Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Kansas Central, Inc., and Evergy Kansas South, Inc., for

the Approval to Make Certain Changes in their

Charges for Electric Service.

PETITION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW, The Kroger Co. ("Kroger") and moves the Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") for an order granting Kroger's intervention and full participation in the above-captioned matter. In support of its Petition, Kroger states the following:

- 1. On January 31, 2025, Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. and (collectively referred to as "Evergy Kansas" or "Company") filed a Joint Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) to make certain changes in their charges for electric service.
- 2. Kroger is a corporation engaged in the business of selling groceries at retail throughout the United States. Doing business as the *Dillon's* grocery store chain, Kroger has approximately 85 accounts in Westar's Energy's service territory. Kroger purchases more than 150 million kWh of electricity from the Company annually. Petitioner is one of the largest commercial customers served by the Company. The grocery stores operated by Kroger are high load factor facilities that use energy for food storage, lighting, heating, cooling and distribution, often on a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week basis.
- 3. If Evergy Kansas's application is granted, the cost for electric power service to Petitioner could be substantially impacted. Accordingly, Kroger has a substantial and vital interest

in the outcome of this proceeding, which cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

4. It is respectfully requested that all pleadings and other documents issued in this proceeding by the Commission, the Commission Staff, or a party be served as counsel for Kroger on the following parties and that the Commission's official service list be modified to reflect the same.

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WHEREFORE, The Kroger Co. respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order granting its Petition for Intervention.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) ss
I, Kurt J. Boehm, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath states that he is an attorney representing The Kroger Co.; that he has read the above and foregoing Petition to Intervene, and, upon information and belief, states that the matters therein appearing are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief. Kurt J. Boehm, Esq.
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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served by electronic service on this 27th day of February, 2025, to the following:

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