

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

Before Commissioners: Susan K. Duffy, Chair
Dwight D. Keen
Andrew J. French

In the Matter of Evergy Kansas Central, Inc.’s)
and Evergy Kansas Metro, Inc.’s Request for)
Authority to Implement Proposed Forward) Docket No. 23-EKCE-846-TAR
Natural Gas and Power Hedging Policy and to)
Permit All Costs and Benefits to Flow Through)
Retail Energy Cost Adjustment)

SUSPENSION ORDER: January 22, 2024

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On May 26, 2023, Evergy Kansas Metro, Inc. (“Evergy Kansas Metro”), Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (together as “Evergy Kansas Central”) (collectively, “Evergy”) filed its Application with the Commission for authority to implement its proposed Forward Natural Gas and Power Hedging Policy (“Hedge Program”) and to permit all costs and benefits to flow through Evergy Kansas Central’s Retail Energy Cost Adjustment (“RECA”) tariff and Evergy Kansas Metro’s Energy Cost Adjustment (“ECA”) tariff to its retail customers.¹

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed

¹ Application for Evergy Central (May 26, 2023) (“Application”).

change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

3. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether approval of the Application will result in just and reasonable rates.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, May 26, 2023 until Monday, January 22, 2024, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c).² A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Application in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until January 22, 2024.

B. Electronic service shall be utilized for serving pleadings/motions and orders.

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).³

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Duffy, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; French, Commissioner

Dated: 06/08/2023

² The 240-day time period ends Sunday, January 21, 2024. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c) and K.A.R. 82-1-217(a), the deadline is extended until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, which is Monday, January 22, 2024.

³ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

Lynn M. Retz

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Executive Director

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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 06/08/2023.

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