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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc., ) Evergy Kansas Central, Inc., and Evergy Kansas ) South, Inc. for Approval of Transportation ) Electrification Portfolio. )

) Docket No. 21-EKME-320-TAR

## SUBMITTAL ON DEFINITION OF "UNDERSERVED" PURSUANT TO TERMS OF THE NON-UNANIMOUS PARTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

COME NOW Evergy Metro, Inc., Evergy Kansas Central, Inc., and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. ("Evergy"), the Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively), the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB"), and the Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"), (referred to collectively as the "Signatories"), and hereby submit to the Commission their agreement on the definition of "underserved," as contemplated by the Non-Unanimous Partial Settlement Agreement filed on July 29, 2021 ("Settlement Agreement").

1. Pursuant to the terms of Section II, ¶4, Part II.A of the Settlement Agreement, \$1.6 million of the Commercial EV Charger Rebate (CCR) was reserved for areas of the State that are determined to be "underserved." The Signatories were to work towards an agreement on the definition of underserved, which would be submitted to the Commission by August 23, 2021. If an agreement could not be reached, the issue was to be presented to the Commission in briefing.

2. The Signatories have now reached agreement on the definition of underserved, as

follows:

- The definition of underserved shall be based on the number of current electric vehicles (EVs) in Evergy's service territory as reported by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) to Evergy (quarterly), relative to the number of existing public electric vehicle supply equipments (EVSEs) in Evergy's service territory, as reported by the Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC) maintained by the Department of Energy (DOE), or alternative resource(s) identifying public EVSEs.
- The determination of an underserved area will be county wide, considering only the EVs and EVSEs that are in existence in Evergy's service territory within the county.
- Specifically, if a county has more than 10 EVs, yet the ratio of existing EVs to L2 ports exceeds 25 to 1, or the ratio of existing EVs to DCFC ports exceeds 150 to 1, the county is underserved.
- For the six months ending December 31, 2021, the following counties are to be considered underserved:
  - Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Riley, Butler, Saline, Miami, Harvey, McPherson, Cowley, Franklin, Atchison, Pottawatomie, Crawford, Geary, Dickinson, Coffey, Montgomery, Osage
- After the expiration of the December 31, 2021, time frame, Evergy shall update the calculation of underserved counties using the data and metrics described above, and shall file the results and underlying data in a compliance filing to be established by the Commission.
  - The Signatories will have the opportunity to review the submission and discuss any disagreements with the submission with Evergy. In the event that disputes cannot be resolved informally, the Signatories agree to submit those disputes to the Commission for formal resolution.
- The Signatories anticipate that the definition of underserved will be determined by the methodology described above for the full five-year term of the CCR program. In the event of significant changes in technology, data reporting or collection, or other unforeseen factors that render the methodology less effective, the Signatories agree to work together to consider a revised methodology that better reflects the current nature of EVSE infrastructure relative to existing EVs in Evergy's service territory. Any revised methodology for determining the definition of underserved will be presented to the Commission for review and decision.

WHEREFORE, the Signatories hereby submit this definition as a supplement to the Settlement Agreement and request the Commission accept the same for consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **VERIFICATION**

I, Glenda Cafer, verify under penalty of perjury that I have caused the foregoing pleading to be prepared; that I have read and reviewed the same; and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

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