

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

Before Commissioners: Susan K. Duffy, Chair
Shari Feist Albrecht
Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Kansas Metro Seeking Commission)
Approval of the Proposed Changes to its Net) Docket No. 20-KCPE-217-TAR¹
Metering For Renewable Energy Sources)
Tariff.)

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions.

I. BACKGROUND

1. On November 8, 2019, Evergy Kansas Metro, Inc. (“Evergy Kansas Metro”) filed an Application requesting to revise its Net Metering for Renewable Energy Sources tariff (“NM tariff”).² Among other things, the proposed changes include requiring a one-line wiring diagram with system plans.³

2. On April 17, 2020, Commission Staff (“Staff”) submitted a Report and Recommendation (dated April 14, 2020), regarding Evergy Kansas Metro’s Application.⁴ Staff recommended approving Evergy Kansas Metro’s Application.⁵

¹ Previously, Kansas City Power and Light Company requested authority to change the name contained in its tariffs and Commission records to Evergy Kansas Metro, Inc., d/b/a “Evergy Kansas Metro.” The Commission has approved this request. *See* Order Approving Name Change, Docket No. 20-KCPE-122-CCN (Oct 8, 2019).

² Application of Evergy Kansas Metro, Inc. (Nov. 8, 2019) (Application).

³ Application at 1.

⁴ *See* Staff’s Report and Recommendation (Apr. 17, 2020) (Report and Recommendation).

⁵ *See* Report and Recommendation at 2.

II. JURISDICTION

3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-101, the Commission is given full power, authority and jurisdiction to supervise and control the electric public utilities, as defined in K.S.A. 66-101a, doing business in Kansas, and is empowered to do all things necessary and convenient for the exercise of such power, authority and jurisdiction. K.S.A. 66-101a defines electric public utility as, “any public utility, as defined in K.S.A. 66-104, and amendments thereto, which generates or sells electricity.”⁶ K.S.A. 66-104(a) defines public utility, in relevant part, as “all companies for the production, transmission, delivery or furnishing of heat, light, water or power.”⁷

4. Evergy Kansas Metro is a public utility, as defined by K.S.A. 66-101, K.S.A. 66-101a, and K.S.A. 66-104, authorized to engage in the business of such and holding certificates of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to K.S.A. 66-131. As such, the Commission finds and concludes it has jurisdiction to rule on Evergy Kansas Metro’s Application.

III. DISCUSSION

5. Evergy Kansas Metro’s Application incorporates modifications recently approved for Evergy Kansas Central, Inc.’s (formally, Westar Energy and referred to herein as “Evergy Kansas Central”) Net Metering Rider tariff (“NMR tariff”).

6. In Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR, the Commission approved revising Evergy Kansas Central’s NMR tariff to incorporate requiring one-line wiring diagrams with plan submissions.⁸ Staff initially recommended the Commission deny Evergy Kansas Central’s Application, and instead, recommended several changes to provide direction and clarity.⁹ After a

⁶ K.S.A. 66-101a(a).

⁷ K.S.A. 66-104(a).

⁸ See Order Adopting Staff’s Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR, 3-5 (Aug. 6, 2019).

⁹ Notice of Filing of Staff’s Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR, 1 (Dec. 12, 2018).

series of meetings, Evergy Kansas Central submitted a revised NMR tariff, which Staff recommended the Commission approve.¹⁰ The Commission reviewed Evergy Kansas Central's revised NMR tariff for reasonableness pursuant to K.S.A. 66-101b, as well as statutes and regulations specific to net metering (i.e., K.S.A. 66-1267, K.S.A. 66-1268, and K.A.R. 82-17-3).¹¹ Ultimately, the Commission adopted Staff's Report and Recommendation and approved Evergy Kansas Central's revised NMR tariff.¹²

7. In the instant proceeding, Evergy Kansas Metro is proposing to revise its NM tariff that will, among other things, align Evergy Kansas Metro's NM tariff with Evergy Kansas Central's NMR tariff.¹³ In short, Evergy Kansas Metro is seeking to adopt the same format in its NM tariff as Evergy Kansas Central utilizes in its NMR tariff.¹⁴

8. Staff determined Evergy Kansas Metro's requested changes are consistent with those approved for Evergy Kansas Central in Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR.¹⁵ The proposed changes will streamline the net-metering application process.¹⁶ Approving Evergy Kansas Metro's Application will create, for all intents and purposes, a unified application process across all of Evergy's operating areas for distributed energy resource installers to reference.¹⁷

9. Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Kansas Metro's NM tariff as submitted in the Application.¹⁸

IV. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

¹⁰ Notice of Filing of Staff's Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR, 3 (Jun. 28, 2019).

¹¹ Order Adopting Staff's Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR, 3-4 (Aug. 6, 2019).

¹² Order Adopting Staff's Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR, 5 (Aug. 6, 2019).

¹³ Report and Recommendation at 1.

¹⁴ Report and Recommendation at 1.

¹⁵ Report and Recommendation at 2.

¹⁶ Report and Recommendation at 2.

¹⁷ Report and Recommendation at 2.

¹⁸ Report and Recommendation at 2.

10. As discussed above, the Commission finds and concludes Evergy Kansas Metro is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.¹⁹

11. The Commission has reviewed the Application under the requirements found in K.S.A. 66-1267, K.S.A. 66-1268, and K.A.R. 82-17-3.

12. The Commission finds Evergy Kansas Metro's revised NM tariff continues to make net metering available to customer-generators as required by K.S.A. 66-1265. The Commission finds Evergy Kansas Metro's revised NM tariff allows for minimum-bills, which is consistent with K.S.A. 66-1265(e).

13. The Commission finds utilizing this docket to align Evergy Kansas Metro's NM tariff with Evergy Kansas Central's NMR tariff is appropriate.

14. The Commission finds Evergy Kansas Metro's calculation and crediting of electricity supplied by a customer-generator complies with K.S.A. 66-1266.

15. The Commission finds Evergy Kansas Metro's Application appropriately incorporates maximum net metering kilowatt allowances and load sizing requirements detailed in K.S.A. 66-1267.

16. The Commission finds the terms and conditions contained within Evergy Kansas Metro's Application meet the minimum requirements set by K.A.R. 82-17-3.

17. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-101b:

Every electric public utility governed by this act shall be required to furnish reasonably efficient and sufficient service and facilities for the use of any and all products or services rendered, furnished, supplied or produced by such electric public utility, to establish just and reasonable rates, charges and exactions and to make just and reasonable rules, classifications and regulations.

¹⁹ See discussion *supra* Part II.

The Commission finds Evergy Kansas Metro's revised NM tariff establishes just and reasonable rules for net metering practices and customer-generator interconnection.

18. Accordingly, the Commission finds and concludes Evergy Kansas Metro's Application satisfies Kansas' net metering requirements.

19. After review of Evergy Kansas Metro's Application and Staff's Report and Recommendation, the Commission finds approval of such is appropriate. Accordingly, the Commission hereby adopts and incorporates by reference into this order the recommendations contained within Staff's April 14, 2020 Report and Recommendation (filed in this docket on April 17, 2020). The Commission concludes Evergy Kansas Metro's Application shall be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED:

A. The recommendations contained within Staff's April 14, 2020 Report and Recommendation (filed in this docket on April 17, 2020) are hereby adopted.

B. Evergy Kansas Metro, Inc.'s Application is hereby approved.

C. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration.²⁰

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of issuing such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Duffy, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 05/12/2020



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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²⁰ See K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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
electronic service on 05/12/2020.

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