

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Compliance Docket related to )  
the Investigation into the Sustainability )  
Transformation Plan of Evergy Metro, Inc., ) Docket No. 22-EKME-\_\_\_\_-CPL  
Evergy Kansas Central, Inc., and Evergy Kansas )  
South, Inc. (collectively Evergy) Pursuant to the )  
Commission’s Order in Docket No. 21-EKME- )  
088 )

**JOINT INFORMATIONAL FILING OF EVERGY METRO, INC., EVERGY KANSAS  
CENTRAL, INC., EVERGY KANSAS SOUTH, INC. AND COMMISSION STAFF**

COME NOW Evergy Metro, Inc. (“Evergy Kansas Metro”), Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (together as “Evergy Kansas Central”) (collectively referred to herein as “Evergy” or the “Company”) and the Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Staff” and “Commission”, respectively) submit this Joint Informational Filing regarding reporting requirements related to the Sustainability Transformation Plan (“STP”).

1. As the Commission noted in its recent Order in Docket No. 21-EKME-088-GIE (the “STP docket”) issued on November 23, 2021, Staff’s comments in the STP docket included a suggestion that Evergy report to the Commission regarding its execution of the proposed STP system improvements. Specifically, the Commission stated:

The Reporting requirements recommended in Staff Comments on STP and Topics Addressed During Commission Workshops are adopted. Evergy is directed to quarterly report its Board and senior management level Key Performance Indicators in a compliance docket and annually provide a more comprehensive report tracking the granular execution level KPI to allow the Commission to evaluate whether Evergy is executing its STP successfully, and making progress towards regionally competitive rates and reliable electric service.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Order, Docket No. 21-EKME-088-GIE, Ordering Paragraph B (Nov. 23, 2021). Additionally, Ordering Paragraph A states “[i]n its next Capital Plan filing, Evergy is directed to explain the increased spending in its CapEx projections, and the impact that increased spending will have on the trajectory of rates[,]” and Evergy will make those filings as directed.

The Commission indicated that Evergy should file this information in a new compliance docket.

2. With respect to reporting of board and management level Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), Evergy will submit those as generally described in paragraph 88 of Staff's Initial Comments in Docket No. 21-EKME-088-GIE on a quarterly basis and those as generally described in paragraph 89 of Staff's Initial Comments on an annual basis. To the extent that Evergy changes the metrics that are being reported to senior management and its board of directors, Evergy will adjust the information provided in these compliance filings accordingly.

3. With respect to the annual report contemplated by Staff's comments and the Commission Order that would help evaluate whether Evergy is executing the STP successfully, Evergy has been working with Staff over the last several months to gain a better understanding of Staff's intent regarding an STP reporting structure. Based on these discussions, it became clear that one of Staff's focus areas is the distribution investments contemplated in the STP and how to identify specific improvements in reliability resulting from those investments.

4. Evergy and Staff have developed a proposed reporting framework that focuses on reliability benefits and investments at the distribution project level. The framework proposed includes identifying the specific project with a description of the work, location by distribution circuit, investment amount, the number of customers directly impacted by the project, timing, the number of customer interruptions (CI), the number of customer minutes interrupted (CMI) and three reliability performance metrics – System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI), System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI), and Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI). Reliability data will be provided prior to and after the upgrade to show improvements over time. An illustrative report using this framework is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. Performance metrics will be at the project level for this reporting framework. Overall system reliability metrics are currently provided annually in other compliance filings. The three performance metrics will provide meaningful details on reliability improvements for customers that are connected to the identified distribution circuits.

6. Reporting at the circuit level will allow the appropriate level of detail that will be meaningful to Evergy customers. The level of detail on cost and reliability improvements will provide stakeholders meaningful information on the value of distribution investments. This will enable stakeholders to evaluate the benefits of the investments and the service level improvements to customers.

7. Evergy has held meetings with stakeholders to present the proposal, seek feedback, and address concerns.

8. Staff and Evergy have agreed that the report will be filed annually by the end of July, beginning in 2022.

9. Staff and Evergy have agreed that this annual report utilizing the framework described above will satisfy Staff's recommendation for annual and quarterly reporting that helps evaluate Evergy's success in executing the STP. Thus, Evergy and Staff are submitting this Joint Informational Filing to inform the Commission of the structure of the planned reporting for the STP in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATE OF KANSAS            )  
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COUNTY OF SHAWNEE    )

The undersigned, Cathryn Dinges, upon oath first duly sworn, states that she is Corporate Counsel for Evergy Metro, Inc. Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, 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.

  
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Cathryn Dinges

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

  
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Notary Public

My appointment expires: May 30, 2021



