

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Forge)
Buyer, LLC and Vicinity Energy Kansas City, Inc.) **Case No. HF-2027-0123**
for Approval of Encumbrance)

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING DEADLINE FOR
INTERVENTION REQUESTS, AND DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: October 29, 2026

Effective Date: October 29, 2026

On October 28, 2026, Forge Buyer, LLC (“Buyer”) and Vicinity Energy Kansas City, Inc. (“VEKC”) (collectively, “Applicants”) filed an application with the Commission seeking approval of the encumbrance of VEKC’s assets to secure debt for partial funding of a transaction by which Buyer will acquire VEKC’s indirect parent. Applicants also seek waiver of certain Commission rules and expedited treatment (requesting Commission action by January 13, 2027).

The Commission will direct notice of the application be given to the Jackson County Legislature and to the Mayor of the City of Kansas City and also to the media serving Jackson County.

The Commission will set a deadline for interested parties to intervene and direct its Staff to file a recommendation with regard to the application.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order and the application to the Jackson County Legislature and the Mayor of the City of Kansas City.
2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Jackson County, Missouri.

3. Any person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to intervene no later than November 18, 2026. The application shall be filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") or with the Secretary of the Commission.

4. No later than December 10, 2026, Staff shall file a recommendation or a request for additional time, regarding the application.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 29th day of October, 2026.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to 386.290, RSMo., I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 29th day of October, 2026.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).¹

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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