# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Susan	K. Duffy, Chair	
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Andre	w J. French	
In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Evergy Kansas Metro, Inc. for Approval	) Docket No. 20-EKME-358-TAR	
of Customer Forward Program Tariff	)	
Changes	)	

## ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND STATUTORY DEADLINE

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 and conclusions:

- 1. On February 14, 2020, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro (Evergy Metro), filed an application requesting approval from the Commission of certain tariff changes necessary to implement an integrated Customer Forward Program with Evergy Central, Inc.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. On February 27, 2020, the Commission suspended the effective date of the application for 240 days, from February 14, 2020 until October 12, 2020.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. On September 2, 2020, Evergy Metro filed supplemental information as requested by Commission Staff (Staff).<sup>3</sup>
- 4. On September 8, 2020, Evergy Metro and Staff filed a joint motion requesting a 30-day extension of the K.S.A 66-117(c) statutory deadline. The parties state the extension is necessary due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including the temporary State

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application of Evergy Metro, Inc. for Approval of Tariff Changes to Implement Consolidated Customer Forward Program (Feb. 14, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Order Granting CURB's Petition to Intervene, Discovery Order, Protective Order, Suspension Order (October 12, 2020), ¶ 27, D (Feb. 27, 2020). *See* K.S.A. 66-117(c) (addressing statutory deadline, including effective date of proposed changes and 240-day suspension of effective date).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Evergy Kansas Metro Notice of Filing Supplemental Information in Support of Application (Sept. 2, 2020).

shutdown and the Commission's Emergency Order Staying All Dockets.<sup>4</sup> The parties further state an extension is necessary to allow Staff time to thoroughly investigate Evergy Metro's application and supplemental information, and to issue its recommendation. The parties request a new deadline to Wednesday, November 11, 2020.<sup>5</sup>

5. K.S.A. 66-117(c)(3) provides, "nothing in this subsection shall preclude the public utility or common carrier and the commission from agreeing to a waiver or an extension of the 240-day period." The Commission accepts Evergy Metro's agreement to extend the deadline for a Commission order in this docket to November 11, 2020. Accordingly the Commission grants the Joint Motion to Extend Statutory Deadline.

## THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Joint Motion to Extend Statutory Deadline is granted. The Commission's Order in this docket is due no later than November 11, 2020.

### BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Duffy, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; French, Commissioner

Dated:	09/17/2020

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Docket No. 20-GIMX-393-MIS, Emergency Order Staying All Dockets (Mar. 19 2020), and amendments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Joint Motion to Extend Statutory Deadline (Sept. 8, 2020).

#### **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
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