

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Kansas)
Metro, Inc., Evergy Kansas South, Inc., and) Docket No. 25-EKME-315-TAR
Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. for Approval of)
Large Load Power Service Rate Plan and)
Associated tariffs.)

**APPLICATION OF EVERGY KANSAS METRO, INC., EVERGY KANSAS SOUTH,
INC., AND EVERGY CENTRAL, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF LARGE LOAD SERVICE
RATE PLAN AND ASSOCIATED TARIFFS**

COME NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a/ Evergy Kansas Metro (“Evergy Kansas Metro”), Evergy Kansas South, Inc., and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. (together as “Evergy Kansas Central”) (collectively referred to herein as “Evergy” or the “Company”), hereby file this *Application for approval of Evergy’s Large Load Power Service (“LLPS”) Rate Plan and Associated Tariffs* (“Application”) with the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”). In support of its Application, the Company states as follows:

I. General Information

1. Evergy Kansas Metro and Evergy Kansas Central are vertically integrated electric public utility companies under the jurisdiction of the Commission that are engaged in the production, transmission, delivery, and furnishing of power within the meaning of K.S.A. 66-104, in legally designated areas of Kansas. Evergy Kansas Metro and Evergy Kansas Central have previously filed with the Commission certified copies of their Articles of Incorporation under which they were organized, their respective Certificates of Registration as a Foreign Corporation authorized to do business in Kansas, and all amendments thereto and restatements thereof, and the same are incorporated herein by reference.

2. In addition to serving counsel named below, all correspondence, pleadings, notices, orders, and other communications regarding this proceeding should also be sent to:

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4. By this Application, Evergy seeks an order from the Commission approving, on an expedited basis, the Company's Large Load Power Service ("LLPS") Rate Plan, all accompanying new and modified tariffs, as well as any additional or conforming tariff changes that are identified through the course of this proceeding that are needed to implement the LLPS Rate Plan.

5. In support of its filing, the Company is filing the Direct Testimony of the following three witnesses:

- **Mr. Darrin Ives:** Mr. Ives is the Company’s lead policy witness. He discusses the national trends and marketplace driving new large customer loads across the country and explains how this trend presents an historic opportunity for the State of Kansas to benefit. Mr. Ives provides an overview of the LLPS Rate Plan and background on how the Company developed its LLPS Rate Plan, including some of the Company’s key considerations, goals, and objectives through its plan.
- **Mr. Jeff Martin:** Mr. Martin details the process the Company used to develop the LLPS Rate Plan, discusses the updated interconnection process – known as the “Path to Power” that the Company plans to use for new large load customers over 25 MW. Mr. Martin also discusses resource planning and economic development rate considerations related to the LLPS Rate Plan.
- **Mr. Bradley D. Lutz:** Mr. Lutz sponsors all tariffs the Company seeks approval of, which together comprise the LLPS Rate Plan. Among other things, Mr. Lutz summarizes each tariff, discussing eligibility, pricing considerations, and key terms and conditions.

II. Request for Approval of Evergy’s LLPS Rate Plan

6. By this filing, Evergy presents for Commission approval the Company’s LLPS Rate Plan. The LLPS Rate Plan is the product of a comprehensive effort Evergy has undertaken to best position itself and the State of Kansas at the forefront of an unprecedented surge in new large load

customer growth. The LLPS Rate Plan will establish a nation-leading program to attract and retain large customers in a manner that is equitable, efficient, and transparent, while positioning Evergy and Kansas to support the State's important economic development policies and priorities. The LLPS Rate Plan builds on the Company's existing rate structures for commercial and industrial customers but incorporates a variety of modifications and optional programs designed to accommodate the unique needs and desires of large load customers, while enshrining numerous provisions that will protect non-participants from undue risk. Central to the LLPS Rate Plan is a new, tariffed rate offering, Schedule LLPS, which sets forth the tariffed terms and conditions that will apply to customers over 100 MW seeking to interconnect to Evergy's Kansas system. In addition to Schedule LLPS, the LLPS Rate Plan includes a selection of new and existing tariffed offerings, which are largely designed to expand the Company's clean and renewable energy offerings that will be available to Schedule LLPS customers, while ensuring that customers who elect to participate pay their fair share.

