## PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

### **Evergy's Application for Rate Case Increase**

Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (collectively, "Evergy Kansas Central" or "EKC") filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission" or "KCC") on January 31, 2025, Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS.

# **Public Hearing**

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning Evergy's application, requesting a rate increase. 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 **Public Hearing** is:

### Wednesday, June 11, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Wichita State University, Hughes Metropolitan Complex 5015 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. North Wichita, KS 67220

## Monday, June 16, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Washburn Institute of Technology 5724 SW Huntoon St. Topeka, KS 66604

## 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 <a href="https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters">https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters</a> 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: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-uTcucl0oyHJr\_iOheuuw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-uTcucl0oyHJr\_iOheuuw</a> 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), July 14, 2025. Comments regarding this case should reference Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS. 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 <a href="https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters">https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters</a> or via electronic mail (sent to <a href="https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters">kcc.public.affairs@ks.gov/your-opinion-matters</a> or via electronic mail (sent to <a href="https://kcc.ks.gov/y

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/kscc/page/docket-docs/PSC/DocketDetails.aspx?DocketId=0beaee3d-302e-4eaa-833a-7f9499b40267

The KCC has until September 29, 2025, to make a decision on the proposed rate increase in this proceeding.

#### **Evergy's Application**

Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. (collectively, "Evergy Kansas Central" or "EKC") have filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission ("KCC") requesting a \$196.4 million (8.62%) rate increase for Evergy Kansas Central customers. If approved, prices would become effective in September 2025. EKC residential customers would have an average monthly increase of \$13.05.

Evergy's Application requests updated prices to include nearly \$1 billion investment in infrastructure that services customers, adjustments for overall cost of capital and increased operating expenses. Evergy's request does not include costs related to the Panasonic Electric Vehicle battery plant or the two natural gas plants that Evergy has announced it plans to build in Kansas. Evergy has also proposed the Evergy Stay Connected Pilot program that would offer monthly credits and help income eligible Kansas residents remain current on their account.

EKC serves about 735,000 customers in Topeka, Lawrence, Olathe, Leavenworth, Atchison, Manhattan, Salina, Hutchinson, Emporia, Parsons, Wichita, Arkansas City, Eldorado, Newton, Fort Scott, Pittsburg and Independence, among other towns and rural areas. This request does not include Evergy Kansas Metro, which services 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, July 21, 2025, through Friday, July 25, 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.