

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas) File No. 20-KCPE-205-TAR
Metro for a Variance from the Commission's)
Electric and Natural Gas Billing Standards)

AMENDED APPLICATION FOR LIMITED WAIVER

Come Now Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro ("Evergy Kansas Metro" or the "Company") and files its *Amended Application for a Limited Waiver* ("Amended Application") of a portion of the requirement stated in the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") Electric and Natural Gas Billing Standards ("Billing Standards"), Section I, Item A(1)a. In support of its Amended Application, Evergy Kansas Metro states as follows:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1. On November 1, 2019 Evergy Kansas Metro filed its *Application for a Limited Waiver* ("Application") to initiate this docket. Pursuant to discussions with Staff ("Staff") for the Commission, the Company files this Amended Application.

AMENDED APPLICATION

2. Evergy Kansas Metro is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Kansas engaged, among other things, in the business of electric public utilities, as defined by K.S.A 66-104, in legally designated areas within the State of Kansas. Evergy Kansas Metro holds certificates of convenience and authority issued by this Commission authorizing it to engage in such utility business.

3. Section I, Item A of the Commission's Billing Standards states, in part:

Each utility bill issued to a customer shall show: (a) The beginning and ending meter registration for the reading period, except that estimated billing shall disclose that it is based on estimated meter reading. The entire word "Estimated" must be shown on the bill.

4. Utility bills issued with beginning and ending registered reads are losing relevance as utilities are adopting time of use rates, dynamic rates, and installing interval or electronic meters for billing purposes. Evergy Kansas Metro recently requested and received permission from the Commission to offer a Residential Time of Use Pilot tariff in Docket No. 18-KCPE-480-RTS.¹ A meter register is irrelevant with all time of use rates. This time of use rate has two or three daily billing periods and the rate applied to each period varies. As a result, it is necessary to have interval meter data in order to bill a customer using a time of use rate. The beginning and ending registered meter reads measuring the cumulative usage over the month are not relevant to the calculation of the customer's bill under a time of use rate. What is important is the number of kWh consumed in each time period (e.g., on peak or off peak). Due to a rounding issue, a meter's interval data and its scalar reads produce slightly different totals when used to calculate a customer's usage. Though the difference is small, showing both the interval usage and scalar reads on a customer's bill would produce different results and would cause confusion for the customer.

5. For customers under the Residential Time of Use Pilot tariff, Evergy Kansas Metro requests that the Commission grant a partial waiver of the Section I, Item A of the Billing Standards to allow the Company to include the interval data provided by the electronic meter, instead of beginning and ending meter registration, on a customer's bill.

6. For all other customers, Evergy Kansas Metro will continue to comply with this portion of the Billing Standards and provide the beginning and ending meter registration for the reading period on a customer's bill.

¹ Effective October 8, 2019, Evergy Kansas Metro adopted the service territory and tariffs of Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L"). See, *Order Approving Name Change*, Docket No. 20-KCPE-122-CCN, dated October 8, 2019.

7. A draft revision of Every Kansas Metro's General Rules and Regulations, Section 4.02 (A)(1) incorporating the proposed waiver is attached as Appendix A.

8. Every Kansas Metro requests that the Commission issue an order in this docket within 90 days of the date this Amended Application filed.

WHEREFORE, Every Kansas Metro respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order waiving the portion of Section I, Item A of the Billing Standards discussed in paragraphs 2 through 8 above.

Respectfully submitted,

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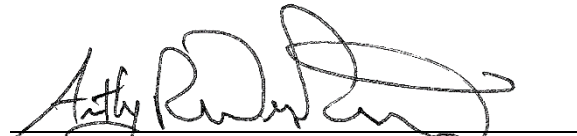
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KANSAS METRO**

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Darrin R. Ives of lawful age, being first duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says that he is Vice President—Regulatory Affairs, for Evergy Kansas Metro; that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing Application; and that the statements therein contained and in the exhibits filed therewith are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

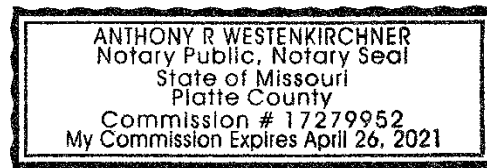
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December 2019.


Darrin R. Ives


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above was electronically served, hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, this 4th day of December 2019 to:

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EVERGY METRO, INC. d/b/a EVERGY KANSAS METRO

(Name of Issuing Utility)

Replacing Schedule _____ Sheet _____

Evergy Kansas Metro

(Territory to which schedule is applicable)

which was filed August 30, 1989No supplement or separate understanding
shall modify the tariff as shown hereon.Sheet 22 of 99 Sheets**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
APPLYING TO ELECTRIC SERVICE (continued)****4. BILLING AND PAYMENT****4.01 BILLING PERIOD:**

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(2) The date the meter was read, when applicable, and the date of the bill;

(3) The final date by which a payment can be received before a delinquency charge is imposed;

(4) Actual or estimated usage during the billing period;

(5) The amount due if payment is made prior to the final date by which payment can be received before the bill is deemed delinquent and the amount due if payment is received after the bill is deemed delinquent;

(6) The amount of additional charges for past due accounts, security deposits, collection, reconnection and/or disconnection charges, installment payments and other utility charges authorized by the State Corporation Commission;

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SCHEDULE 1.22

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