#### THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Dwight D. Keen, Chair Shari Feist Albrecht Susan K. Duffy

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy ) Kansas Metro Seeking Commission Approval ) of the Proposed Changes to its Net Metering ) For Renewable Energy Sources Tariff. )

Docket No. 20-KCPE-217-TAR

### **SUSPENSION ORDER**

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

#### I. Background

1. On November 8, 2019, Evergy Kansas Metro filed an Application requesting revisions to its Net Metering for Renewable Energy Sources tariff.<sup>1</sup> The proposed changes include requiring a one-line wiring diagram with system plans. Evergy Kansas Metro is further proposing to remove the Interconnection Agreement from the tariff, which will align the Net Metering tariff with the structure of its Parallel Generation Contract Service tariff.

#### **II. Suspension Order**

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 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application of Evergy Kansas Metro (Nov. 8, 2019)

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, November 8, 2019, until Monday, July 6, 2020, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c).<sup>2</sup> 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 July 6, 2020.

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).<sup>3</sup>

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders, as necessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The 240-day time period ends Sunday, July 5, 2020. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c), 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, July 6, 2020. <sup>3</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

# BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 11/26/2019

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