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Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd. Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027

RE: 24-EKCE-254-CPL Evergy Kansas Central, Inc and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. Compliance filing pursuant to Kansas House Bill 2225, K.S.A. 66-1237

To Whom it May Concern:

Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (collectively referred to herein as "Evergy Kansas Central") are submitting their Compliance Filing as required by Kansas House Bill 2225, K.S.A. 66-1237.

Per Statute, this Compliance Filing provides the following:

- (1) For each non-blanket work order transmission project over \$15,000,000, or a different amount deemed necessary by the commission staff in consultation with the filing utility, an itemization of projected transmission spending for the succeeding calendar year and the second succeeding calendar year. The commission may expect a utility to provide more extensive details for transmission projects in the succeeding calendar year than for the second succeeding calendar year, but the utility shall provide as many details as reasonably possible for transmission projects in the second succeeding calendar year;
 - (2) for each transmission project:
 - (A) A project identifier or name;
 - **(B)** the anticipated in-service date;
 - (C) the projected cost;
 - **(D)** the specific location within the utility's system;

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- (E) whether the project is classified as a new build, rebuild, upgrade or any other appropriate classification;
- **(F)** a description providing the purpose for the project and the anticipated reliability benefits;
- (G) a description of the original vintage of the replaced facilities if the project is classified as a rebuild or upgrade; and
- **(H)** the load additions or economic development benefits accommodated by the project, if any;
- (3) a proposed date and time for:
 - (A) Representatives of the public utility to conduct a technical conference for the purpose of discussing the details of the compliance filing with commission staff, the citizens utility ratepayer board and other commission-authorized intervenors. Such technical conference shall be held not later than 90 days after the utility filed the compliance filing; and
 - **(B)** the commission to hold a public workshop in which representatives of the public utility shall present the details associated with the transmission projects that are anticipated in the succeeding calendar year. The public workshop shall allow for questions and comments from the commission, commission staff and other commission-authorized intervenors. The public workshop shall be held not later than 120 days after the utility filed the compliance filing.

The proposed date and time for the technical conference is July 9, 2024 at 2:00pm.

The proposed date and time for the public workshop is July 31, 2024 at 9:00am.

These documents contain confidential information related to transmission projects that might not be public information at this time. Therefore, Evergy Kansas Central is filing both a confidential and public version of this compliance filing.

In addition to the undersigned, all correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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			(d) Specific Location				
		(c) TFR Spend	within Utility's			(g) Original Vintage o	of
(a) Project Identifier or Name	(b) Anticipated ISD	(Includes 34kV)	System	(e) Project Type	(f) Purpose for Project and Reliability Benefits	Replaced Facilities	(h) Economic Development Benefits
					Infrastructure needed to serve and other load growth in the area. Evergy is		
345/115kV New Substation & Transmission Lines (Related to		82,376,02	4 Shawnee	New Build	working with SPP to finalize an NTC for this work.		n/a Serves and other load growth in the area.
420LVIII - Dala III - III - 24LVIII - I - III		65 422 00	0 1 - 1 1		Replacing line originally built in 1924. No shield wires exist on the line. NERC identified it as		4024
138kV Line Rebuild with 34kV Underbuild		65,432,00	8 Independence	Upgrade	having one of the highest sustained outage frequency rates for lines 100-199 kV. Infrastructure needed to serve and other load growth in the area. May be		1924 n/a
115kV New Substation, 87th St 115kV Rebuild / Relocation (Related to		40 912 22	1 Shawnee	New Build	Infrastructure needed to serve and other load growth in the area. May be receiving NTC from SPP for project.		n/a Serves and other load growth in the area.
	-	49,012,23	1 Shawhee	New Build	New source into area and replacement for substation. If		n/a Serves and other load growth in the area.
					69kV source is lost, remaining transmission capacity is not sufficient to support area		
161-69kV Substation & New 161kV Line (in and out)		31.512.80	2 Independence	New Build	and generation must run to support reliability.		1975 n/a
		31,312,66	2 macpendence	Trev Bana	Rebuilding sections of line due to age and condition to improve reliability. Unable to do		1373 11,4
161kV Rebuild		28,259,47	2 Pittsburg	Upgrade	energized maintenance work due to poor conductor condition.		1952 n/a
69kV Line Rebuild			5 Pittsburg	Upgrade	Line was built in 1969 and has known maintenance issues due to underclass poles.		1969 n/a
					The substation was originally constructed in 1020 and still contains assets dating back to		
					The substation was originally constructed in 1930 and still contains assets dating back to that time. The two 138/69kV transformers were installed in 1953 and are different sizes,		
					which makes it infeasible to operate them in parallel. They will be replaced with a single,		
138-69kV Substation Rebuild		25 901 64	7 Independence	New Build	larger transformer which will resolve the issue.		1930 n/a
		25,501,04	7 independence	New Balla	Converting the line to 138kV was identified in a long-term study performed for the		1930 III a
					to reduce reliance upon 138/69kV transformers. Much of the equipment at the		
					has reached its end of life. Taking maintenance		
					outages at the 138kV substation is extremely difficult due to the bus layout and		
					number of terminals and the		: 1955
138kV Conversion		23,525,28	4 Wichita	Upgrade	following a failure.		: 1951 n/a
					The existing substation is in a floodplain and has flooded twice in the last ten years. The site	е	
					serves the and the frequent flooding adversely affects Evergy's		
					ability to serve them. The new substation location is out of the floodplain. As part of the		
					new substation, additional distribution transformation will be added as well as an extension	n	
					of the existing distribution line, which will improve the reliability to		
69kV Substation Rebuild		21,163,60	1 Independence	New Build	the retirement of the existing substation.		1979 n/a
					The line provides a second feed into the area, but cannot carry much power		
					relative to the other lines around it. Due to its reliability and low capacity, it is operated		
					normally open at the is		
					primarily served by two transmission sources on the north side: 115kV and		
					115kV. When either of these sources or adjacent lines have planned		
					outages, a large amount of the is also primarily served by two transmission sources: 138kV and		
					138kV. When either of these sources or adjacent lines have planned outages,		
					additional lines or transformers need to be opened to reduce the opportunity for system		
					issues (low voltage and/or line overloads). By rebuilding this line to a higher capacity and		
					converting to a higher voltage, it will provide a strong source into both the		
115kV Substation Rebuild and Voltage Conversion from 69kV to 115kV & 138kV		26,167,18	1 Hutchinson	Upgrade			1965 n/a
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				Note: Project Type acco	ording to definitions below:		
					reenfield or expansion of existing infrastructure (substation expansion, for example).		
					ease in ampacity of existing assets.		
				Rebuild: Like-1	for-like replacements.		