

**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 Application of Evergy)
Metro, Inc., Evergy Kansas Central, Inc., and) Docket No. 21-EKME-320-ACT
Evergy Kansas South, Inc. for Approval of)
Transportation Electrification Portfolio)

SUSPENSION ORDER: OCTOBER 22, 2021

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 February 24, 2021, Evergy Metro, Inc. (Evergy Kansas Metro), Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (together as Evergy Kansas Central) (collectively, Evergy) filed an application with the Commission, requesting (1) approval of Evergy’s Transportation Electrification Portfolio (Portfolio), which includes rebate programs, rates for charging services, and associated education and program administration budgets; (2) the authorization to use a deferral accounting mechanism to track program costs associated with the Portfolio for recovery of prudently incurred costs in future rate cases through expense amortization over a period of five years; and, (3) a Commission finding that the Clean Charge Network expansion plans in Evergy’s filing are prudent.¹

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

¹ Evergy Kansas Metro and Evergy Kansas Central Application for Approval of Transportation Electrification Portfolio, ¶ 3 (Feb. 24, 2021) (Application).

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 Evergy’s requests as set forth in paragraph 1 herein, which may result in further proceedings, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension of the proceedings, Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the requests contained in Evergy’s Application should be approved.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness of Evergy’s Portfolio, its request to use a deferral accounting mechanism to track program costs, and its request for a Commission finding that its Clean Charge Network expansion plans are prudent 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, February 24, 2021, until October 22, 2021. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding Evergy’s Application shall be deferred until October 22, 2021. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).²

² K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 03/04/2021



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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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 03/04/2021.

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