

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

new name for Westar and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (Evergy South) as the new name for KG&E, taking into account that both entities will be identified under the name of “Evergy Kansas Central”.

2. The Commission derives its authority to supervise electric public utilities from K.S.A. 66-101b. Regarding the request for a company name change, the Commission, in accordance with K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-131 and K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-136, must determine whether the proposed change will promote the public convenience.

3. In conjunction with the letter Application, Westar and KG&E submitted a new Adoption tariff that proposes to have Evergy Central and Evergy South incorporate all of Westar and KG&E’s tariffs, schedules and rules and regulations under the new corporate name. K.S.A. 66-101c requires that every electric public utility doing business in Kansas shall:

... publish and file with the commission copies of all schedules of rates and shall furnish the commission copies of all rules and regulations and contracts between electric public utilities pertaining to any and all jurisdictional services to be rendered by such electric public utilities.

The Commission derives its authority to review the Adoption tariff from K.S.A. 66-117(d), which states in part:

Except as provided in subsection (c), no change shall be made in any rate, toll, charge, classification or schedule of charges or joint rates, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, without the consent of the commission.

4. The Commission finds that Evergy Central and Evergy South are Kansas For Profit Corporations and their current status with the Kansas Secretary of State are *Active and in Good Standing*. The records of the Secretary of State indicate that Evergy Central is the registered name for the entity previously known as Westar, and Evergy South is the registered name for the entity previously known as KG&E. Westar was formed on March 6, 1924, and has been authorized to conduct the business of a public utility in Kansas for many years as provided under K.S.A 66-104.

KG&E was formed on October 9, 1990 and has been authorized to conduct the business of a public utility in Kansas for many years as provided under K.S.A 66-104. The Commission determines that the requested name changes to Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. under the Westar and KG&E Certificates of Convenience and Authority to provide electric public utility service will promote the public convenience and should be approved. As part of the approval process, the Commission directs Evergy Central and Evergy South to notify it regarding any change in address or contact telephone numbers, file timely annual reports, maintain current registration with the Kansas Secretary of State's office and pay all Commission assessments in a timely manner.

5. Rather than refiling all of their tariffs under the new corporate names, Westar and KG&E have jointly filed an Adoption tariff, which proposes to have Evergy Central and Evergy South adopt, ratify and make their own in every respect all tariffs, schedules, and rules and regulations of Westar and KG&E. Given the magnitude of the process for changing all tariff schedules, the Commission finds that this Adoption tariff should be approved on a provisional basis to facilitate ongoing operations under the new corporate name. However, in conjunction with past practice, the Commission finds that Evergy Central and Evergy South shall file replacement tariffs, rate schedules, contract amendments or other instruments with the new corporate name within six months of the issuance of this Order. Accordingly, the Adoption tariff shall be approved in conjunction with the issuance of this Order and the condition to file superseding tariffs, rate schedules, contract amendments or other instruments within six months. All new and original filings will also designate Evergy Central and Evergy South as the corporate entities making the submissions.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company Application filed in this matter on September 9, 2019, is hereby granted with respect to the name change of Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. under their Certificates of Convenience and Authority.

B. The Adoption tariff is approved on a provisional basis and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. are ordered to file replacement tariffs, rate schedules, contract amendments or other instruments with the new corporate name within six months of the issuance of this Order. All new and original filings shall designate Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. as the corporate entities of record.

C. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529 (a) (1).¹

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 10/08/2019



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¹ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503 (c) and K.S.A. 77-531(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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