# BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Capital Plan	
Compliance Docket for Kansas City	
Power & Light Company and Westar	Docket No. 19-KCPE-096-CPL
Energy, Inc. Pursuant to the	
Commission's Order in Docket No.	
18-KCPE-095-MER.	

## SIERRA CLUB'S COMMENTS ON EVERGY'S 2023 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE

#### **PUBLIC VERSION**

Pursuant to the February 6, 2020 State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") Order Adopting Integrated Resource Plan and Capital Plan Framework ("IRP Framework"), Sierra Club respectfully submits these comments on the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan filed by Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Metro, Inc. ("Evergy" or the "Company"). Sierra Club respectfully requests that the Company agree to fix, or the Commission order the Company to fix in its 2024 triennial IRP, the deficiencies identified herein.

The United States is in the midst of a monumental shift in energy production, and thus there must be a concomitant shift in utility planning. Evergy's Annual Update, replete with magical thinking and overly optimistic assumptions, does not meet the task at hand. Utility planning is not a box-checking exercise; using more realistic, data-driven assumptions will lead to better outcomes for all stakeholders, especially ratepayers. Regrettably, Evergy used several unsupportable assumptions in its modeling, similar to its 2022 IRP Annual Update, which again puts a thumb on the scale in favor of expensive fossil-fired generation. If this pattern continues, ratepayers can likely expect to face incessantly rising rates caused by stranded assets and inefficient generation that could be curtailed by more realistic planning. The Commission has an opportunity to compel Evergy to course correct, and it should do so in this proceeding.

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# I. Deficiency 1: Evergy did not adequately model coal unit operations, leading the modeling to be biased towards keeping units on-line.

We are pleased that Evergy is using capacity expansion modeling in this update, but we are concerned that the setup of the modeling and the assumptions used in that model bias the results towards keeping coal units online and building new gas plants. In this section, we discuss how the modeling is biased towards keeping coal units on-line in two ways: 1) the Company has only tested a limited amount of coal retirements, and 2) the Company has

of some of its units. In the next section, we discuss our concerns with the methodology and assumptions leading to unfair selection of new gas builds over cleaner resource options.

Although the Company is conducting capacity expansion modeling in order to select new resource builds, the coal retirement dates are still pre-determined and the options modeled are quite limited. Table 1 shows the retirement years selected in each of the Evergy-wide plans. The least-cost plan (BIBA) modeled by Evergy is shown in the first row, with subsequent plans increasing in cost. This BIBA plan, used to develop the preferred plans for its utilities, includes the following for its coal units:

- Retirement of Lawrence 4 in 2028;
- Retirement of coal burning at Lawrence 5 in 2028 with possible gas conversion;
- Retirement of Jeffrey 1 in 2039 and units 2 and 3 in 2030;
- Retirement of LaCygne 1 in 2032 and unit 2 in 2039;
- Retirement of Iatan 1 in 2039; and
- No planned retirement for Hawthorn 5 or Iatan 2.

Table 1: Evergy-wide Coal Retirement Plans from lowest to highest cost<sup>1</sup>

Plan	Lawrence 5	Lawrence 4	Jeffrey 1	Jeffery 2	Jeffrey 3	Lake Road 4/6	LaCygne 1	latan 1	LaCygne 2	Hawthorn 5
BIBA	2028	2028	2039	2030	2030	2030	2032	2039	2039	
BCAA	2023	2024	2039	2030	2030	2030	2032	2039	2039	
BBBA	2028	2028	2039	2039	2030	2030	2032	2039	2039	
BAAA	2023	2024	2039	2039	2030	2030	2032	2039	2039	
BIBD	2028	2028	2039	2030	2030	2030	2032	2039	2039	
BDAA	2023	2024	2039	2039	2030	2030	2032	2030	2039	
BGAA	2023	2024	2030	2030	2030	2030	2032	2039	2039	
BADA	2023	2024	2039	2039	2029	2030	2032	2039	2039	
BACA	2023	2024	2039	2039	2030	2030	2032	2039	2039	2026
BAEA	2023	2024	2039	2038	2029	2030	2032	2039	2039	
BEAA	2023	2024	2039	2039	2030	2030	2032	2039	2039	2027
ВНАА	2028	2028				2030				
BIBE	2023	2024	2039	2039	2030	2030	2032	2039	2032	

Taken at face value, Evergy's modeling results make a compelling case for retiring

Jeffrey unit 2 in 2030 compared to 2039, but the Company did not model a pre-2030 date for that
unit nor for Jeffrey units 1 or 3. Thus, we do not have any information on whether a pre-2030
retirement would provide additional cost savings for any of the Jeffrey units. This is particularly
troubling because the Jeffrey units have operated at low levels so far this year—as shown below
in Table 2. Most notably, Jeffrey unit 3 did not operate from October 2, 2022 through at least
June 30, 2023—the latest date that data was available—as it was forced off-line by a fire.<sup>2</sup> The
other two units have each operated for less than a third of the time so far this year. These are
indicators that the units are struggling either mechanically, economically, or both. These units
should be considered for pre-2030 retirement.

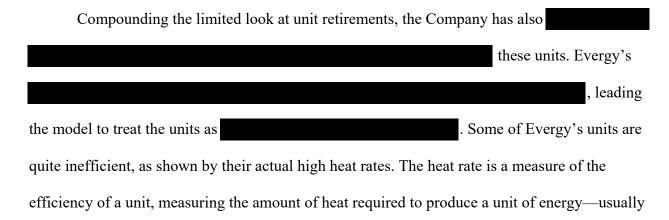
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Evergy KS Central and Evergy Metro 2022 IRP Annual Update, p. 76-81. One plan was redacted by Evergy and excluded from this table.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EPA CAMD data. Hourly gross load, available at: <a href="https://campd.epa.gov/data">https://campd.epa.gov/data</a>; Sarah Motter, "Fire at Jeffrey Energy Center knocks unit offline," WIBW, (Oct. 3, 2022), available at: <a href="https://www.wibw.com/2022/10/03/fire-jeffrey-energy-center-knocks-unit-offline/">https://www.wibw.com/2022/10/03/fire-jeffrey-energy-center-knocks-unit-offline/</a>.

Table 2: Capacity Factors of Evergy's Coal Units (%)<sup>3</sup>

<b>Capacity Factor</b>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
LaCygne 1	34%	40%	37%	43%	50%	43%
LaCygne 2	55%	54%	61%	61%	56%	60%
Lawrence 4	77%	54%	50%	52%	45%	29%
Lawrence 5	63%	58%	44%	42%	47%	36%
Jeffrey 1	66%	32%	36%	52%	63%	30%
Jeffrey 2	57%	37%	34%	49%	54%	32%
Jeffrey 3	40%	43%	43%	41%	37%	0%
latan 1	65%	42%	34%	50%	29%	14%
latan 2	48%	76%	63%	60%	52%	35%
Hawthorn 5	57%	59%	41%	53%	64%	22%

The Company also limited consideration for retirement prior to 2039 for Jeffrey 1, Iatan 1, and LaCygne 2—which were only tested in one portfolio each—and Hawthorn 5, where pre-2039 retirement was only tested in two portfolios. This provides little information with which to make a retirement decision for these units. As shown above, most of these units have operated infrequently in recent years. Moreover, coal generation is facing economic and regulatory pressure, such as the proposed carbon emission standard from the EPA that would spur retirement or carbon capture retrofits for coal generators. In sum, these coal units should be more seriously considered for retirement before 2039.

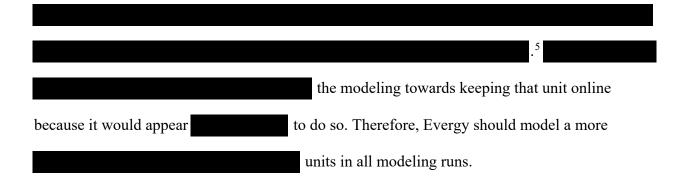


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EIA Form 923 data for fuel usage (MMBtu) and net generation (MWh), available at: https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia923/.

presented in terms of MMBtu per MWh or btu per kWh. The lower the heat rate, the more efficient the unit, as it needs less fuel (and related costs) to produce a unit of energy. Table 3 below shows the heat rate performance of the Evergy coal units in recent years.

Table 3: Heat Rate of Evergy's Coal Units (MMBtu/MWh)<sup>4</sup>

Heat Rate	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
LaCygne 1	10.14	10.63	10.72	10.81	10.80	11.06
LaCygne 2	10.82	10.70	10.85	10.84	10.84	10.82
Lawrence 4	11.06	10.97	9.55	10.91	10.89	11.83
Lawrence 5	11.23	11.46	10.86	11.21	10.91	10.29
Jeffrey 1	10.93	11.74	11.91	11.21	11.14	11.74
Jeffrey 2	11.06	11.89	12.05	11.66	11.41	12.05
Jeffrey 3	11.48	11.85	11.90	11.87	11.27	N/A
latan 1	10.00	10.25	10.44	10.41	11.03	11.81
latan 2	9.51	9.12	9.22	8.96	9.38	9.56
Hawthorn 5	10.07	10.30	10.72	10.51	10.44	10.82



Further, Evergy's modeling of its coal units does not account for the costs associated with complying with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") proposed rule for carbon pollution standards. Under the proposed rule, coal units that Evergy intends to operate beyond 2040, such as Iatan 2, would have to install carbon capture storage ("CCS") by 2030; coal units

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EIA Form 923 data for fuel usage (MMBtu) and net generation (MWh), available at: <a href="https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia923/">https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia923/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Evergy response to Sierra Club Data Request 1-2, Confidential Attachment QSC-1-2 CONF Heat Rate EVG.

that Evergy commits to retire by 2040 would have to rely on 40% co-firing with natural gas; coal units that Evergy commits to retire by 2035 would have to take a binding 20% capacity factor limit by 2030.<sup>6</sup> Each of these requirements must be modeled in Evergy's upcoming Triennial IRP, in combination with allowing the model to select the most-economic retirement dates, in order to provide a reasonable, low-cost resource plan.

