. for Approval to | ) | Docket No. | 20-KCI E-134-MIS |
| Extend its Demand-Side Management     | ) |            |                  |
| Programs                              | ) |            |                  |

# APPLICATION OF EVERGY METRO, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO EXTEND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

COMES NOW Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro ("Evergy" or the "Company") (formerly known as Kansas City Power & Light Company)<sup>1</sup>, and hereby requests from the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission" or "KCC") approval to extend five of its Demand-Side Management ("DSM") pilot programs for an additional three years. In furtherance of this Application, Evergy states as follows:

#### I. Background

1. Evergy is a Missouri corporation and a vertically integrated electric public utility company under the jurisdiction of the Commission engaged in the production, transmission, delivery and furnishing of power within the meaning of K.S.A. 66-104, in legally designated areas of Kansas. Evergy holds a certificate of convenience and authority issued by the Commission, authorizing Evergy to engage in such utility business. Evergy has previously filed with the Commission certified copies of its Articles of Incorporation under which it was organized, its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Evergy filed an Adoption Notice with the Commission in Docket No. 20-KCPE-122-CCN, notifying the Commission that its legal name had changed from Kansas City Power & Light Company to Evergy Metro, Inc. and that it was adopting all tariffs, schedules, and rules and regulations of Kansas City Power & Light Company. The Adoption Notice tariff will become effective on Oct. 7, 2019.

Certificate of Registration as a Foreign Corporation authorized to do business in Kansas, and all amendments thereto and restatements thereof, and the same are incorporated herein by reference.

2. In Docket No. 18-KCPE-124-TAR, the Commission approved continuation of Evergy's current portfolio of five DSM pilot programs. Those programs currently are set to expire on February 1, 2020. Pursuant to the Joint Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in the 18-124 Docket, if Evergy wished to continue these DSM programs past February 1, 2020, it was required to file an application no later than October 1, 2019, as it has done with this Application. Under the Joint Settlement Agreement, Evergy was also required to file a limited evaluation, measurement and verification study for its programmable thermostat program with the Commission by October 1, 2019. Evergy is filing that EM&V simultaneous with this Application in a separate docket.

### II. Portfolio of DSM Programs for Approval

- 3. With this Application, Evergy is requesting Commission approval to continue its five active DSM programs for three additional years or December 31, 2022. These programs were originally implemented as pilot programs under the Settlement Agreement in Docket No. 04-KCPE-1025-GIE ("1025 Docket").<sup>3</sup> The five programs comprising Evergy's current DSM portfolio are as follows:
  - Low Income Weatherization Approved December 9, 2005
  - Home Energy Analyzer Approved March 7, 2006
  - Business Energy Analyzer Approved December 22, 2006
  - Building Operator Certification Approved May 15, 2007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Order Approving Joint Settlement Agreement, Docket No. 18-KCPE-124-TAR (Aug. 7, 2018) ("18-124 Docket").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Joint Motion to Approve Stipulation and Agreement, Appendices B and B-1, filed April 27, 2005, in the 1025 Docket and *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement*, issued August 5, 2005, also in the 1025 Docket.

- Programable Thermostat Approved January 10, 2006
- 4. Of the above programs, Home Energy Analyzer, Business Energy Analyzer, and Building Operator Certification are classified by Evergy as Educational Programs, consistent with the guidelines set out by the Commission in Docket No. 08-GIMX-442-GIV.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. This Application provides the information required to be filed with program applications as defined in Appendix A of the Commission's November 14, 2008 Order in Docket No. 08-GIMX-441-GIV, including new budgets for the programs<sup>5</sup> and includes proposed tariff language for each of the programs.<sup>6</sup> The attachments to the Application are as follows:

Attachment 1 – Income-Eligible Weatherization - Appendix A Information

Attachment 2 – Home Energy Analyzer - Appendix A Information

Attachment 3 – Business Energy Analyzer - Appendix A Information

Attachment 4 – Building Operator Certification - Appendix A Information Attachment 5

- Programmable Thermostat - Appendix A Information

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Order Following Collaborative on Benefit-Cost Testing and Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification, at ¶¶ 29-32, issued April 13, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Final Order in 441 Docket (also known as "441 Order"), ¶ 34, p.12, Ordering ¶ E, p. 38 and Appendix A, pp. 40-41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Evergy is also cancelling all of its DSM tariffs that were previously frozen as well as those approved to be discontinued in the 18-124 Docket. Redlined versions of those tariffs reflecting the cancellation are attached hereto as well.

6. The proposed budgets for the five programs are summarized in the Table 1 below:

Table 1 Evergy Kansas Metro DSM Program Portfolio Proposed 3-Year Budget<sup>7</sup>

| Program                         | 2020      | 2021      | 2022      | Total       |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Income-Eligible Weatherization  | \$ 41,872 | \$ 41,872 | \$ 41,872 | \$ 125,616  |
| Home/Business Energy Analyzer   | \$419,500 | \$269,500 | \$269,500 | \$ 958,500  |
| Building Operator Certification | \$ 26,737 | \$ 0      | \$ 26,737 | \$ 53,474   |
| Programmable Thermostat         | \$197,966 | \$180,841 | \$181,216 | \$ 560,024  |
| Total                           | \$686,075 | \$492,213 | \$519,325 | \$1,697,614 |

7. Consistent with the agreement reached by the parties and approved by the Commission in the Joint Settlement Agreement in the 18-124 Docket, Evergy requests waiver of the educational program budget guideline established by the Commission in Docket No. 08-GIMX-442-GIV as necessary for its three education programs.

## III. Cost Recovery and Timing

- 8. Evergy is not requesting any changes to its Energy Efficiency Rider ("EER") mechanism at this time. Should the Commission approve this Application for Evergy to continue to offer the five programs herein as filed, it is Evergy's intent to continue to recover the costs of those programs through its EER mechanism.
- 9. As previously noted, Evergy's existing programs will expire on February 1, 2020, if some action is not taken by the Commission in this docket prior to that time. In light of this

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Evergy is providing a three-year budget for the programs instead of a five-year budget because Evergy is only requesting approval of the programs for an additional three years.

timing issue, Evergy requests that if the Commission cannot issue its final order in this docket by February 1, 2020, it issue an order prior to that date allowing for continuation of the five DSM programs at issue in this Application until further order of the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Evergy respectfully requests that the Commission approve the tariffs for the portfolio of DSM programs proposed in this Application and the budgets submitted for each of those DSM programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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