

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

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South,) Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS
Inc. for Approval to Make Certain Changes in)
their Charges for Electric Service.)

**ORDER CONVERTING EVIDENTIARY HEARING TO A ONE-DAY HEARING ON
UNANIMOUS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

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:

1. On January 31, 2025, Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (collectively, Evergy Kansas Central or EKC) filed a Joint Application requesting a net increase in its revenue requirement of \$196.4 million, after costs included in the property tax surcharge are netted out.¹ This represents an actual base rate requested change of \$192 million, or 8.64% percent in total retail revenues.²

2. On February 13, 2025, the Commission issued its Order Setting Procedural Schedule, which included an evidentiary hearing scheduled for July 21-25, 2025, and post-hearing briefs.³

3. On July 16, 2025, Evergy Kansas Central; Commission Staff (Staff); the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB); HF Sinclair El Dorado Refining LLC; Unified School District #259, Sedgwick County; Kansas Unified School District #233; Olathe Schools District; The

¹ Evergy Kansas Central's Joint Application, Jan. 31, 2025.

² *Id.*, ¶ 2.

³ Order Setting Procedural Schedule, Feb. 13, 2025, ¶ 3.

Kroger Co.; Department of Defense and Other Federal Executive Agencies; Kansas Gas Service, a division of One Gas Inc. and Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy; CVR Refining CVL, LLC; Cargill, Incorporated; Occidental Chemical Corporation; Lawrence Paper Company; Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association; Kansas Grain and Feed Association; Renew Kansas Biofuels Association; The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company; Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.; Associated Purchasing Services; Unified School District No. 232; Johnson County, Kansas; CCPS Transportation, LLC; Walmart Inc.; Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce; The Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.; and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 304, filed a Joint Motion to Approve Unanimous Settlement Agreement.

4. Under the proposed Unanimous Settlement, the Parties agree to an overall annual increase in base rates of \$128,000,000, inclusive of the rebase of property tax related to rebasing GSRS surcharge revenues.⁴ In the Unanimous Settlement Agreement, the Parties request the Commission convert the scheduled evidentiary hearing to a hearing on the settlement and waive their rights to file post-hearing briefs.⁵

5. As a result of the Unanimous Settlement Agreement, the five-day evidentiary hearing will be converted to a one-day hearing on the Settlement Agreement. The hearing on the Unanimous Settlement Agreement will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025, in the Commission's First Floor Hearing Room, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS, 66604.

⁴ Unanimous Settlement Agreement, July 16, 2025, ¶ 6.

⁵ *Id.*, ¶ 44.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The evidentiary hearing originally scheduled for July 21-25, 2025, is converted to a hearing on the Settlement Agreement. The hearing on the Settlement Agreement will begin at 10:00 a.m. on July 21, 2025.

B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁶

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 07/17/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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⁶ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

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