THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Andrew J. French, Chairperson Dwight D. Keen Annie Kuether

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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. for Approval to Make Certain Changes in their Charges for Electric Service.

Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TO THE KANSAS AGRIBUSINESS RETAILERS ASSOCIATION, THE KANSAS GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION, THE RENEW KANSAS BIOFUELS ASSOCIATION, AND ASSOCIATED PURCHASING SERVICES

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:

1. On January 31, 2025, Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (collectively, Evergy Kansas Central or EKC) filed a Joint Application requesting a net increase in its revenue requirement of \$196.4 million, after costs included in the property tax surcharge are netted out.¹ This represents an actual base rate requested change of \$192 million, or 8.64% percent in total retail revenues.²

2. On April 14, 2025, the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), the Renew Kansas Biofuels Association (RKBA), and Associated Purchasing Services (APS) each filed a Petition to Intervene stating that their

¹ Evergy Kansas Central's Joint Application, Jan. 31, 2025.

 $^{^{2}}$ *Id*, \mathbb{P} 2.

members are direct retail ratepayers of EKC.³ KARA, KGFA, RKBA, and APS all claim to have a direct financial interest in this Docket as their members are retail ratepayers of EKC.⁴

3. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.⁵ Furthermore, at any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation.⁶

4. The Commission finds and concludes that KARA, KGFA, RKBA, and APS have met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and K.S.A. 77-521 and should be granted intervention in this Docket. KARA, KGFA, RKBA, and APS will be added to the mailing list, and electronic service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and intervenors' other designee as follows:

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³ Petition to Intervene of KARA, Apr. 14, 2025, P 2; Petition to Intervene of KGFA, Apr. 14, 2025, P 2; Petition to Intervene of RBKA, Apr. 14, 2025, P 2; Petition to Intervene of APS, Apr. 14, 2025, P 2.

⁴ Id.

⁵ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

⁶ K.S.A. 77-521(c).

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association's Petition to Intervene is granted.
- B. Kansas Grain and Feed Association's Petition to Intervene is granted.
- C. Renew Kansas Biofuels Association's Petition to Intervene is granted.
- D. Associated Purchasing Services' Petition to Intervene is granted.
- E. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁷

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner Dated: ______

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⁷ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

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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

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