## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Andrew J. French, Chairperson Dwight D. Keen Susan K. Duffy

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In the Matter of Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. Seeking Approval from the Commission of the Evergy Energy Efficiency Rider 2021 Filing

Docket No. 22-EKCE-020-TAR

# **SUSPENSION ORDER: MARCH 14, 2022**

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On July 15, Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (together, Evergy Kansas Central) filed an Application requesting approval of a revised Energy Efficiency Rider.<sup>1</sup>

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part: "The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Evergy Energy Efficiency Rider 2021 Filing (Jul. 15, 2021) (Application).

3. A full investigation of Evergy Kansas Central's request as set forth in paragraph 1, which may result in further proceedings, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension of the proceedings, Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the requests contained in Evergy Kansas Central's Application should be approved.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness of Evergy Kansas Central's updated Energy Efficiency Rider is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effective date of the rates and/or terms proposed shall be suspended for a period not to exceed 240 days from the date the application was made, July 15, 2021, until March 14, 2022.<sup>2</sup> A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

### IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding Evergy Kansas Central's revised Energy Efficiency Rider is deferred until March 14, 2022. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>3</sup>

### BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lynn M. Retz Executive Director

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The 240-day clock ends on Saturday, March 12, 2022. This day falls on a weekend; as such, in accordance with K.A.R. 82-1-217, the suspension deadline moves to the next day which is not a weekend: Monday, March 14, 2022. <sup>3</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

### **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

electronic service on 08/10/2021

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