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

Before Commissioners:

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

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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro for a) Variance from the Commission's Electric and Natural Gas Billing Standards

Docket No. 20-KCPE-205-TAR

SUSPENSION ORDER: June 29, 2020

NOW, 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:

1. On November 1, 2019, Evergy Metro, Inc. ("Evergy Kansas Metro" or "Evergy") filed an Application for a Limited Waiver of a portion of the requirement stated in the Kansas Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Billing Standards, Section I, Item A(1)a.

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part: "The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the Commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date."

3. A full investigation of the proposed waiver, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension of this docket, Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the requested waiver should be approved.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness of the requested waiver is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effective date of the rates and/or terms proposed shall be suspended for a period not to exceed 240 days from the date the application was made, November 1, 2019, until June 29, 2020. Because the 240 day clock here ends on a Sunday, the suspension period will run until the end of the next day that is not a weekend or holiday.¹ A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding Evergy's request shall be deferred until June 29, 2020.The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

C. 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.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 11/21/2019

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Lynn M. Retz Executive Director

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¹ K.A.R. 82-1-217.

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 11/21/2019

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