

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairman
 Dwight D. Keen
 Susan K. Duffy

In the Matter of the Complaint Against)
Evergy Metro, Inc. by Scott Worthey.) Docket No. 21-EKME-081-COM

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO RESPOND TO STAFF
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

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 August 7, 2020 Scott Worthey (Complainant) submitted a Formal Complaint against Evergy Kansas Metro (Evergy). Complainant alleges Evergy was grossly negligent in the maintenance of their power pole arms, causing a 34.5 kV wire to fall into a 12 kV wire, resulting in a surge into Complainant's home that damaged several household items.¹

2. On July 30, 2021 Commission Staff filed its Report and Recommendation, concluding that Evergy was not grossly negligent in maintaining its equipment and the complaint should be dismissed.² Staff recommended the Commission order Evergy to inspect all 34.5 kV double circuit lines for potential failure of the 34.5 kV conductor supports and that Evergy complete this inspection and submit a report within six months of the Final Order in this Docket.³

3. On August 9, 2021 Evergy filed a Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Staff's Report and Recommendation. Due to the "the breadth of Staff's recommendations,"

¹Formal Complaint Against Evergy Metro, Inc. by Scott Worthey, p.3 (Aug. 11, 2020).

²Notice of filing of Staff's Report and Recommendation p.7 (July 30, 2021).

³Notice of filing of Staff's Report and Recommendation p.7 (July 30, 2021).

Evergy requests an extension of time to reply until August 30, 2021 to understand Staff's recommendations and fully develop its response. Evergy noted that Staff had no objection.

4. K.A.R. 82-1-217(b) allows the Commission to extend any deadline for good cause. The Commission believes Evergy's unopposed request for additional time to review Staff's Report and Recommendation before responding constitutes good cause.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Evergy's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Staff's Report and Recommendation is granted.

B. Evergy shall file its response to Staff's Report and Recommendation by August 30, 2021.

C. 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).⁴

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 08/17/2021



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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⁴K.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 08/17/2021.

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