

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Susan K. Duffy

In the Matter of the 2020 Wolf Creek Triennial)
Decommissioning Financing Plan.) Docket No. 21-WCNE-103-GIE

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On September 1, 2020, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC), Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro, Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (Evergy), and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo) (collectively, the Parties) jointly filed an application for approval of its 2020 Wolf Creek Triennial Decommissioning Financing Plan.

2. On September 22, 2020, the Commission granted the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board's Petition to Intervene.¹

3. On December 18, 2020, Adam H. Gatewood and Leo Haynos filed testimony on behalf of Commission Staff (Staff). Gatewood (1) agrees with the escalation rates proposed by Jason O. Humphry, Senior Director of Finance for Evergy, and recommends those escalation rates and Humphry's methodology should be applied to the decommissioning plan selected by the Commission; (2) finds the annual accruals for Evergy Kansas are sufficient to fund its share of the decommissioning costs; and (3) finds that KEPCo needs a small increase to its annual accrual to

¹ Order Granting CURB's Petition to Intervene, Discovery Order, and Protective Order, Sept. 22, 2020.

meet its obligations under the WCNOC Owners' proposed decommissioning methodology.² Haynos testified: (1) the cost estimate methodology included in the Application is consistent with the estimating methodology used in previously approved cost studies;³ and (2) the DECON estimate strikes an appropriate balance between the U.S. Department of Energy's immediate acceptance of the spent fuel and the need to provide for spent fuel storage of a longer period of time.⁴

4. On February 1, 2021, the Parties filed a Joint Motion for Procedural Order, noting there are no contested issues and Staff's testimony is unopposed,⁵ and proposing a procedural schedule with a March 31, 2021 hearing date.⁶

5. The Commission adopts the procedural schedule proposed by the parties.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 5, 2021	Deadline to submit settlement agreement	5:00 p.m.
March 12, 2021	Deadline to submit Testimony in Support / Opposition of Settlement Agreement	5:00 p.m.
March 31, 2021	Evidentiary hearing	9:00 a.m.

6. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Evidentiary Hearing will be conducted by Zoom.

² Direct Testimony of Adam H. Gatewood, Dec. 18, 2020, p. 2.

³ Direct Testimony of Leo M. Haynos, Dec. 18, 2020, p. 14.

⁴ *Id.*, p. 15.

⁵ Joint Motion for Procedural Order, Feb. 1, 2021, ¶ 4.

⁶ *Id.*, ¶ 5.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

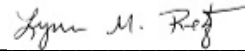
- A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 5 is adopted.
- B. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for March 31, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The hearing will be conducted by Zoom.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 02/11/2021



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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electronic service on 02/11/2021.

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