# II. Deficiency 2: Evergy's selection of new resources is grossly biased towards new gas and against clean energy.

We appreciate that Evergy has used capacity expansion modeling as a tool in developing its portfolios. But in addition to the concerns above regarding modeling of coal unit operations, we find that the Company's treatment of replacement resources unfairly favors new natural gas. The use of a sophisticated model is only as good as the assumptions used, and in this case the Company has overstated the costs of clean resources and understated the costs of new gas. In its low carbon scenario (Future 3), the Company has neglected to model any costs for CCS or hydrogen capability at new gas units, despite assuming that these units could produce zero-carbon energy. Finally, we are concerned that investing in new gas will lead to more stranded costs in the future, as coal assets are today.

Evergy's cost projections assume that the recent uptick in clean energy installation costs will persist into the long-term, which unfairly inflates these costs. For new clean resources, Evergy constructed a long-term forecast using a recent RFP's results as a starting point and then

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From New, Modified, and Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule, Proposed Rule, 88 Fed. Reg. 33240, May 23, 2023. Table 5 in the Proposed Rule summarizes the compliance options for existing coal units. 88 Fed. Reg. at 33359.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Evergy response to Sierra Club Data Request 1-12b.

applied the changes in costs from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's ("NREL")

Annual Technology Baseline ("ATB") and the U.S. Energy Information Administration's

("EIA") Annual Energy Outlook ("AEO") cost forecasts for each resource type. Importantly,
however, the use of the recent RFP results includes the recent price increases due to supply chain
and interconnection issues. Even if NREL and EIA project flat or declining costs (after adjusting
for inflation), merely applying these changes to a high starting value still leads to high costs in
the long-term. As a result, Evergy's assumed capital costs for clean energy resources were

than those reported by NREL and EIA9—the latter shown in Figure 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Evergy KS Central and Evergy Metro 2022 IRP Annual Update, p. 57, 124-5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Evergy workpaper "CONFIDENTIAL New Build Parameters IRP 2023."

Figure 1: Overnight capital costs for solar PV, wind, and storage (\$/kW nominal, unsubsidized)<sup>10</sup> CONFIDENTIAL



It is unlikely that the high costs reflected in Evergy's 2023 All-Source RFP results will persist into the long-term. In fact, recent data show that the obstacles to solar in particular have started to ease, leading to the recent decrease in solar PPA prices in SPP between Q1 and Q2 of 2023. There is also movement at the federal level to improve the interconnection process that has created a bottleneck in many regions of the U.S. Thus, the Company's assumption that high

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). 2022. 2022 Annual Technology Baseline (ATB) Cost and Performance Data for Electricity Generation Technologies, available at: <a href="https://atb.nrel.gov/electricity/2022/data">https://atb.nrel.gov/electricity/2022/data</a>; U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). 2023. Annual Energy Outlook 2023, available at: <a href="https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/">https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/</a>; Evergy workpaper "CONFIDENTIAL New Build Parameters IRP 2023."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> LevelTen Energy's PPA Price Index Q2 2023, p. 6.

costs will persist in the medium and long-term is overly pessimistic, and this assumption should be corrected to rely directly on medium- to long-term forecasts themselves.

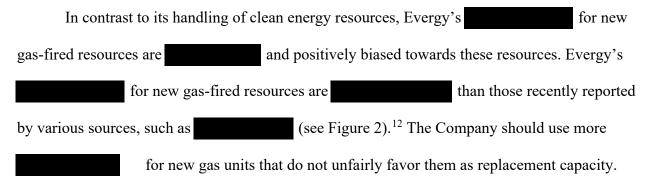


Figure 2: Overnight capital costs for natural gas CCs and CTs (\$/kW, nominal)<sup>13</sup> CONFIDENTIAL



The Company has also favored gas by modeling it as zero-carbon at no cost in some cases. In May 2023, EPA released a proposed rule for carbon pollution standards, which could

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 12}$  Evergy workpaper "CONFIDENTIAL New Build Parameters IRP 2023."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). 2022. 2022 Annual Technology Baseline (ATB) Cost and Performance Data for Electricity Generation Technologies, available at:

require gas-fired power plants to use technologies such as carbon capture and sequestration or hydrogen co-firing. In this Annual IRP Update, Evergy's SPP Future 3 represents accelerated decarbonization to reflect a potential future with more stringent carbon regulation. Evergy notes that current non-emitting dispatchable technologies are insufficient to meet the emission goals of the SPP Future 3 scenario and that "technological improvements and/or substantial cost reductions in CCS or non-carbon emitting fuels will be needed to achieve the rapid decarbonization." <sup>14</sup> More specifically, Evergy notes that the refining and transport of hydrogen fuels is "cost prohibitive" and that "improvements in carbon capture and sequestration technologies are another option for reducing or eliminating emissions." Evergy's SPP Future 3 scenario assumes new gas-fired resources have zero emissions beginning in 2036 for Future 3 models, representing the necessary technological breakthroughs. <sup>16</sup> However, Evergy's modeling does not incorporate any costs associated with these technologies such as CCS or hydrogen cofiring. 17 Evergy notes that "future costs for non-emitting dispatchable technologies are speculative" due to the uncertainty of how technological innovation will evolve in the coming years. 18 With that, Evergy modeled new gas-fired resources "as non-emitting after 2035, with no

https://atb.nrel.gov/electricity/2022/data; U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). 2023.
Annual Energy Outlook 2023, available at: <a href="https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/">https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/</a>; Evergy workpaper "CONFIDENTIAL New Build Parameters IRP 2023."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Evergy response to Sierra Club Data Requests 1-12(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Evergy KS Central and Evergy Metro IRP Annual Update, p. 41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Evergy response to Sierra Club Data Requests 1-12 and 1-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Evergy response to Sierra Club Data Request 1-12.

added cost."<sup>19</sup> All pollution reduction technologies have a cost, as Evergy and this Commission know well, making Evergy's assumption otherwise both surprising and entirely unsupportable.

In addition, the carbon reduction potential of these "non-emitting" technologies are highly uncertain and technological innovation is unlikely to fully resolve these issues. Although Evergy may consider a gas-fired plant equipped with CCS technologies to be "non-emitting" starting in 2036, there would be significant upstream emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, from the extraction, production, and transport of gas to feed such plant. In addition, CCS does not reduce the nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, or other conventional pollutants that are released by the combustion of natural gas in power plants.

Adding CCS technologies to gas-fired power plants will result in exorbitant capital costs—as shown in Figure 3. The costs of a natural gas combined cycle ("NGCC") with CCS are roughly double the costs of installing an NGCC without CCS, according to NREL or EIA; or almost Evergy's assumed cost for a NGCC, despite its assumption that it will be carbon free.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> *Id*.

Figure 3: Overnight capital costs for natural gas CCs with and without CCS (\$/ kW, nominal)<sup>20</sup> CONFIDENTIAL



Hydrogen co-firing also presents additional costs, and Evergy has not included any costs of the fuel itself nor the transport of that fuel.<sup>21</sup> In addition, while hydrogen does not directly produce greenhouse gas emissions when burned, its combustion and use as a fuel source has been found to emit nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), and hydrogen itself can more easily leak from equipment than other fuels due to its small molecular size; both of which are indirect greenhouse

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). 2022. 2022 Annual Technology Baseline (ATB) Cost and Performance Data for Electricity Generation Technologies, available at: <a href="https://atb.nrel.gov/electricity/2022/data">https://atb.nrel.gov/electricity/2022/data</a>; U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). 2023. Annual Energy Outlook 2023, available at: <a href="https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/">https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/</a>; Evergy workpaper "CONFIDENTIAL New Build Parameters IRP 2023."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Evergy response to Sierra Club Data Request 1-12.

gases that cause reactions in the atmosphere that lead to ozone formation.<sup>22</sup> It is also worth noting that emission reductions achieved from blending hydrogen with natural gas are non-linear.<sup>23</sup> In other words, a 30 percent hydrogen blend (by volume) with natural gas does not lead to a 30 percent emission reduction due to the differences in volumetric density between the two fuels that lead to less hydrogen in the fuel blend on a heat input basis.<sup>24</sup> Evergy must at least address the costs of CCS and/or hydrogen if it is modeling carbon-free generation from new gas units. Assuming that gas resources can stop emitting with no costs is magical thinking—even the proposed technologies have uncertain availability and performance. We understand that the costs of these technologies may be difficult to estimate at this point, but they are certainly not going to be zero and assuming as much is unwarranted and thus a deficiency.

Finally, the construction of new gas-fired power plants, in addition to being more costly than what Evergy assumes, is also at substantial risk of becoming a stranded asset in the medium to long-term. Planning to build new gas resources in the 2020's or 2030's is analogous to building coal units in the 2010s. A substantial amount of coal has retired in the U.S. in the past decade and, as a result, Commissions and ratepayers have been left to deal with immense stranded costs when these units retire. Often the owner of the retired unit seeks to fully recover the remaining asset value after retirement, including a rate of return that goes well past the unit's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Mehmet Salih Cellek, & Ali Pınarbaşı, Investigations on Performance and Emission Characteristics of an Industrial Low Swirl Burner While Burning Natural Gas, Methane, Hydrogen-Enriched Natural Gas and Hydrogen as Fuels, 43 Int'l J. of Hydrogen Energy 1194, available at: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2017.05.107">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2017.05.107</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Jeffrey Goldmeer, GE Power, Power to Gas: Hydrogen for Power Generation 9 (2019), available at: <a href="https://www.ge.com/content/dam/gepower/global/en\_US/documents/fuel-flexibility/GEA33861%20Power%20to%20Gas%20-%20Hydrogen%20for%20Power%20Generation.pdf">https://www.ge.com/content/dam/gepower/global/en\_US/documents/fuel-flexibility/GEA33861%20Power%20Generation.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> *Id*.

shutoff. Of course, this issue is not going away anytime soon for coal as the EIA expects that almost a quarter of coal capacity in 2022 would retire by 2029.<sup>25</sup> But sitting here today and planning for the future: gas units will be in the same position as the energy system moves more in the direction of carbon-free resources. Avoiding building gas today sidesteps the future pain of stranded costs that ratepayers would have to bear. The mistake of investing in coal need not be repeated by building up new gas.