7. As part of this filing, the Company requests approval of the following new and modified tariffs included in this filing:

- New Tariffs - Base Tariffs to the LLPS Rate Plan
 - Schedule LLPS (Large Load Power Service)
- New Tariffs – Complementary Riders to the LLPS Rate Plan
 - Schedule SR (System Support Rider)
 - Schedule CCR (Customer Capacity Rider)
 - Schedule DRLR (Demand Response & Local Generation Rider)
- New Tariffs – Renewable/Carbon Free Attribute Procurement Riders Within the LLPS Rate Plan
 - Schedule CER (Clean Energy Choice Rider)
 - Schedule RENEW (Renewable Energy Program Rider)¹
 - Schedule AEC (Alternative Energy Credit Rider)

¹ Schedule RENEW is approved in EKC. Evergy is requesting to establish Schedule RENEW in EKM in this filing.

- Schedule GSR (Green Solution Connections Rider)
- Modified Tariffs to accommodate LLPS Rate Plan
 - Schedule LPS (Large Power Service)
 - Schedule ECA (Energy Cost Adjustment)
 - Schedule ILP (Industrial & Large Power)
 - Schedule RECA (Retail Energy Cost Adjustment)
 - Rules and Regulations

To develop the applicable rates included in Schedule LLPS, Evergy developed a Large Load Class Cost of Service (“CCOS”) Study. Evergy is providing the Large Load CCOS Study in summary form as an attachment to the Direct Testimony of Mr. Bradley D. Lutz. Company witness Mr. Jeff Martin also outlines the Company’s “Path to Power” process, which reflects an updated interconnection study process designed to transparently and fairly evaluate new large load, while ensuring costs associated with bringing new load on the system are appropriately allocated to new large load customers. Evergy proposes various changes to its General Rules & Regulations to memorialize its Path to Power process.

8. Evergy’s proposed LLPS Rate Plan encompasses numerous protections for existing and non-participating customers. Protections include the proposed System Support Rider (under which participating customers will contribute to the future reliability and affordability of Evergy’s power grid), a minimum bill requirement, updates to the Company’s line extension policies to ensure new large customers pay for the costs of dedicated facilities needed to serve them, a 15-year term, as well as a variety of financial due diligence requirements and financial metrics large customers must comply with to demonstrate their ability to pay for all costs imputed to them.

9. In the interests of transparency and to help the Commission track the success of the LLPS Rate Plan, Evergy proposes to file an annual compliance report filing with the Commission, as discussed in Mr. Ives’ testimony. The annual report will inform the Commission on the number of new or expanded customers that have enrolled in Schedule LLPS, the total estimated load

enrolled under each rate, the sector the customer is in, and the estimated number of new or retained jobs associated with each new customer.

III. Request for Expedited Treatment

10. The statutory deadline for Commission action on this Application is 240 days under K.S.A. 66-101j(h). Here, Evergy respectfully requests expedited treatment of this Application and that the Commission issue an order by June 20, 2025. As explained in Mr. Ives testimony, Evergy requests expedited treatment: (1) to provide clarity and certainty to new customers that are actively considering locating in Evergy's jurisdiction; (2) to provide clarity and certainty to existing customers and other stakeholders regarding rate treatment; and, (3) to coordinate this filing with EKC's imminent general rate case to ensure the Company's ability to appropriately adjust rates for the proposed LLPS class based on the outcome of that rate case. A proposed procedural schedule reflecting Evergy's request for expedited treatment is attached to this Application as Exhibit A.

WHEREFORE, Evergy respectfully requests that the Commission approve its proposed LLPS Rate Plan, the accompanying new and modified tariffs, its request for expedited treatment and associated procedural schedule, any additional or conforming tariff changes that are identified through the course of this proceeding that are needed to implement the LLPS Rate Plan, as well as any additional findings necessary to grant Evergy's requested relief.

Respectfully submitted,



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Proposed Procedural Schedule

Filing Date	Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Technical Conference/Initial Settlement Discussions	Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Staff Report and Recommendation	Friday, April 4, 2025
Intervenors' Responses to Staff's R&R	Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Evergy's Response to Staff and Intervenors	Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Settlement Conference	Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Submit Settlement Agreement	Friday, May 23, 2025
Requested Commission Order	Friday, June 20, 2025

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

VERIFICATION

Cathy Dinges, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that she is the Sr Director and Regulatory Affairs Counsel for Evergy Inc., that she has read and is familiar with the foregoing Application and attests that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Cathryn J. Dinges

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February, 2025.



Notary Public

My Appointment Expires May 30, 2026

