

**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 Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. for Approval of) Docket No. 22-EKME-254-TAR
its Demand-Side Management Portfolio)
Pursuant to the Kansas Energy Efficiency)
Investment Act (“KEEIA”), K.S.A. 66-1283)

**JOINT REPORT ON FEDERAL FUNDING ON BEHALF OF
KANSAS ENERGY OFFICE, EVERGY KANSAS METRO, INC.,
EVERGY KANSAS SOUTH, INC. AND EVERGY KANSAS CENTRAL, INC.**

COMES NOW Kansas State Energy Office (“SEO”), Evergy Kansas Metro, Inc., Evergy Kansas South, Inc. and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. (“Evergy”) and files with the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) this update to the collaborative Report on Federal Funding filed on October 31, 2023 (“Initial Report”), pursuant to the Commission’s Order issued September 1, 2023.

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 1, 2023, the Kansas Corporation Commission (“KCC”) approved Evergy’s Kansas Energy Efficiency Investment Act (“KEEIA”) portfolio represented in the Initial Program Settlement and Initial Financial Settlement (“Order”), with certain modifications and conditions, stating, “*Prior to implementation of programs, and within 60 days of this Order, Evergy and Staff shall confer and report to the Commission on any developments regarding federal funding opportunities and whether such developments warrant modification of this Order.*”

The Initial Report provided a brief description of the Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (“BIL”), compared IRA Home Energy Rebates to KEEIA programs, addressed the applicability of fuel switching, estimated the impact of IRA Home Energy

Rebates for Kansans, and provided an overview of Weatherization Assistance Program (“WAP”) and additional funding synergies. Further, the parties confirmed the deadline for applying for IRA Home Energy Rebates application is January 2025, and there is no definite timeline for federal approval of applications or program deployment. The Initial Report recommended no modifications of the Order but confirmed an update to the Initial Report would be submitted by June 1, 2024, concluding that planning and communications to Kansas residents will be key over the deployment period of the federal programs and KEEIA.

The remainder of this update will focus on Evergy’s KEEIA implementation activities, the current status of SEO activities, and the recommended cadence for ongoing updates.

II. UPDATE

Since the filing of the Initial Report, Evergy has advanced its implementation of the KEEIA programs, collaborating with KCC Staff to obtain approval of its EM&V methodology using a measured-savings approach and securing the Commission’s approval of the KEEIA program tariffs on January 31, 2024, and the recovery compliance tariff on February 29, 2024. Evergy has initiated stakeholder engagement communications at regular intervals to encourage the collaborative framework set forth in the Order as program implementation progresses.

To date, the SEO has received federal funding to assist with early administration of any future awarded programs and is in the midst of the Request For Proposal (“RFP”) process to select a third-party administrator to assist the SEO with design, development, and implementation. The procurement process is quite lengthy and requires approval by the Department of Energy (“DOE”), and it is unlikely that a candidate will receive a final award for several months.

III. RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

Given the SEO's extended RFP review timeline and the knowledge that the IRA Home Energy Rebate application deadline is January 31, 2025, Staff, SEO, and Evergy agree to continue to engage and coordinate on any new or changing developments at the federal level that impact Kansas residents. No changes or modifications are recommended to the KCC's Order approving the KEEIA portfolio; however, the parties agree to keep the Commission abreast of their coordinated efforts to provide the most comprehensive services on behalf of Kansas residents. The parties recommend any future updates shall be included as part of the KEEIA annual program report required by K.S.A. 66-1283, due on or before May 31 each year, or as otherwise directed by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cathryn Dinges

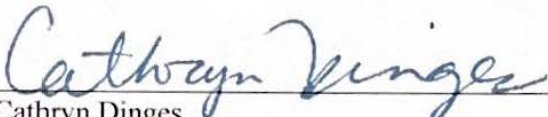
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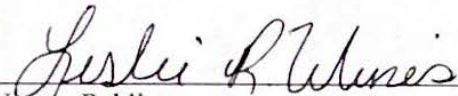
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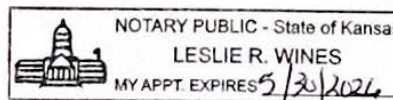
The undersigned, Cathryn Dinges, upon oath first duly sworn, states that she is Sr Director and Regulatory Affairs Counsel for Evergy Metro, Inc., Evergy Kansas South, Inc., and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc., that she has reviewed the foregoing pleading, that she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.


Cathryn Dinges

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of May 2024.


Notary Public

My appointment expires: May 30, 2026



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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that on May 31, 2024, a true and correct copy of the above was electronically served on the following parties of record:

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