### III. Deficiency 3: Evergy should more actively argue for more transmission.

Evergy's modeling in this case assumes that the low carbon scenario (Future 3) leads to many hours with negative prices, with that share increasing over the years to nearly half of the hours in 2042. <sup>26</sup> We understand that there have been periods of negative pricing in SPP in recent years. Negative pricing can occur when demand is low and/or there is too much power on the system, such as when it is windy in the middle of the night. The long-term solution to these events is more transmission connections so that the power can flow elsewhere; and in the meantime, operators can curtail generation if they are taking a financial hit. But it is unrealistic to assume that the hours with negative prices would increase to nearly half the time. Plenty of stakeholders, including Evergy, other utilities, and developers have a vested interest in addressing this issue. With that in mind, to the extent possible, Evergy should encourage SPP to address this problem developing more long-distance transmission, and not assume that it is exacerbated in the future and that it will not be addressed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> EIA, "Nearly a quarter of the operating U.S. coal-fired fleet scheduled to retire by 2029," (Nov. 7, 2022), available at: <a href="https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=54559">https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=54559</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Evergy KS Central and Evergy Metro Annual Update, p. 49.

# IV. Deficiency 4: Evergy should apply for Department of Energy funding under the Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment provision of the Inflation Reduction Act to lower costs of replacing the coal units with clean energy.

Evergy should take advantage of Department of Energy ("DOE") funding through the Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment ("EIR") provision of the Inflation Reduction Act to lower costs of replacing the coal units with clean energy. To incentivize replacement of aging fossil fuel infrastructure with clean energy investments, DOE's Loan Programs Office ("LPO") has been allocated \$250 billion in loan guarantee authority to fund "projects that retool, repower, repurpose, or replace energy infrastructure that has ceased operations" for conditional project commitments through September 30, 2026. LPO's guidance on EIR eligibility illustrates several hypothetically-qualifying projects such as the replacement of retired coal and gas-fired power plants with renewable energy sources and storage, including environmental remediation efforts for on-site coal ash ponds as eligible activities. According to Jigar Shah, the director of LPO, "LPO can finance entire Integrated Resource Plans as long as they relate to existing or legacy infrastructure." The LPO is also offering free consultations to potential project applicants, such as Evergy.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Inflation Reduction Act, Section 1706(a)1-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Department of Energy, Loan Programs Office, "Program Guidance for Title 17 Clean Energy Financing Program" at 28-30, (May 19, 2023), available at: <a href="https://www.energy.gov/lpo/articles/program-guidance-title-17-clean-energy-program#page=1">https://www.energy.gov/lpo/articles/program-guidance-title-17-clean-energy-program#page=1</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Jigar Shah, "Tapping into DOE's 250B of loan authority for projects that reinvest in US clean energy infrastructure," UtilityDive, (July 6, 2023), available at: <a href="https://www.utilitydive.com/news/department-of-energy-doe-250-billion-loan-authority-solar-wind-storage-nuclear-clean-energy/653530/">https://www.utilitydive.com/news/department-of-energy-doe-250-billion-loan-authority-solar-wind-storage-nuclear-clean-energy/653530/</a>.

Under the EIR, utilities such as Evergy receive loan guarantees at much lower interest rates than the utility's rate of return on the coal plant<sup>30</sup> which can cover up to 80% of projects costs, with many applicants receiving loans to cover 50-70% of project costs.<sup>31</sup> Given that Evergy is already planning to retire Lawrence unit 4 in 2028 and is evaluating whether to convert Lawrence unit 5 to gas in 2028, the Company should take advantage of this opportunity for low-interest and relatively low-risk refinancing on coal plants' remaining balances, which lower the costs of retiring and replacing the units with clean energy sources.

Additionally, applying for EIR funding would translate to significant savings for rate-payers, lowering the cost of energy, and alleviating energy burden for low-income households throughout Evergy's service territory in addition to the benefits of clean energy deployment and reduced air pollution. <sup>32</sup> It would be a missed opportunity for Evergy to forgo applying to the EIR program to reduce costs and would also significantly hurt customers and rate-payers in the process. Evergy should take advantage of a free consultation with the LPO as soon possible, and should consider applying for EIR funding to reduce the cost of the energy transition for its customers.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Christian Fong et al., "The Most Important Clean Energy Policy You've Never Heard About," Rocky Mountain Institute, (Sept. 13, 2023), available at: https://rmi.org/important-clean-energy-policy-youve-never-heard-about/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Department of Energy, Loan Programs Office, "Program Guidance for Title 17 Clean Energy Financing Program" at 9, (May 19, 2023), available at: <a href="https://www.energy.gov/lpo/articles/program-guidance-title-17-clean-energy-program#page=1">https://www.energy.gov/lpo/articles/program-guidance-title-17-clean-energy-program#page=1</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> *Id.* at 28.

# V. Deficiency 5: Evergy should work with Kansas and Missouri stakeholders to successfully implement Solar for All to benefit its low-income customers and system resilience.

As a key electric-sector stakeholder, Evergy should work with the state and local governments and other regional stakeholders to assure robust construction of rooftop and community solar to benefit low-income customers and grid resiliency. Solar for All is a federal grant program administered by EPA to build rooftop solar, community solar, battery storage, and home upgrades for low-income and disadvantaged communities.<sup>33</sup> The Kansas state government, through the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, and the Missouri state government, through the State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority of the State of Missouri, have both filed their notices of intent to participate in Solar For All, and both may be awarded a grant of up to \$400 million to implement this program. EPA will make final awards to states, including Kansas and Missouri in summer 2024. The state, local governments, and other stakeholders will then have a year or so to design the Solar for All programs. Installation is expected to begin in summer 2025 and must be completed by 2029.

In its upcoming, 2024 Triennial IRP and in meetings with stakeholders, like the local governments in its service area, Evergy should address how it intends to work with stakeholders in both states to assure that as many low-income and disadvantaged households as possible can take advantage of this federal grant funding, which is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver economic benefits to low-income customers, while reducing pollution and improving grid resiliency. Distributed solar will benefit low-income and disadvantaged customers by reducing energy costs and improving home values for low-income homeowners. Solar for All will also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> U.S. EPA, Solar For All website, (Aug. 23, 2023), available at: https://www.epa.gov/greenhouse-gas-reduction-fund/solar-all.

benefit the resilience of the grid, especially when solar is paired with battery storage, as permitted under the program. Evergy should do its part to help make sure this program succeeds in its service area.

#### Deficiency 6: Individual customers continue to support clean energy over coal- or VI. gas-burning units.

In its resource planning, Evergy should be responsive to the interests of its customers. Its customers continue to favor the development of clean energy resources over fossilburning power plants. See Exhibit SC-3.

#### VII. Conclusion

Sierra Club appreciates the opportunity to engage in Evergy's IRP process and respectfully requests that the Company agree to fix, or the Commission order the Company to fix, the deficiencies identified herein in its 2024 IRP.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 31, 2023 /s/ Teresa Woody

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Dated: August 31, 2023

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# **EXHIBIT SC-2**

Public Company Responses to Sierra Club Data Requests

# **Data Requests**

Evergy Response to Sierra Club Request 1-12

Evergy Response to Sierra Club Request 1-13



# KCPL and Westar Case Name: 2019 Capital and IRP Reporting Format Case Number: 19-KCPE-096-CPL

# Requestor Woody Teresa -Response Provided August 01, 2023

### Question:Sierra Club-2023-1-12

RE: In the Matter of the Capital Plan Compliance Docket for Kansas City Power & Light Company and Westar Energy, Inc. Pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. 18-KCPE-095-MER.

#### **Please Provide the Following:**

Refer to pages 62-63 of the IRP where the Company mentions carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technologies as a potential option for reducing emissions to comply with the EPA's proposed CO<sub>2</sub> emission limits.

- a. Do any of the Company's plans meet the requirements of the proposed EPA carbon limits?
  - i. If so, please explain how compliance is achieved for each coal and gas unit and compliant plan.
  - ii. If not, please explain why not.
- b. Does the Company assume that CCS will be employed to achieve carbon emission reductions in the IRP? Please explain.
- c. Does the Company anticipate specifically employing CCS technologies on any of its existing or new fossil fuel-fired generating units in the IRP?
  - i. If so, please explain which units have been considered, the reason for CCS, timing of CCS installation, and the assumed CO<sub>2</sub> capture rate (in percent).
  - ii. If not, please explain why not.
- d. Does the Company include the costs associated with retrofitting and/or adding CCS technologies in its IRP modeling?
  - i. If so, please explain and provide these costs.
  - ii. If not, please explain why not.
- e. If the Company is modeling CCS, does it project the remaining (i.e. uncaptured) emissions from the unit(s)?
  - i. If so, please provide the remaining emissions from CCS units for all endpoint scenarios.
  - ii. If not, please explain why not.
- f. If employing CCS technologies on any existing or new unit, what does the Company plan to do with the captured CO<sub>2</sub>? Please explain.
- g. Please provide all cost estimates for CCS reviewed by the Company in the past two



years.

