

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of NextEra)
Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity) File No. EA-2022-0234
to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and)
Otherwise Control and Manage a 345 kV Transmission)
Line and associated facilities in Barton and Jasper)
Counties, Missouri.)

**APPLICATION OF EVERGY MISSOURI METRO AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.075(10), Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”) (collectively, “Evergy”) seek to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support of this Application, Evergy states:

1. Evergy Missouri Metro is a Missouri corporation with its principal office and place of business at 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. It is engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity in western Missouri and eastern Kansas, operating primarily in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Evergy Missouri Metro is an “electrical corporation” and a “public utility” subject to the jurisdiction, supervision, and control of the Commission under Chapters 386 and 393. Evergy Missouri Metro’s certificate of good standing was filed in Case No. EN-2020-0063 and is incorporated by reference pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(G).

2. Evergy Missouri West is a Delaware corporation with its principal office and place of business at 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. It is engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity in western Missouri, including the suburban Kansas City metropolitan area, St. Joseph, and surrounding counties. Evergy Missouri

West is an “electrical corporation” and a “public utility” subject to the jurisdiction, supervision and control of the Commission under Chapters 386 and 393. A certificate of authority for a foreign corporation to do business Missouri was filed with the Commission in Case No. EN-2020-0064 and is incorporated by reference pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(G).

3. In addition to serving counsel named below, all correspondence, pleadings, notices, orders and other communications regarding this proceeding should also be sent to:

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4. Eversource Energy seeks party status so that it can participate in this request of NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC (“NEET Southwest”) for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity a CCN to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage approximately nine miles of a 345 kV transmission line in Barton and Jasper counties, Missouri. NEET Southwest was selected through the Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) competitive Transmission Owner Solicitation Process as the Designated Transmission Owner for the Wolf Creek-Blackberry 345 kV Transmission Project (the “Project” or “Wolf Creek-Blackberry Project”), which will be constructed as an approximately 94-mile, single-circuit 345 kV transmission line between the existing Blackberry Substation, owned by Associated Electric

Cooperative, Inc. (“AECI”) in Jasper County, Missouri, to the existing Wolf Creek Substation, owned by Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. (“Evergy Kansas Central”) in Coffey County, Kansas. The Project is expected to span two counties in Missouri (Barton and Jasper counties) for nine miles and five counties in Kansas (Coffey, Anderson, Allen, Bourbon, and Crawford counties) for 85 miles.

5. Evergy has an interest in this application that is different from the general public. As transmission-owning public utilities, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West could be impacted by policy decisions, routing decisions, and cost allocation of the project. NEET Southwest proposes to recover the revenue requirement associated with the proposed Project through its FERC-approved transmission formula rate under the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff, which provides for regional funding on a load ratio share basis. This means that the construction of the proposed Project will have a direct impact on the rates that Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West customers pay. In addition, the sister company of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Evergy Kansas Central, owns the existing Wolf Creek Substation in Coffey County, Kansas, which will be connected to the transmission line.

6. At this time, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West do not have a position on the issues in this case, but respectfully request the opportunity to participate to protect their interests as the record develops.

WHEREFORE, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West respectfully request that the Commission issue an order authorizing it to intervene in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been e-mailed or mailed, via first class United States Mail, postage pre-paid, to counsel for all parties of record this 1st day of August 2021.

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