

**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., d/b/a Evergy Kansas Central, for) Docket No. 25-EKCE-080-TAR
Approval of its 2024 Energy Efficiency Rider)
for Program Costs)

**EVERGY KANSAS CENTRAL’S RESPONSE TO STAFF’S REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION**

COME NOW Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (together as “Evergy Kansas Central”), and file their Response to the Report and Recommendation filed by Staff. In support of its Response, Evergy states:

1. In Staff’s Report and Recommendation filed October 16, 2024, under the “Recommendation:” section, Staff states:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy’s EER amount of \$4,704,278, with the condition that Evergy shall file its next EER in July 2025 to include costs for Commission approved programs recorded from July 2024 through June 2025.

2. Evergy would like to clarify that the costs included in the immediate docket were for the time period July 2023 to February 2024 for WattSaver and July 2023 through June 2024 for the Energy Efficiency Demand Response Program Rider (EEDR) as shown in the filing made on July 15, 2024.

3. Evergy is in the transition period moving from the legacy Energy Efficiency Programs to the KEEIA 2024-2028 DSM Portfolio. The new KEEIA program tariffs were effective March 1, 2024 in Docket Number 22-EKME-254-TAR. In that approved tariff, it states:

As Evergy Kansas Central transitions from the Legacy Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Programs (Legacy Programs), it is anticipated that Energy Efficiency (EE) Costs in July 2023

through February 2024 and True-Up for the preceding Energy Efficiency Rider year will be filed on July 15, 2024, for recovery over the period from November 2024 through September 2025. Further, the transition over to the KEEIA programs will occur in the June 2025 filing for the program year one, March 2024 to December 2024 months, with recovery over the period of October 2025 through September 2026. These filings will also continue to include the EEDR recovery as ordered in the 10-WSEE-141-TAR and 18-KG&E-303-CON dockets.

4. Per the approved tariff, Evergy plans to make the next Energy Efficiency/KEEIA filing on June 16, 2024, as June 15, 2025, is a Sunday. Evergy plans to include KEEIA program year one costs from March 2024 through December 2024. Evergy also plans to include the EEDR costs from July 2024 through December 2024. The Recovery Period would be October 2025 through September 2026, all as stated in the tariff.

WHEREFORE, Evergy Kansas Central requests that the Commission make it clear in its Order in this docket that Evergy Kansas Central will be able to recover costs through the Energy Efficiency Rider consistent with the Tariff approved in Docket No. 22-EKME-254-TAR and that if the "Recommendation" section in Staff's Report and Recommendation is inconsistent with the Tariff in any way, Evergy shall recover costs consistent with the language in the Tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cathryn J. Dinges, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states:

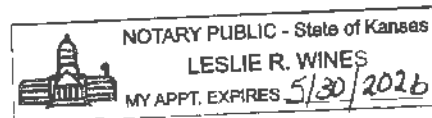
That she is the attorney for the within named applicant, that she has read the above and foregoing pleading and that the statements therein contained are true according to her knowledge and belief.

Cathryn Dinges
Cathryn J. Dinges

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of October 2024.

Leslie R. Wines
Notary Public

My Appointment Expires May 30, 2026



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been emailed, this 17th day of October 2024, to all parties of record as listed below:

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