RESPONSE: (do not edit or delete this line or anything above this)

**Confidentiality:** PUBLIC

**Statement:** This response is Public. No Confidential Statement is needed.

# **Response:**

a. Evergy has not assessed whether any of its IRP plans would meet the EPA proposed limits. b. No. The Company believes that technological improvements and/or substantial cost reductions in CCS or non-carbon emitting fuels will be needed to achieve the rapid decarbonization ("high" carbon dioxide emissions restrictions) endpoints modeled in the IRP. Some recent government policies are providing incentives for this innovation. However, given the uncertainty of how this may evolve over the next 10-15 years, future costs for non-emitting dispatchable technologies are speculative. In the high endpoints, new CC and CT resources are modeled as non-emitting after 2035, with no added cost.

- c. No. See b.
- d. No. See b.
- e. N/a. See b.
- f. N/a.
- g. See NREL forecast in workpaper CONFIDENTIAL\_New Build Parameters IRP 2023, which estimates CCS capital costs without transport or storage. These costs were reviewed by the company, but not incorporated into IRP modeling. No other cost estimates for CCS have been reviewed by the Company in the past 2 years.

## Information provided by:

Kelli Merwald, Sr. Mgr. Fundamental Analysis

**Attachment(s):** 

# **Verification:**



I have read the Information Request and answer thereto and find answer to be true, accurate, full and complete, and contain no material misrepresentations or omissions to the best of my knowledge and belief; and I will disclose to the Commission Staff any matter subsequently discovered which affects the accuracy or completeness of the answer(s) to this Information Request(s).

Signature /s/ Brad Lutz
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Refer to page 62-63 of the IRP where the Company mentions co-firing hydrogen with natural gas as a potential option for reducing emissions to comply with the EPA's proposed CO<sub>2</sub> emission limits.

- a. Does the Company assume that burning hydrogen will be employed to achieve carbon emission reductions in the IRP? Please explain.
- b. Does the Company anticipate specifically burning hydrogen at any of its existing or new fossil fuel-fired generating units in the IRP?
  - i. If so, please explain which units have been considered, the percentage blend of hydrogen (by volume) and timing of achieving hydrogen capability.
  - ii. If not, please explain why not.
- c. Does the Company include the costs associated with retrofitting and/or adding hydrogen capability in its IRP modeling?
  - i. If so, please explain and provide these costs.
  - ii. If not, please explain why not.
- d. If blending hydrogen with natural gas, what type of hydrogen (i.e., grey, blue, green, etc.) does the Company plan to utilize and where will it be sourced from?

RESPONSE: (do not edit or delete this line or anything above this)

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### **Response:**

a. No. The Company does not have cost assumptions for hydrogen fuel or transport. As discussed in response 1-12, non-emitting dispatchable technology is needed to achieve rapid decarbonization. Hydrogen may be an option if it becomes cost competitive.



- b. No. The Company does not have cost estimates for future hydrogen fuel or transport.
- c. New turbines are assumed to be hydrogen-capable based on manufacturer specifications for existing technology. No retrofitting is assumed.
- d. New turbines will provide the Company with optionality for future hydrogen blending, but specific sources were not predicted due to the nascency of the US hydrogen market.

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Signature /s/ *Brad Lutz*Director Regulatory Affairs

# **EXHIBIT SC-3**

IRP Comments from Kansas Evergy Customers

IRP COMMENTS FROM KANSAS EVERGY CUSTOMERS - ADDENDUM TO AUGUST 31 COMMENTS

As a citizen of Kansas I want energy that is CLEAN and Renewable! This is what Evergy has been promising us since they took over our old energy company. Additionally I do not want to keep subsidizing coal by you guys to raise my energy costs.

As a Kansan, I write to ask that the Corporation Commission direct Evergy submit a new energy plan that includes the closure of Lawrence by 2024, as the utility previously proposed, and the addition of new wind, solar, and energy storage before the end of 2030.

I know that Evergy can reduce costs by accelerating the transition away from fossil fuels and toward affordable, reliable clean energy to protect our communities from the worst impacts of pollution and climate change. As communities throughout the utility's territory are working hard to address the impacts of climate change, Evergy has to do its part by taking advantage of billions in savings over the next twenty years from federal funding, securitization, and coal retirement.

Any use of utility bills on more fossil fuel infrastructure is a waste of customers' money. Evergy should not be allowed to throw our money away on capital and operating costs for coal plants while, just across our state's Southern border, PSO in Oklahoma is phasing out its coal plants while investing heavily in renewable energy. The commissioners in OK only approved PSO to retire all its coal with no new major gas investments because, after the second year, the utility will reduce rates and save money because of its clean energy plan.

In the past, Evergy has admitted it could switch from coal and gas to clean energy sources without rate increases, maintain grid reliability, and reduce harmful pollution emissions 85 percent by 2030 while protecting customers' health, yet that is not what the utility is doing.

Evergy spends about \$500 million of its customers' money annually purchasing coal from Wyoming to fuel its power plants. This is money that could be spent on renewable energy investments in Kansas, installed by workers in Kansas.

Please act in the interests of Kansans by directing Evergy to submit a new energy plan that includes the closure of Lawrence by 2024, as the utility previously proposed, and the addition of new wind, solar, and energy storage before the end of 2030. Thank you for your time.

Cynthia Runge 2111 W 23rd Ave Emporia, KS 66801 (620) 794-0408 cynthia.vandeventer@gmail.com As a teacher in Sedgwick County for 35 years I saw grade school asthma cases quadruple- some very serious resulting in very high school absences. We were In the air path of the giant coal company in Finny County. Coal has ALWAYS been hazardous- not just to immediate workers!!!

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Elaine Volkmann 9424 E Longlake Wichita, KS 67207 eevolkmann1@gmail.com Charging customers more for energy that is produced by the same old dirty generation is two slaps. We have invested in solar panels to be part of a future that is less dependent on dirty coal. To pay Evergy more for electricity that is generated by coal is a slap on both sides of my face. Evergy should be required to perform as well as energy monopolies in other states.

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Kent Dorsey 108 W Lake Rd Farlington, KS 66734 (620) 362-3287 kentdorsey@live.com Clean energy is the highest priority. A rate increase would be tolerable if it was used to fund clean energy (100%). There is no more time left to address this critical issue.

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### Do the right thing and retire the Lawrence coal plant now!

To: David Campbell, Evergy, Inc. Chief Executive Officer,

As a resident of Douglas County who cares about the health and well-being of my community, I call on Evergy Inc. to immediately commit to closing its Lawrence coal-fired power plant no later than 2024, as promised in the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan.

Furthermore, I call on my local city and county representatives to facilitate a community-led transition away from harmful fossil fuels towards an energy system that supports healthy and vibrant communities where all people can thrive. Lawrence should demand that Evergy replace the coal plant with clean energy as soon as possible through a transparent and inclusive stakeholder process facilitated by the Lawrence City Council and Douglas County Commission.

All people deserve to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood, with clean air to breathe, and the Lawrence Coal Plant is a direct threat to the lives of my friends and neighbors.

I urge you to close the Lawrence Coal Plant by 2024 and retire all Evergy coal plants by 2030 to protect our communities.

Barbara Johnston 225 King St Baldwin City, KS 66006 (816) 812-6725 bwjohnston3579@gmail.com

#### 7/12/2023

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Lannie Harn 1650 S Georgetown St. Apt. 205 Wichita, KS 67218 (316) 440-4100 lann@cox.net Evergy is asking to raise our rates in order to burn more coal to fund a battery plant. How about raising industrial rates to put solar panels over their parking lot or on the building so they can contribute to the power grid. If Evergy wants to raise my rates for sustainability fine but not to burn more coal. Please do not approve their integrated resource plan.

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Cary Phillips 2560 Montana St Lawrence, KS 66046 (785) 841-8435 camima@sunflower.com Evergy pledged at one time to use clean energy, but it does not seem to be fulfilling that promise. Raising our rates is unconscionable if it means more coal will be used to create electricity. There are much better ways to do this without depending on fossil fuels. Kansas has plenty of wind to turn turbines, and plenty of sun for solar energy. I would prefer that Evergy be made to use these renewable forms of energy, and end its reliance on coal.

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Jan Kindwoman 6200 Russell St Mission, KS 66202 (520) 744-5859 jkindwoman@gmail.com Evergy, our state's largest monopoly electric utility, wants to increase the average bill for the majority of its customers by more than \$170 annually' Compared to surrounding utilities, Evergy is over-invested in coal and under-invested in affordable solar, energy storage, and energy-saving programs that could save customers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Shamefully, Evergy's rate increase hearings are happening at the same time that the utility is releasing its new energy plan, which reduces investments in renewable energy while extending the life of its Lawrence coal plant and calls for building two new gas power plants.

Customer dollars should be invested in affordable, reliable, and clean energy options, not failing coal plants that shovel our money into the pockets of coal companies and monopoly utility shareholders. The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has the power to make sure Evergy puts its customers first.

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Elizabeth Henry 14723 S Arapaho Dr Olathe, KS 66062 (913) 782-5489 leerhenry@gmail.com Every bit of extra pollution makes it harder for people in my family to breathe. COPD is a problem for many elderly Kansans. Evergy's IRP update should improve our health and not hurt our families more.

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Becky Poetker 4738 N Alexander St Wichita, KS 67204 (316) 831-0226 becky\_poetker@outlook.com Every step we can take to quit burning fossil fuels slows climate change and decreases the risks faced by our children and grandchildren. Please hold Evergy to their agreement to close their coal fired plant and invest further in renewable energy.

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Donald Milligan 6335 Kennett PI Mission, KS 66202 (888) 888-8888 dbmilligan@yahoo.com Flooding in New England, Wildfires in Alberta, Quebec and BC Canada, Heat waves in the southern planes... and you're STILL burning coal?! Don't approve an IRP that goes back on clean energy promises to fund more gas and coal.

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Dan Mantyla 3000 Rimrock Dr Lawrence, KS 66047 (316) 409-0029 danmantyla@gmail.com Get your heads out of the sand! We'd be better off weaning Evergy from coal & investing in more realistic green alternatives. Evergy's attempts to hike their profits over \$700 million per year by holding on to coal and gas plants should not be allowed to result in higher prices for the consumer or greater rewards for the senior executives.

