

# **PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD**

## **Evergy's Application for New Power Generation Assets**

Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (together as "Evergy Kansas Central" or "EKC") and Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro ("Evergy Kansas Metro" or "EKM") (EKC and EKM referred to together as "Evergy"), filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission" or "KCC") on November 6, 2024, Docket No. 25-EKCE-207-PRE.

### **Public Hearing**

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning Evergy's application, requesting a determination of the ratemaking principles and treatment that will apply to the recovery in rates of the cost to be incurred for certain electric generation facilities under K.S.A. 66-1239. This hearing will provide information about Evergy's application, including the potential impact on customers' bills, as well as an opportunity for customers to ask questions and to present comments for the Commission's consideration.

The public hearing typically consists of two parts: During the first part, representatives of Evergy, KCC Staff and CURB will give short presentations about their roles in this docket. Each party will summarize the issues involved and will be available to answer customers' questions pertaining to the application. In the second part of the public hearing, customers may make formal statements to the Commission concerning the application. However, the Commission may determine how to best accommodate the public participation in this proceeding.

The date and time of the **Virtual Public Hearing** is:

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

### **The Commission will provide a livestream for the public hearing.**

Kansans wishing to make a public comment via Zoom during the hearing must register in advance at <https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters> to receive login information and time restraints for presentations.

As there may be limited capacity, registration will be first come, first serve. A live video stream will also be available on the KCC YouTube Channel and the Commission's website: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-uTcucl0oyHJr-iOheuuw> for individuals to watch, but not comment, during the public hearing. No registration is required for viewing only.

### **Comment Period**

In addition, the Commission is accepting written comments from the public until 5:00 p.m. (CDT), April 7, 2025. Comments regarding this case should reference Docket No. 25-EKCE-207-PRE. The public can mail their comments to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. The

public can also submit comments through the Commission's website <https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters> or via electronic mail (sent to [kcc.public.affairs@ks.gov](mailto:kcc.public.affairs@ks.gov)).

A complete copy of the Commission's Order Adopting Procedural Schedule establishing this hearing and Evergy's application with supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website:

<https://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/portal/kscs/page/docket-docs/PSC/DocketDetails.aspx?DocketId=9ae5dfcb-0791-4c6d-a800-74ffbd09431>

The KCC has until July 7, 2025, to make a decision on the proposed projects in this proceeding.

### **Evergy's Application**

Evergy Kansas Central (EKC) and Evergy Kansas Metro (EKM), combined as "Evergy," have filed a Petition with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) requesting a determination of the prudence of three generation investments, if the investments will result in just and reasonable rates for customers, and whether EKC and EKM would be entitled to recover costs of the investments and under what terms. The generation investments are two new combined cycle gas-fired generating turbine plants (CCGTs) and one solar facility.

Evergy's Petition requests approvals as follows: 1) EKC's construction and 50% ownership of two separate CCGTs located in Kansas. The first CCGT plant is near Evergy's Viola Substation in Sumner County and the second is near Hutchinson in Reno County; 2) flexibility for either EKC or EKM to own the remaining 50% of the CCGT near Hutchinson; and 3) EKC's construction and ownership of the Kansas Sky solar facility in Douglas County, Kansas.

Evergy has asked the KCC to allow recovery of construction work in progress (CWIP) during the construction of the CCGTs and in a future rate proceeding will ask for recovery of the investments after they are in service, which is expected at the end of 2026 for the solar facility and 2029 and 2030 for the CCGTs.

Using current rates, Evergy estimated the rate impact for each plant. Kansas Sky would initially increase rates by about 0.70%. For the CCGTs, Evergy would use the CWIP rider during construction. CWIP recovery would range from an increase of about 0.58% in 2026 to about 3.82% as plants near completion, with the charge ending in 2029 when both plants are in service. Each CCGT would initially increase rates by about 4.3% when entering service.

EKC serves about 736,000 customers in Topeka, Lawrence, Olathe, Leavenworth, Atchison, Manhattan, Salina, Hutchinson, Emporia, Parsons, Wichita, Arkansas City, El Dorado, Newton, Fort Scott, Pittsburg, and Independence, among other towns and rural areas. EKM includes approximately 273,000 customers in Lenexa, Overland Park and other communities near the Kansas City metro area.

## **Evidentiary Hearing**

The Commission has scheduled an evidentiary hearing on the application for Monday, April 21, 2025, through Wednesday, April 23, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central.

## **Additional Information is available from the KCC and CURB**

For more information about Evergy's application or the public hearing, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027. Any persons requiring special accommodations at the hearing site under the Americans with Disabilities Act must give notice to the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date by calling 1-800-662-0027.

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) can also be contacted at 785-271-3200 for further information.