

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Kansas Metro, Inc., Evergy Kansas South, Inc.)
and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. to Make) Docket No. 23-EKCE-775-RTS
Certain Changes in Their Charges for Electric)
Service Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117.)

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
PHASE-IN OF CERTAIN RATE IMPACTS**

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Staff” and “Commission,” respectively); Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (collectively referred to as “Evergy Kansas Central” or “EKC”) and Evergy Metro, Inc. (“Evergy Kansas Metro” or “EKM”) (together with Evergy Kansas Central referred to as “Evergy”) (all collectively herein as the “Joint Movants”), hereby respectfully move the Commission for an Order approving a Phase-In of Certain Rate Impacts caused by the rate change implemented as a result of the Unanimous Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) approved by the Commission in the above-captioned docket. In support of this Motion, Joint Movants state the following:

1. On April 25, 2023, Evergy filed a Joint Application requesting authorization to make certain changes to its charges for electric service in Kansas. As part of its Application, Evergy proposed to eliminate the Off-Peak Service Rate for EKC customers and transition the four customers that were previously taking service on that rate to the Large General Service (“LGS”) and Medium General Service (“MGS”) classes, depending on their usage characteristics, and to allow them to participate in the new Off-Peak Rider that provides benefits for off peak usage.

2. The parties to the proceeding submitted a Unanimous Settlement Agreement to the Commission for approval on September 29, 2023, and the Commission issued an Order approving

the Settlement Agreement on November 21, 2023. The elimination of the EKC Off-Peak Service Rate was provided for in the Settlement Agreement and customers on that old rate were transitioned to the LGS and MGS rates, together with the new Off-Peak Rider, as of the effective date of the rate change, which was December 21, 2023.

3. After this transition occurred, several of the customers previously taking service on the Off-Peak Service Rate made Evergy aware that they were seeing very significant bill impacts under the LGS and MGS rates, together with the new Off-Peak Rider. For example, one of the customers could experience increases of over 300% annually as a result of the transition.

4. Evergy made Staff aware of these impacts and Evergy and Staff agreed that steps should be taken to phase-in the transition from the Off-Peak Service Rate to the LGS and MGS rates over a three-year period, in order to smooth out the impacts for these customers.

5. Specifically, Joint Movants propose to provide bill credits to the customers that were moved off of the cancelled Off-Peak Service Rate so that the amount of the increase they are paying is limited to 1/3 of the full annualized rate increase the first year, 2/3 of the full annualized rate increase the second year, and the full annualized rate increase starting in the third year. For example, if the full annualized bill increase for a specific customer as a result of the elimination of the rate is 99% annually, Evergy would provide a bill credit to limit the impact for the first year to be 33%, 66% the second year, and the customer would then receive the full 99% rate increase in the third year. The bill credit provided to implement this phase-in will be adjusted annually on December 21.

6. Joint Movants agree that Evergy should be permitted to defer the impact of the phase-in on the amount of revenue not collected by Evergy from these customers (the amount of the credit provided to these customers to implement the phase-in) as a regulatory asset and seek

recovery of that regulatory asset in its next general rate case from all customer classes. Evergy estimates that the annual amount of the deferral will be approximately \$1 million, based on usage of these customers over the last 12 months.

WHEREFORE, Joint Movants respectfully request the Commission issue an order granting this Motion and allowing the mitigation plan for these customers through the phase-in discussed herein and for any such further relief the Commission deems just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
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Cathryn J. Dinges, upon oath first duly sworn, states that she is Senior Director and Regulatory Affairs Counsel for Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc., and Evergy Kansas Metro, Inc. that she has reviewed the foregoing pleading, that she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Cathryn Dinges

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of April, 2024.

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Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: *May 30, 2026*



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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