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Cynthia Runge 2111 W 23rd Ave Emporia, KS 66801 (620) 794-0408 cynthia.vandeventer@gmail.com I am an Evergy customer with a grid tie solar system who is now installing a system on our new downsized residence. Evergy will only approve a system size that will generate less than 75% of my usage.

Virtually all of my solar generation goes to the grid during peak usage periods at zero cost to Evergy. I know they are a monopoly and want to stay that way but they are fighting free clean energy with no infrastructure cost.' Perhaps their business plan should be updated prior to any rate increase so that they don't profit from dangerously high temperatures and lose money when they allow reliable, cheap distributed energy to improve the grid.

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Clyde Schwanke 2406 SW Burnett Road Topeka, KS 66604 (785) 272-3688 clydeschwanke@gmail.com I care about what we're doing today to increase clean energy, so I want to see more spending on renewable energy instead of old cold technologies. We need to demand that for any increase to rates, a large portion goes to renewable energy up front costs so that we can reduce bills long term for customers from cheap, clean energy sources.

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M Silva 16168 Fontana St Stilwell, KS 66085 (913) 498-0462 mangelst@yahoo.com I do hope the KS Sky Energy Ctr. won't just be greenwashing. Solar is good, but we have to phase out fossil, or we're cooked.

To: David Campbell, Evergy, Inc. Chief Executive Officer,

As a resident of Douglas County who cares about the health and well-being of my community, I call on Evergy Inc. to immediately commit to closing its Lawrence coal-fired power plant no later than 2024, as promised in the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan.

Furthermore, I call on my local city and county representatives to facilitate a community-led transition away from harmful fossil fuels towards an energy system that supports healthy and vibrant communities where all people can thrive. Lawrence should demand that Evergy replace the coal plant with clean energy as soon as possible through a transparent and inclusive stakeholder process facilitated by the Lawrence City Council and Douglas County Commission.

All people deserve to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood, with clean air to breathe, and the Lawrence Coal Plant is a direct threat to the lives of my friends and neighbors.

I urge you to close the Lawrence Coal Plant by 2024 and retire all Evergy coal plants by 2030 to protect our communities.

Joe Harrington 2912 Sagebrush Dr Lawrence, KS 66047 joeharrington7@me.com I do not support a rate increase when Evergy is investing in obsolete fossil fuel technology instead of moving into sustainable, renewable energy sources. Don't let Evergy get away with an integrated resource plan designed to slow down clean energy investment so they can raise prices even higher.

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Connie Kennedy 6300 W 126th Ter Overland Park, KS 66209 (816) 559-3615 ckenne01@yahoo.com I do not support the proposed increase, we need clean energy, not the dirty, environmentally damaging energy of the EVERGY company. I will gladly pay for clean energy, BUT NOT the environmental harm from EVERGY!!

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Mary Ann Beattie 2672 N Pershing St Wichita, KS 67220 (316) 685-4270 docmab74@yahoo.com The IRP shouldn't be allowed to be controlled by Evergy's profits. I especially resent paying more for the same dirty energy sources. Make Evergy be socially responsible and accountable for saving our planet!

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Jan Swartzendruber 1422 N Woodrow Ave Wichita, KS 67203 (620) 951-4078 janinkansas2@gmail.com I have an EV mainly to reduce my CO2 emissions, but Evergy just wants to use its power to pull from its expensive coal plants. Cheap power is clean, .

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Brenna Hipsher 4810 W 108th St, Apt 1114 Overland Park, KS 66211 (913) 952-3048 brennakathh@gmail.com I have visually seen a waste of Evergy rate payer revenue with the hiring of a vendor to place a ground mount transformer and replace pole and extend primary wire connection. It appeared the connection would have powered 2 homes and had an alternate primary wire fused connection to another primary source. This occurred at 55th Mastin Merriam Ks (behind house on NW corner). After connection was made, a month later, the fuse was pulled to a new ground mount transformer and both houses were re-connected to the original transformer. I would suspect this cost ratepayers at least \$100000.00 by the time the vendor and all of the supplies were paid for.

If this waste of money has occurred in other parts of the service area then I would say rate payer increase should not happen and management run tighter controls on expenditures!

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Paula Quell 5425 Mastin St Merriam, KS 66203 (913) 362-0277 ledpjq@yahoo.com I know you are familiar with the damages that burning coal causes to communities. Evergy has a responsibility to manage their sources in a way that will Benefit, not Harm their customers, neighbors and employees. The KCC must insist that Evergy follows their original timeline to close the coal plant in Lawrence but to close the rest of those they own. It is too late to put this off.

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Lori Lawrence 321 N Lorraine Ave Wichita, KS 67214 (316) 516-3632 lawrencelorid@gmail.com I live just a few miles from the coal-powered plant outside Lawrence. I see train car after train car of coal heading to the plant. This is an archaic way to produce energy and completely environmentally irresponsible.

I respectfully request that you invest in considerably cleaner, cheaper energy sources for my family, your families, and our generations to come.

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Elizabeth Chao 3807 Brush Creek Dr Lawrence, KS 66047 (785) 842-3115 lizchao@icloud.com I want my two young daughters to have to deal with less CO2 and warming than we're currently on track for. I also want to be able to power my EV with clean energy instead of fossil fuels.

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Sarah Thomas 1025 New York St Lawrence, KS 66044 (785) 393-2640 sarock@sunflower.com If all they were going to do is raise our rates for more coal and gas, why bother with a new commission and utility merger? Clean energy would allow cost savings to be passed back to the customers. A monopoly should find new ways to save money, not new ways to pay the investors more dividends.

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Steven Burrell 2731 SE 32nd St Topeka, KS 66605 (785) 383-9104 stevie0855@sbcglobal.net If policy makers do not immediately address Global Heating, nothing else matters. Their children and grandchildren will live in the same hellish world as everyone else.

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Alicia Tuttle 1407 starbrooke drive Louisburg, KS 66053 (913) 905-9672 eightfourtydreams@gmail.com In order for my grandchildren to enjoy a future, EVERGY must close the polluting coal fired power plant in Lawrence and invest in clean wind and solar power. We only have one planet, and we must get off fossil fuel generating plants as soon as possible.

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Jane Byrnes 322 S Lorraine Ave Wichita, KS 67211 (316) 644-4640 urbanejane5@gmail.com It is too hot! Our environment and my body can't take any more heat. My AC is broken! We don't need any more fossil fuels in our environment to keep heating things up. I can't afford a new AC and increased and increased bill to use it.

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Jennifer Herrmann 505 Pawnee St Hiawatha, KS 66434 (515) 689-0854 jennherr00@gmail.com It is very distressing to see how Evergy wants more cash from consumers and they want to continue providing electricity made with dirty coal. This is unacceptable. They need to increase their solar and wind production along with storage. Please hold them to their plan to shut down coal powered electricity. They need to be investing in renewable energy rather than just paying their shareholders the majority of their profits. Please stand up for future generations and speed the transition to renewable energy.

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Nicholas Dailey 4501 W 62nd St Fairway, KS 66205 (913) 269-1011 nick.a.dailey@gmail.com Kansas Corporation Commission, I strongly ask you to stop Evergy's plan to continue operating the coal plant near the city of Lawrence beyond 2024. Evergy said that it was going to close this coal plant in 2024 and Evergy should stick with that decision, because fossil fuels (coal, gas) are NOT in the best interests of Kansas citizens. You need to tell Evergy that they must commit themselves fully to invest and move toward using renewable energy sources in 2024 and beyond. This is very important to my wife Mary and I but especially for our young grandchildren who live here in Johnson County, KS.

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Harry Bognich 8258 W 117th St Overland Park, KS 66210 (913) 608-5993 harrybognich@att.net Kansas is on the wind belt with a high potential for wind energy growth, which is clean and cheap. If Evergy decided to invest in their expensive and dirty coal plants, it was their strategic mistake, whose costs should not be imposed on people who have to be loyal to their sole utility provider. As an energy policy researcher, an urban planner, and an architect, I see no out for Evergy but to accept the consequences of their mistakes, take responsibility, and invest in what benefits Kansas and Kansans.

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Don Traub 20973 W 226th Ct Spring Hill, KS 66083 (412) 531-0958 don@traubdesignassociates.com My Grandfather was the head of KCC in the 1940s, Ernest Blincoe. Please make him proud by helping the people in state have affordable power. Please do not side with Evergy who is interested in staying with the old technology and charging their customers more. When corporations make bad decisions, the people have to live with the result of those bad decisions. Please help make Evergy move toward the future, which is green energy.

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To: David Campbell, Evergy, Inc. Chief Executive Officer,

As a resident of Douglas County who cares about the health and well-being of my community, I call on Evergy Inc. to immediately commit to closing its Lawrence coal-fired power plant no later than 2024, as promised in the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan.

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All people deserve to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood, with clean air to breathe, and the Lawrence Coal Plant is a direct threat to the lives of my friends and neighbors.

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YOU put forward a plan to close coal plants by 2024 now stick to it! Coal is dirty causes asthma, and premature deaths. I'm sure it causes problems for people who have COPD and lung damage too! Harming people shouldn't be in a plan for the future!

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Julie Blake Spring Hill, KS 66083 julesnrock@gmail.com

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Jessica Heichman 7809 W 112th St Overland Park, KS 66210 (913) 617-2396 jessicazlee24@gmail.com Please do the right thing for Kansas and close the Lawrence Kansas plant no later than 2024. Let's make it right for our children!! And honor your commitment to close it by 2024, which means in the next few months.

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Sharon Hettinger 1410 Clare Ct Lawrence, KS 66046 (785) 842-2053 slhett.sunflower.2016@gmail.com Please hold Evergy accountable to keep their words with closing the coal plant in Lawrence. Please require Evergy to submit a new proposal that includes closure of Lawrence by 2024.

