

**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 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE’S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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 13, 2024, the United States Department of Defense (DOD) filed a Petition to Intervene, citing its operation of several military installations, including Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, and McConnell Air Force Base, which are large users of electricity supplied by Evergy.⁵

4. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.⁶ Furthermore, at any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation.⁷

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

² *Id.*, ¶¶15 & 17.

³ *Id.*, ¶¶16 - 17.

⁴ *Id.*, ¶28.

⁵ Petition to Intervene, Nov. 13, 2024, ¶ III.

⁶ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

⁷ K.S.A. 77-521(c).

5. The Commission finds and concludes that DOD has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and K.S.A. 77-521(b), and should be granted intervention in this Docket. DOD will be added to the mailing list, and electronic service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to:

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The U.S. Department of Defense’s Petition to Intervene is granted.
- B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁸

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 11/19/2024



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⁸ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

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