

**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 Application of Evergy)
Kansas Metro, Inc., Evergy Kansas South, Inc.,)
and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. for Approval) Docket No. 25-EKME-315-TAR
of Large Load Service Rate Plan and)
Associated Tariffs.)

**ORDER CONVERTING EVIDENTIARY HEARING TO A ONE-DAY HEARING ON
UNANIMOUS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

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 February 11, 2025, 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 seeking expedited approval of its Large Load Power Service (LLPS) Rate Plan, with a new tariffed rate offering for customers over 100 MW seeking to interconnect with Evergy.¹ Evergy proposes to file annual compliance report filings with the Commission to track the success of the LLPS Rate Plan.²

2. On May 6, 2025, the Commission issued its Order Setting Procedural Schedule, which included deadlines to submit testimony in support of a settlement, a prehearing conference, an evidentiary hearing scheduled for October 8-9, 2025, and post-hearing briefs.³

¹ Evergy's Application for Approval of Large Load Service Rate Plan and Associated Tariffs, Feb. 11, 2025 (Application).

² *Id.*, ¶ 9.

³ Order Setting Procedural Schedule, Feb. 13, 2025, ¶ 4.

3. On August 12, 2025, the Commission amended the Procedural Schedule to extend the deadlines to submit a settlement agreement to September 22, 2025; and testimony in support of / or in opposition to a settlement agreement to September 25, 2025.⁴

4. On August 18, 2025, Evergy; Commission Staff (Staff); the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB); the Data Center Coalition (DCC); the Sierra Club; the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC); Google LLC (Google); the Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC); Occidental Chemical Corporation (Occidental); Lawrence Paper Company (LPC); Spirit AeroSystems, Inc. (Spirit); Associated Purchasing Services (APS); Unified School District #233, Olathe Schools District (USD 233); The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear); Unified School District No. 232, Johnson County, Kansas (USD 232); Blue Valley School District USD 229 (USD 229); and Shawnee Mission School District USD 512 (USD 512) (collectively, the Joint Movants), filed a Joint Motion to Approve Unanimous Settlement Agreement.

5. The Joint Movants request modifying the Procedural Schedule to expedite the deadline to submit Testimony in Support of or in Opposition of the Settlement to September 5, 2025, convert the Evidentiary Hearing set for October 8-9, 2025, to a Hearing on the Settlement on October 8, 2025, and for the Commission to issue its Final Order within thirty (30) days of the hearing.⁵

6. As a result of the Unanimous Settlement Agreement, the two-day evidentiary hearing will be converted to a one-day hearing on the Settlement Agreement. The hearing on the Unanimous Settlement Agreement will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, and will be conducted via Zoom.

⁴ Order Granting Unopposed Motion for Modification of the Procedural Schedule, Aug. 12, 2025, ¶ 4.

⁵ Joint Motion for Approval of Unanimous Settlement Agreement and Amendment of the Procedural Schedule, Aug. 18, 2025, ¶¶ 8-9.

7. The Commission amends the Procedural Schedule to move up the deadline to file testimony in support of or in opposition to the settlement to September 5, 2025, and to cancel the post-hearing briefs. The Commission will strive to expedite an Order on the Unanimous Settlement.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The evidentiary hearing originally scheduled for October 8-9, 2025, is converted to a hearing on the Settlement Agreement. The hearing on the Settlement Agreement will begin at 9:00 a.m. on October 8, 2025, and will be conducted via Zoom.

B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁶

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 08/21/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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⁶ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

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