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Myrna Krehbiel 30 Lakewood Cir North Newton, KS 67117 (316) 283-9216 mrkreh@cox.net Please join the renewable energy movement. Renewable energy is cheaper cleaner and longer lived than burning fossil fuels. I strongly urge you to make a bigger commitment to renewable energy.

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Teresa Smith 523 S Madison St Hutchinson, KS 67501 (620) 615-2734 tpsmith523@gmail.com

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Craig Sutton 617 Stone Creek Dr Newton, KS 67114 (620) 442-1482 crsutton63@gmail.com Please tell EVERGY to close the Lawrence coal.plant and not to invest in gas power plants. We must stop burning fossil fuels!! EVERGY must start investigating more in affordable, renewable clean energy. Tell them to put my grandchildren and the planet first and invest in clean energy.

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#### 7/12/2023

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Cindy Petty 4325 Excel Rd Manhattan, KS 66502 (785) 776-2212 cpetty@ksu.edu

# Renewable energy is cheaper and safer for the health of Lawrence residents and the local environment. I urge you to shut down the coal plant now!

To: David Campbell, Evergy, Inc. Chief Executive Officer,

As a resident of Douglas County who cares about the health and well-being of my community, I call on Evergy Inc. to immediately commit to closing its Lawrence coal-fired power plant no later than 2024, as promised in the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan.

Furthermore, I call on my local city and county representatives to facilitate a community-led transition away from harmful fossil fuels towards an energy system that supports healthy and vibrant communities where all people can thrive. Lawrence should demand that Evergy replace the coal plant with clean energy as soon as possible through a transparent and inclusive stakeholder process facilitated by the Lawrence City Council and Douglas County Commission.

All people deserve to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood, with clean air to breathe, and the Lawrence Coal Plant is a direct threat to the lives of my friends and neighbors.

I urge you to close the Lawrence Coal Plant by 2024 and retire all Evergy coal plants by 2030 to protect our communities.

Nancy Muma 1217 Inverness Dr. Lawrence, KS 66049 (708) 805-3013 nancysumoylation@gmail.com Shame on you all, even a fourth grader knows and understands climate change. We understand that investments in renewable (green) energy are cheap, reliable, and must be increased while the Lawrence coal plant should stop burning coal in 2024 like Evergy promised, and stop the planned building of new gas power plants!

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Adrian Walker 5114 Vista Acres Dr Manhattan, KS 66503 (785) 313-4142 walkerwurst@gmail.com Since moving to Kansas in 2022, I have been mystified as to the lack of incentives--compared to other states in which I've lived--by our local utility, Evergy. Even Evergy across the state line in Missouri offers incentives for energy efficiency and other work by ratepayers that would reduce the utility's need to add generating capacity or delay the retirement of fossil-fuel-powered plants. I can blame Evergy for this, but it would seem a large part of the blame rests on Kansas regulators like you. Make Evergy fix the IRP to prioritize cheap, reliable clean energy.

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James Williams 2425 SW Sunset Ct Topeka, KS 66604 (615) 429-0640 homerwilliams@gmail.com

#### 8/10/2023

Stop burning coal and use clean energy. We can have reliable, cheap clean energy if we stop wasting as much energy as we now do, overheating and overcooling our homes with non-energy efficient houses, refusing to include home solar, and paying Evergy more when we have to use more air conditioning: Just a few examples.

Further educate those of us who care about our descendants, other creatures, the total environment, and the future existence of this planet.

### Kathy Boyce

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K Boyce 432 E Santa Fe Ave Burlingame, KS 66413 (785) 654-3801 kboyce@mchsi.com Fix the IRP and tax those that tax the grid. I am not responsible for your conglomerate issues. Try being environmentally friendly, fund the future, not your pockets.

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Lindsey Hightower 956 N Woodrow Ave Wichita, KS 67203 (316) 252-7137 pixiepinch@hotmail.com The IRP gas and coal spending along with rate hikes are egregious! First it's one reason, and then on to the next red herring to trot out to excuse shareholder greed overcoming common-sense policy! Owning stock is a risky business, why should shareholders be assured of fat profits year after year' Other businesses shareholders make money when profitability increases, why not here' KCC, for ONCE look after customers/citizens in this time of exceptional inflation, when we are all taking a hit!!

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Gina Delehanty 422 South Volutsia Wichita, KS 67211 gwdelehanty@gmail.com The fact the Lawrence coal plant isn't closed already is outrageous. Kansas cannot afford to allow Evergy and other producers to limit clean, modern energy tech. Fix the IRP process to hold Evergy accountable for good decisions that benefit customers.

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Kenneth Ward 912 E 10th St Pittsburg, KS 66762 (316) 204-5974 kjward@pittstate.edu

#### 4/13/2023

The small particle pollution from these coal plants kills people! There is no reason to keep this plant operating. The IRP should show these costs and prioritize clean energy.

To: David Campbell, Evergy, Inc. Chief Executive Officer,

As a resident of Douglas County who cares about the health and well-being of my community, I call on Evergy Inc. to immediately commit to closing its Lawrence coal-fired power plant no later than 2024, as promised in the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan.

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All people deserve to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood, with clean air to breathe, and the Lawrence Coal Plant is a direct threat to the lives of my friends and neighbors.

I urge you to close the Lawrence Coal Plant by 2024 and retire all Evergy coal plants by 2030 to protect our communities.

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Julie Johnson 16630 W 153rd St Olathe, KS 66062 (218) 205-9840 julie.a.johnson17@gmail.com There has to be some accountability to hold companies to their word on reducing greenhouse gasses. Why does Evergy get to control the whole IRP process? We have no time left. We must take drastic measures, if necessary, to ensure cheap, clean energy. A rate hike in the short term only makes sense if it's to benefit our environment and reduce prices longer term.

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Kelly Juarez 20702 W 67th St Shawnee, KS 66218 (816) 823-1978 kadams1324@gmail.com There is no reason we need to use dirty energy to fuel the state of Kansas or this country. We cannot afford to keep destroying this earth and poisoning the environment. Fix the IRP - We are smarter than dirty money!!!

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Paula Morrismedia 10800 W 60th St Shawnee, KS 66203 (816) 520-1199 pmorris@davidmorrisphoto.com We can make this change. It is so important for our future. America has always been innovative, and we are capable of thinking and acting in new ways. Please adopt a clean energy plan to slow down climate change because continuing to use coal is a dead end for all of us.

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Kristin Zitta 8734 Eby Dr Overland Park, KS 66212 (913) 219-1927 kristin6706@gmail.com We have other resources that don't hurt our environment. Wind, solar, geothermal. . . Why do you choose to continue damage? Your IRP should be for affordable, clean efficiency, solar and storage, not expensive coal and gas.

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Sandra Nelson 11961 Oakmont St Apt 1111 Overland Park, KS 66213 (816) 809-1183 sandran@swbell.net We must begin now to use clean energy, instead of coal, to protect our environment and our children and grandchildren. Evergy's IRP does the opposite. KCC must fix this!

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Giovanni Ortega 10100 El Monte St Overland Park, KS 66207 (480) 855-0251 dalynortega@yahoo.com We put solar panels on our roof to be part of the solution. You as an energy company can have an even bigger impact. Instead your IRP hikes rates while adding gas to the coal and you try to keep us from solar on our homes.

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## **EXHIBIT SC-4**

Sierra Club Members and Supporters Public Comments

Full Name	First Name	Last Name	City	Stat e	Personal Message	Petition Text As a resident of the Kansas City metro area who cares about the health and wellbeing of my community, I call on Evergy Inc. to immediately commit to closing its Hawthorn coal-fired power plant in northeast Kansas City, Missouri, Hawthorn should be closed no later than 2025, and Evergy must commit to retiring its entire coal fleet by 2030. All people deserve to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood, with clean air to breathe, and Hawthorn is a direct threat to the lives of my friends and neighbors.
					As an RN and a person who cares about the environment I've known for 20 years how deadly coal is, both as a major contributor to the deadly and destructive climate crisis but also in the deadly pollution that kills people living close to a coal plant. It also increases health care needed, due to exacerbating asthma, hay fever and other respiratory and cardiac	Each year, the Hawthorn plant emits 2,973,081 tons of CO2 into the atmosphere, contributing to the climate crisis. Over 35,000 people, including more than 10,000 children, live within just three miles from the plant, exposing them to harmful air pollutants that contribute to severe health issues. Hawthorn accounts for five premature deaths, 52 asthma attacks, and 240 lost work days annually, and a disproportionate number of residents facing these threats are people of color compared to state averages, contributing to a harmful legacy of environmental injustice and systemic racism in the KC region.  My community is working to transition away from harmful fossil fuels towards an energy system that supports healthy and vibrant communities where all people can thrive. This is not possible as long as dirty coal plants like Hawthorn remain open.
Patricia Brown	Patricia	Brown	Independence	MO	problems. Both Kansas City and Missouri are in unique positions to invest in renewable energy, and divesting from fossil fuels is an environmental and public health imperative. Evergy can and should do better for it?s ratepayers in general, and the state government needs to stop playing politics in regards to blocking a	Please close Hawthorn by 2025 and retire all Evergy coal plants by 2030 to
Jakob Benedetti	Jakob	Benedetti	Kansas City	МО	·	
Amelia Trollinger	Amelia	Trollinger	Kansas City	МО	our power to stop the pollution.	

