

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of Evergy Kansas Central, Inc.)
and Evergy Kansas Metro Filing Tariffs to)
Update Retail Energy Cost Adjustment)
(RECA) for Evergy Kansas Central, Inc.,) Docket No. 25-EKCE-205-TAR
Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) for Evergy)
Kansas Metro and the Parallel Generation)
Rider (PGR) Tariffs for Evergy Kansas)
Central, Inc.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF ADJUSTMENTS

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:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On November 1, 2024, Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. (“EKC”) and Evergy Metro, Inc. (“EKM”) (together referred to as “Evergy”) filed an Application requesting to update EKC’s Retail Cost Adjustment (RECA) and Parallel Generation Rider (PGR) tariffs, and EKM’s Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) tariff.¹ Evergy explained that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC”) Order 898 amended the Uniform System of Accounts (“USofA”) for public utilities and licensees to: create new accounts for wind, solar, and other renewable generating assets; create a new functional class for energy storage accounts; codify the accounting treatment of environmental credits; and, create new accounts within existing functions for

¹ Application of Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas Metro (Nov. 1, 2024) (Application).

computer hardware, software, and communication equipment.² Evergy’s requested updates for the various tariffs in its Application identify the new accounts ordered by FERC in Order 898. Evergy explicitly states it is not requesting any change to the calculation of EKC’s RECA or PGR tariffs, or to EKM’s ECA tariff.³

2. The Commission granted the Citizens’ Utility Ratepayer Board (“CURB”) intervention in the proceeding on November 14, 2024.⁴

3. On December 4, 2024, Evergy submitted amended revisions to each of the RECA, PGR, and ECA tariffs.⁵ Evergy explained the further revisions cleaned up grammatical and editorial errors.⁶ The revisions did not impact the intent of the Application as filed on November 1, 2024.⁷

4. Commission Staff analyzed Evergy’s Application and reported its findings in a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) filed December 19, 2024.⁸ Commission Staff recommended approval of Evergy’s Application, as amended in its Revised Tariff Filing.⁹

II. LEGAL STANDARDS AND DISCUSSION

5. The Commission holds full power, authority, and jurisdiction to regulate Evergy as an electric public utility doing business in Kansas and is empowered to do all things necessary and convenient for the exercise of such power, authority, and jurisdiction.¹⁰ The Commission is empowered to require all electric public utilities to establish and maintain just and reasonable rates

² Application, p. 1. *See* Accounting and Reporting Treatment of Certain Renewable Energy Assets, Order No. 898, 183 FERC ¶ 61,205 at P. 1 (2023) (Order No. 898).

³ *See* Application, p. 1.

⁴ Order Granting CURB’s Petition to Intervene, Protective Order, and Discovery Order (Nov. 14, 2024).

⁵ Evergy Amended Tariff (Dec. 4, 2024) (Revised Tariff Filing).

⁶ *Id.*, p. 1.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Notice of Filing of Staff’s R&R (Dec. 19, 2024) (Staff’s R&R).

⁹ *See id.*, p. 8.

¹⁰ *See* K.S.A. 66-101.

when the same are reasonably necessary in order to maintain reasonably sufficient and efficient service from such public utilities.¹¹

6. No public utility governed by the Commission shall make effective any changed rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of such public utility or common carrier without filing the same with the Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed effective date of such change.¹² In accordance with the Commission's authority pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Commission suspended this docket until June 30, 2025, to allow Staff adequate time to analyze the Application and proposed changes to Evergy's various tariffs.¹³

7. The Commission has reviewed Staff's R&R. Staff analyzed Evergy's Application and agreed with Evergy's recommended changes to the RECA, PGA, and ECA tariffs.¹⁴ Staff verified that each revision was made with the intent of complying with the mandated accounting changes from FERC.¹⁵ Staff further verified that the proposed changes neither affect what costs are intended to be recovered through the tariffs nor any of the revised tariffs' calculations.¹⁶

8. CURB has also reviewed Staff's R&R and has communicated that it has no objection to Staff's recommendations.¹⁷

III. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

9. The Commission adopts Staff's R&R in its entirety. The Commission finds that Evergy's Application will result in tariff changes that are just and reasonable and in accordance

¹¹ See K.S.A. 66-101b.

¹² See K.S.A. 66-117(a).

¹³ Suspension Order: June 30, 2025 (Nov. 14, 2024).

¹⁴ See Staff's R&R, p. 8.

¹⁵ See *id.*

¹⁶ See *id.*

¹⁷ Electronic mail communication between counsel for CURB and Commission Staff can be made available upon request.

with mandated accounting changes from FERC. The Commission concludes that Evergy's Application should be approved, incorporating the revisions made in Evergy's December 4, 2024, Revised Tariff Filing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Evergy's Application to implement certain tariff revisions in accordance with relevant Federal Energy Regulatory Commission mandates, as supplemented by further revisions made in its December 4, 2024, Revised Tariff Filing, is approved.

B. 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).¹⁸

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 12/31/2024



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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¹⁸ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

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