

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas)
South, Inc. for Approval to Make Certain) Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS
Changes in their Charges for Electric)
Service)

PETITION FOR INTERVENTION OF
KANSAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, INC.

COMES NOW The Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. ("Kansas Chamber"),
and states to the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission" or
"KCC") as follows:

The Kansas Chamber hereby Petitions to Intervene in the above-captioned Docket
pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225.

In support of this Petition, the Kansas Chamber states as follows:

1. The Kansas Chamber is a Kansas not for profit corporation, with offices located at
534 S. Kansas, Suite 1400, Topeka, Kansas 66603.
2. Members of the Kansas Chamber are located throughout the state of Kansas,
including the electric service territories of Evergy Kansas Central (EKC) and Evergy Kansas
South (EKS).
3. The "mission" of the Kansas Chamber is to continually strive to improve the
economic climate of every business and citizen in Kansas, and to safeguard our system of free,
competitive enterprise. The "vision" of the Kansas Chamber is to make Kansas a top state to do
business. The "purpose" of the Kansas Chamber is to be an advocate for pro-business public
policies that enable all Kansas businesses to succeed. This advocacy of the Kansas Chamber

would include advocating for reliable, continuous electric service, at competitive retail rates throughout Kansas – issues that are central to this KCC Docket.

4. On January 31, 2025, EKC, and EKS, (collectively referred to herein as “Evergy”) filed a Joint Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117 and K.A.R. 82-1-231, for approval of “certain changes to their charges for electric service in Kansas.” (Joint Application, page 1).

5. Evergy is requesting a net increase in its revenue requirements of \$196.4 million, after costs included in the property tax surcharge are netted out. (Joint Application, page 2).

6. Broadly speaking, this Docket will address (i) reliable, continuous electric service, and (ii) competitive retail electric rates. These issues are foundational to the economic interests of every business and citizen in Kansas – and to all members of the Kansas Chamber. A reasonable and appropriate resolution of these issues by the KCC in this Docket will be critical to economic development in Kansas, and to a reasonable economic climate for business in Kansas and will directly and materially affect the Kansas Chamber and its state-wide membership.

7. The business community throughout Kansas – as well as every citizen of Kansas will benefit from good energy policy to be established in this KCC Docket, on the issues of reliable, continuous electric service, and competitive retail electric rates.

8. The Kansas Chamber is uniquely situated to represent a broad range of the state-wide business community on these energy policy issues. The Kansas Chamber has been an advocate for the business community in Kansas since 1924. No other entity in the state has the length and breadth of experience, and the continuing advocacy for economic development and a good economic climate to operate a business in Kansas than the Kansas Chamber.

9. The experience of the Kansas Chamber in the areas of addressing critical components of a positive Kansas economic climate for business, and addressing critical components of economic development, make the Intervention of the Kansas Chamber in this Docket “unique,” and represents state-wide business interests not represented by any other Party.

10. As stated above, the “rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests of the Kansas Chamber and its state-wide membership, may be substantially affected by this proceeding” (K.A.R. 82-1-225) and Intervention is appropriate under applicable Kansas law for the Kansas Chamber.

11. The Commission by Order dated July 6, 2023, granted the Intervention of the Kansas Chamber in KCC Docket No. 23-EKCE-775-RTS, the immediate prior rate case of Evergy.

12. Furthermore, the Commission has a history and precedent of granting Intervention to entities that represent distinct policy interests – including, but not limited to: the Sierra Club, the Climate and Energy Project, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Earth Justice, IBEW Local Union 304, the Council for the New Energy Economics, and the Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, Inc.

13. The Kansas Chamber’s Intervention in this Docket is not a part of any other group participating as Intervenors herein, and its Intervention is separate and apart from any other Intervenor.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Kansas Chamber requests that the Commission make the following findings:

The Kansas Chamber has met all requirements for Intervention under Kansas law, in that the Kansas Chamber:

- has submitted in writing this Petition for Intervention to the presiding officer of the KCC with service on all parties;
- has stated facts in this Petition for Intervention demonstrating that the Intervenor's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, and other legal interests may be substantially affected by this KCC Docket;
- the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention;
- therefore, the Commission issue an Order that this Petition for Intervention is granted to the Kansas Chamber; and
- that the Kansas Chamber is granted by the KCC full rights of Intervention under Kansas law in this Docket, and the Kansas Chamber can participate fully as a Party under Kansas law in this Docket.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ James P. Zakoura

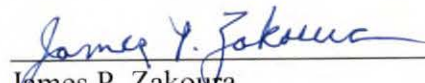
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF JOHNSON)

James P. Zakoura, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that he is the Attorney for The Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing *Petition for Intervention*, and that the statements therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



James P. Zakoura

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 9th day of June 2025.



Notary Public

My Appointment Expires:



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 9th day of June 2025, the foregoing was electronically filed with the Kansas Corporation Commission and that one copy was delivered electronically to all parties on the service list as follows:

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