Climate change is the biggest concern of our time. We are all paying the price for it, and will pay a much bigger price still. Evergy rates as one of the least responsive power companies in the US in terms of renewable energy use. It is unacceptable at this day and age to be using coal energy, especially when it is exacerbating racial inequalities and health disparities for racial minorities and the economically disadvantaged. We urge you to close the Hawthorne coal plant by 2025 and MO the entire coal fleet by 2030. Lake Saint Louis MO Close the plant and save lives!! Coal plants are killing people, other animals, and plants, and despoiling the MO ecosystem. Coal plants like Hawthorne and Lake Road need to be closed! I personally have video of the Lake Road #5 boiler stack emitting a large amount of fly ash, polluting the entire southside of MO St. Joseph with toxic flyash MO Do the right thing, Evergy. MO do your part Evergy, you have had representatives within Climate Action KC and are aware of our Climate Action Plan. The city of Kansas City, Missouri just updated their CAP. Your organization also has goals for becoming net zero. Closing your remaining coal plants will meet these goals, and help us keep our livable planet. Every has the expertise to prioritize cleaner energy from sources other than fossil fuels. They are in the energy business, not the fossil fuel business. We can collectively create many clean energy jobs at every level of employment. We get to be a leader in our nation and the world for innovation. Capture the multiple

MO opportunities to do so.

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Victoria Hager	Victoria	Hager	Kansas City	MO	Everyday I feel more urgency in regards to taking stronger actions against climate change. Future generations depend on us to make the right choices, even if they seem hard and costly. What could be more costly than the loss of a healthy environment? Everyone deserves clean air. We should not live in an environment that is being powered by coal and causing health problems for the residence near the plant. Please close the Hawthorne plant as soon as possible to protect Kansas Citians for the
Susan Harp	Susan	Harp	Liberty	МО	foreseeable future! Go Green?? use renewable energy.
Irene Gnemi	Irene	Gnemi	Newburg	МО	Stop climate chaos.
Katherine Hasty	Katherine	Hasty	Kansas City	МО	Hawthorn is not only harming residents, but coal has been left in the dust in terms of cost effectiveness.
Daniel Martin	Daniel	Martin	Kansas City	МО	I already pay to subsidize wind power. Instead of keeping coal and adding gas, Evergy should use the Inflation Reduction Act to encourage more houses to adopt solar and create more wind and solar and battery capacity.
					I am associated with many individuals whose lungs are not the healthiest, and I do not understand why you would not wish to willingly provide Kansas City residence with cleaner healthier air. I am a runner and cyclist and do not like the idea of breathing
Sheila Styron	Sheila	Styron	Kansas City	МО	polluted air. Please shut it down! I am your customer - Please listen to
Marian Thomas	Marian	Thomas	Leawood	KS	me! I believe in the creativity and
Jennifer Rouyer	Jennifer	Stallbaumer- Rouyer	Kansas City	МО	commitment of Evergy to achieve this goal for our community.

Dayanara Zamora	Dayanara	Zamora	Kansas City	МО	I believe we can do much more with renewable resources to combat against issues contributing to climate change. The closure of the plant is a step further to accomplishing this!
					I have adult onset asthsma and COPD een though I never smoked. This is an increasing medical problem for myself and many others, in part because of the air pollution from coal producing power plants. Please commit to closing the Hawthorn power plant and
Christy Barnes	Christy	Barnes	Independence	MO	be a solution to cleaning up the air. I have lived in the KC metro in various suburbs my entire life, but I just recently moved to my own apartment right in the heart of KC. I was so excited to sign up for Evergy, because I had heard so many exciting things about Evergy's sustainability goals. However, learning that Evergy intends to expand, not cease, their dependence on fossil fuels is incredibly disappointing. It seems backwards to delay closing the Hawthorn plant. KC has spoken, loud and clear: we want to be able to breathe clean air. We want real, focused climate action. So
Briana Anderson	Briana	Anderson	Independence	MO	let's do it!  I joined today with the city of Kansas City Missouri and many others in asking you to close the Hawthorne plant and further to get out of the coal burning business completely. It will be good for your community and your customers and your shareholders and
Jeanne Bates	Jeanne M	Bates	Leawood	KS	therefore it will be good for you.

me that my community is continuing to be subjected to the air pollution that is caused by the Hawthorne coal plant. It also angers me that air pollution not only affects my community, but the whole global community, as the greenhouse gases released from this coal plant contribute to the global warming and climate chaos experienced around the world, and especially felt by those who did nothing to cause the problem. And it angers me to know that Evergy knows all of this information, and yet has continued to prioritize profits over people. The inaction of Evergy to work with more urgency shows that Evergy values making more and more money for those who already have money over human lives. I implore you to do the right thing and to be on the right side of history. Close this plant and all other fossil fuel-burning plants you have in operation. Replace them with renewables. This will create so many

Adam Rossi Adam Rossi Kansas City

MO jobs! We can have a beautiful future!

coal plant. It is really stunning to me how, given everything we know about the fossil fuel emergency, Evergy can continue to contribute to the greatest disaster in human history and poison the air for the local residents, whom are disproportionately low-income and people of color, all in the name of greater profits. The fact that Evergy plans to close this dirty coal plant in 2055 means that it doesn't care if the plant contributes to killing 5 people a year. It doesn't care that people breathe in harmful mercury pollution every day from the plant. It doesn't care about the lives of human beings. All that Evergy cares about is making more money right now. And no one needs a college degree to figure out that this is deeply immoral. All one needs is a conscience. We all know what right and wrong is, and we know that keeping this dirty coal-burning plant open is plain wrong. Let's make a

Carol Wagner	Carol	Wagner	Shawnee Mission	KS	close the Hawthorn plant ASAP, no later than 2030!
Amrita Burdick	Amrita	Burdick	Kansas City	МО	I worked in health care, rounding with teams at University Health/Truman Medical Center and know the problems of air pollution and asthma. I'm also a farmer's daughter who values the environment. It's time to move to renewable energy!!! I?m a customer of yours & ask you to
Holly Miriani	Holly	Miriani	Lake Waukomis	МО	I want clean energy available. We have to keep making progress to save our environment & planet. Coal must go!
Paul Klein	Paul	Klein	Saint Louis	МО	I stand in solidarity with the people of Kansas City who wish to have clean air to breathe and who wish to defeat global warming.
Adam Rossi	Adam	Rossi	Kansas City	МО	decision that protects lives. Close Hawthorn now!

Norma Spear	Norma	Spear	Kansas City	МО	I?m trying to make a positive impact on the health of future generations of living creatures. Especially our children and grandchildren. I?ve lived in KC my entire life, I love my town so much. It hurts to know that my town?s air gets polluted by coal, while Evergy claims to be such a sustainable and forward-thinking utility company. Coal is backwardsthinking. I?d love to see a coal-free KC
Briana Anderson	Briana	Anderson	Independence	MO	as soon as possible. I'm a grandma - let's stop your corporate crap and close this coal plant = less asthmatogether is better
Diana Oleskevich	Diana	Oleskevich	Saint Louis	MO	than profits! It does not make sense to use coal when there are now cheaper (and cleaner) options. It used to be an
Mark Celio	Mark	Celio	Kansas City	МО	argument but not, it is a no-brainer. It is past time to make all energy
Anna Siberg	Anna	Siberg	Olathe	KS	clean. It is time to get this done! Please start
Patty Murphy	Patty	Murphy	Kansas City	МО	the process for this to happen. So important!! It is way past time to step up and do the right thing. Put people first and
Deborah Geraghty	Deborah	Geraghty	Lees Summit	МО	close Hawthorn coal plant. We are watching for your prompt response!  It?s time to move into a healthy
Sami Aaron	Sami	Aaron	Kansas City	МО	future. Coal does not have a place in our future.  It's past time to get rid of coal and
David Haas	David	Haas	Olathe	KS	transition to less CO2 intensive methods of power generation.
Jenny Lillis	Jenny	Lillis	Leawood	KS	It's past time to put the planet over profits! Close the Hawthorn coal plant. It's up to you to create the change for
Sarita Lester	Sarita	Lester	Excelsior Springs	МО	our future generations! Kansas City needs Evergy to lead the way toward renewable energy and environmental justice. SEIZE this opportunity and lead the way to a
William Kriege	William	Kriege	Kansas City	МО	sustainable, more just world!!!

Larry Lambeth	Larry	Lambeth	Springfield	МО	Missouri deserves clean energy! Evergy must improve its business model to increase environmental awareness and STOP utilizing polluting fossil fuels.  My grandchildren?s future is in jeopardy every time they breathe polluted air. You know the truth about the harmful effects of the emissions from the Hawthorn plant! Don?t be
Cecelia Carlson	Cecelia	Carlson	Liberty	МО	hypocritical about ?working to provide clean energy! Clase the planr!!! My granddaughter suffers with asthma and it is appaling to me that a public utility would not make the
Sue Sykes Berry	Sue	Sykes Berry	Kansas City	MO	decision that would help the public.  My husband is asthmatic; I am currently living with cancer (multiple myeloma). For health reasons, pollution is an important issue for both of us. Coal combustion produces smog, soot, acid rain, mercury, carbon dioxide pollution and groundwater contamination. It seems long past time to shut down these generators of
Diane Meinke	Diane	Meinke	Overland Park	KS	significant amounts of pollution.  My son has asthma and we and you should do everything we can to stop
William Condon	William	Condon	Kansas City	MO	other kids from getting it.  My young daughter brings me hope and fear about her future every day.  She deserves clean air, at the very least. When there are alternatives available, it just doesn?t make sense to continue with coal. In our home we make choices to conserve resources and improve the environment.  Shouldn?t the same be true of our utility providers that impact our entire community? It?s time to take responsibility and do the right thing?for all of us. Thank you in advance for improving my daughter?s
Alice Miller	Alice	Miller	Kansas City	MO	health and happiness.

