

**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 Joint Application of Evergy)
Kansas Central, Inc., and Evergy Kansas) Docket No. 25-EKCE-223-TAR
Metro, Inc., for Approval of Limited Large)
Customer Economic Development Discount)
Rider.)

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records, the Commission finds and concludes:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On November 22, 2024, Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. & Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (together “Evergy Kansas Central”) and Evergy Metro, Inc. (“Evergy Kansas Metro”) filed an Application (collectively, “Evergy”) in the above-captioned docket requesting modifications to their Large Economic Development Rider (“LED R”) tariffs to conform with HB 2527.¹ On July 1, 2024, Kansas House Bill 2527 (“HB 2527”) went into effect, which amended K.S.A. 66-101j further to, amongst other things, add to the list of facilities eligible to receive a discounted economic development rate.²

¹ Evergy Joint Application, Docket No. 25-EKCE-223-TAR (Nov. 22, 2024) (“Application”).

² On July 1, 2020, the Senate Substitute for Kansas House Bill 2585 (“HB 2585”) went into effect, which in part amended K.S.A. 66-101j by authorizing the Commission to approve contract rates that are not based on a facility’s cost of service if certain criteria are met showing that the continued operation of the facility is in the public interest. Additionally, HB 2585 authorized electric utilities to offer discounted economic development rates to commercial customers meeting certain criteria.

2. On December 10, 2024, the Commission issued an order granting the petition of the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB") to intervene and seeking a protective order and discovery order in the above-captioned docket.

3. On June 10, 2025, Commission Staff ("Staff") filed its Report and Recommendation ("R&R") regarding Evergy's Application in the above-captioned docket.³ Staff's R&R ultimately recommended that the Commission find that Evergy's proposed changes to its LEDR tariffs conform with HB 2527 and therefore recommended that the Commission approve Evergy's Application.⁴

II. LEGAL STANDARDS

4. The Commission holds full power, authority and jurisdiction to supervise and control Evergy as an electric public utility pursuant to K.S.A. 66-101. The Commission holds jurisdiction over Evergy's rates and terms of service under K.S.A. 66-101b. All tariff revisions requested by Evergy pertaining to jurisdictional service must be approved by the Commission pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117.

III. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

5. Counsel for CURB represented that it had the opportunity to review Staff's R&R and that it has no objections to Staff's recommendations.⁵

6. The Commission finds that Evergy's Application conforms to the language of HB 2527; therefore, it finds Staff's recommendations are reasonable and hereby adopts the same.

7. The Commission concludes that Evergy's Joint Application are just and reasonable.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

³ Notice of Filing of Staff's Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 25-EKCE-223-TAR (June 10, 2025) ("Staff's R&R" or "R&R").

⁴ Staff's R&R, p. 5.

⁵ Communications between counsel for CURB and counsel for Staff are available upon request.

A. Evergy's Joint Application is hereby approved.

B. 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).⁶

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 06/26/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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⁶ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 06/26/2025.

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