Tom Finholt	Tom Eric Finhol		Wildwood	МО	New forms of energy like solar and wind.
Daniel Mahala	Daniel	Mahala	Kansas City	MO	No coal in KC!
Sal Wells	Sal	Wells	Leawood	KS	Now is the best time Please be concerned abt our health & close the Hawthorn Plant now.
Judith Reed	Judithf4 c	Reed	Kansas City	MO	Thankyou. JR
Sid and Glenda Nau Kimberly Mcgriff	Sid and Glenda Kimberly	Nau Mcgriff	Kansas City Kansas City	MO MO	Please be good corporate citizens & help our grandkids survive the damage coal brings to our community. Please choose people over profit.
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Dave Campbell	David	Campbell	St. Louis	МО	with a clean energy source. Please consider humanity & close the
Janice Beilman	Janice	Beilman	Lenexa	KS	coal plant! PLEASE DON?T WAIT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE!!! Coal is archaic. We can and
Carol Valenciano	Carol	Valenciano	Kansas Ciy	MO	must do better.

Please explain to me how your company constantly sends out marketing to get customers to become more energy efficient and transition to renewable energy, yet you still persist in hanging on to the old, dirty, coal technology. Have you or a loved one ever experienced an asthma attack? I have. It's nothing like they show in the movies, where the kid uses his inhaler every time he gets anxious and then magically is cured at the end. The reality? Uncontrollable coughing from the mucus trying to strangle you from within your lungs. More coughing, causing a deep, intense, burning pain in your upper chest as you struggle to breathe. THAT's what MY asthma attacks look like. So you can understand things like pollution makes me more than a bit cranky. Stop trading KC citizen's health for money. We all end up breathing

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Victor Poland	Victor	Poland	Kansas City	МО	Please look at other options such as securitization to retire this coalburning asset sooner than your IRP indicates.  Please move to renewable energy with all due haste. We are suffering short term and long term harm from the use of coal. I am sure you can invest in clean energy and still find profit. The Hawthorne power plant is especially concerning because of its location.
Janice Brill	Janice	Brill	Grain Valley	МО	Please close this plant!! Please stop using fossil coal. I would like to know by great, great great and
Laura Taylor	Laura	Taylor	Kansas City	МО	
Cynthia Schmidt	Cynthia	Schmidt	Kansas City	МО	area clean. Please use more renewable energy
Jakob Goldman	Jakob	Goldman	Kansas City	МО	and less coal ASAP!
					Please, let's get creative and imagine a sustainable future for our children and grandchildren. I know it is possible with investment in alternative energy sources. There is no limit to our potential if we start investing early and compounding on that investment in the future. Please consider better ways to provide utilities AND a future
Scott Haluck Cammy Colton	Scott Cammy	Haluck Colton	Kansas City Overland Park	MO KS	to your customers.  Please, please, please!!!!  Protect our local communities and do this to protect the global community.  Close the Hawthorn plant down. End the use of coal and fossil fuels. We must have clean energy sources now
Don Wallace Wanda Childs	Don Wanda	Wallace Childs	Kansas City Carrollton	MO MO	to ensure a future for our children.  R Residents across the city, especially in the Historic Northeast have made it clear that the plant needs to close.  This is in our collective best interest from an equity, health, and
Michael Kelley	Michael	Kelley	Kansas City	МО	environmental standpoint.

Victoria Shelton	Victoria	Shelton	Lenexa	KS	Rockhurst University stainability club, RU Green, wants action to be taken now please. We are growing up in an Earth that is dying, and all we want is for the planet not to die before we do. Please hear us, please help us.
John Lueders	John	Lueders	Weatherby Lake	МО	Shutting down the Hawthorn coal plant needs to be high priority. Stop stripping our earth from it's beauty. Please take a moment out to actually really think about what is
Adele Luna-Ambriz	Adele	Luna-Ambriz	Republic	МО	happening here.  T Your support of this coal plant is causing health issues to those living
Sandra Mogg	Sandra	Mogg	Saint Joseph	MO	_
William Davies	William	Davies	Kansas City	MO	community. The climate crisis is here, and the KC metro area has experienced numerous air quality warnings this summer. The Hawthorn Coal Plant is a major
Erin Niederberger	Erin	Niederberger	Gladstone	MO	contributor to emissions.  The continued operation of this plant directly goes against Evergy's goals of being a community partner and planning for the future. This plant actively harms our neighbors' and
Ruanda McFerren	Ruanda	McFerren	Kansas City	МО	-
Andrew Holliman-hurst	Andrew	Holliman-hurst	Platte City	МО	planet.

Catherine Chapman	Catherine	Chapman	Kansas City	MO	The only time is NOW to embrace the future with green energy and STOP climate change! No more coal! The climate CANNOT wait? we MUST act NOW!!!
					The time has come to take action to provide KC residents with clean air. Closing down coal-fired power plants is one major action that will make this happen. As a KCMO resident, I am
Sami Aaron	Sami	Aaron	Kansas City	MO	asking you to take this action. This coal fired plant is ruining our
Doris Mclaughlin	Doris	Mclaughlin	Independence	MO	health. This Coal plant is hurting our environment and it needs to stop. Now more then ever, the United States needs to care about what the oil and coal industry is doing to our air and water supply. If we continue with maintaining this industry we will pass
Kris Weber	kris	Weber	saint louis	MO	the point of no return. Time is of the essence?NOW is that
Cathy Chapmam	Cathy	Chapmam	Kansas City	МО	time! Time to Clean Up the Energy
Sheila Rekdal	Sheila	Rekdal	Independence	МО	Production!!!
WENDY BARTH	WENDY	BARTH	Kansas City	МО	Use our sustainable resources like, solar and wind, not coal! We all matter and we deserve to
William Mayfield	William	Mayfield	Kansas City	МО	breathe the cleanest air possible. We all need to commit together to combat climate change quickly. We are out of time. Ditch the coal and
David Engle	David	Engle	Lees Summit	MO	clean this city up. we have family and friends who live in your district - it is not a safe place - dirty air - close Hawthorn coal plant - let's use more sustainable energy,
Jim Oleskevich	Jim	Oleskevich	Saint Louis	МО	
Kaylin Hink	Kaylin	Hink	Kansas City	МО	·
Linda Foster	Linda	Foster	Oak Grove	МО	•
Ami Freeberg	Ami	Freeberg	Kansas City	МО	•

					we need to invest in renewable
					energy now. If not for ourselves we
					should do it for the next generation!
					There is a spiritual saying that says we
					do not "own" the earth. We are just
Susan Glatter-Judy	Susan	Glatter-Judy	Kansas City	МО	caretakers for the next generation.
Susuit States suay	o dod	Gratter saay	nanous enty		We need you to help to protect our
Josephine Njoroge	Josephine	Njoroge	Kansas City	МО	environment.
Josephine Njoroge	Josephine	Njoroge	Kalisas City	IVIO	
					We've had the worst air quality I've
	14 11 1				experienced in my life. You can't let
Kathleen Hall	Kathleen	Hall	Kansas City	MO	this continue and/or get worse!
					WOW - Hawthorn coal plant 5 causes
					pre-mature deaths each year. This
					may have been "acceptable" back in
					the 1800s, but it isn't anymore. SHUT.
					IT. DOWN. Or, if Evergy doesn't want
					to shut it down, make Evergy's
					executives live in area where smoke
					from this stack most often drifts back
					to the ground. Maybe that'd change
William Kriege	William	Kriege	Kansas City	МО	their minds.
					Yes For Older Folks Like Myself The
					Health Risks & Enviromental Risks Are
					To Great To Keep Using Coal & There
					Are Greener Ways To Do This, Make
					The Investment And Help Our World &
Duke French	Duke	French	Peculiar	МО	Its People Live Longer & Better
					You must do the right thing before it is
					too lte. Protect our beautiful state and
					our health by thinking of people
Holly Nottingham	Holly	Nottingham	Moody	МО	before profits.
Andrew Carlson	Andrew	Carlson	Kansas City	МО	·
Karren Crouch	Karren	Crouch	Kansas City	МО	
Katheryn Shields	Katheryn	Shields	Kansas City	МО	
Cindy Martinez	Cindy	Martinez	Kansas City	МО	
Martin Schuettpelz	Martin	Schuettpelz	Kansas City	МО	
Dee Ann Gregory	Dee Ann	Gregory	Kansas City	МО	
Sharen Hunt	Sharen	Hunt	Kansas City	МО	
Rhea Deschepper	Rhea	Deschepper	Kansas City	МО	
Gerald Shechter	Gerald	Shechter	Kansas City	МО	
John Wight	John	Wight	Blue Springs	МО	
Sarah Eckels	Sarah	Eckels	Kansas City	МО	
Susan Gardner	Susan	Gardner	Independence	MO	
Rachel Pollan	Rachel	Pollan	Kansas City	MO	
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Sarah Labarr	Sarah	LaBarr	Kansas City	MO
Georgia Brady	Georgia	Brady	Blue Springs	MO
Judith Reed	Judith	Reed	Kansas City	MO
Ruanda McFerren	Ruanda	McFerren	Kansas City	MO
Robin Wall	Robin	Wall	Kansas City	MO
Claus Wawrzinek	Claus	Wawrzinek	Kansas City	MO
Susan Gardner	Susan	Gardner	Independence	MO
David Farrow	David	Farrow	Smithville	MO
Tammy Phan	Tammy	Phan	Kansas City	МО
Angela Schieferecke	Angela	Schieferecke	Prairie Village	KS
Kim Culley	Kim	Culley	Olathe	KS
Cindy Fine	Cindy	Fine	Gardner	KS
Patsy Duncan	Patsy	Duncan	Leawood	KS
Molly Green	Molly	Green	Farley	MO
Frances Rove	Frances	Rove	Leawood	KS
Aaron Vogel	Aaron	Vogel	Overland Park	KS
Joe Finan	Joe	Finan	Olathe	KS
Patricia Avery	Patricia	Avery	Prairie Village	KS
Anthony Donnici	Anthony	Donnici	Liberty	MO
Lynn Miller	Lynn	Miller	Lees Summit	MO
Zachary Callaway	Zachary	Callaway	Kansas City	MO
Scott Woermann	Scott	Woermann	Lees Summit	MO
Gary Farrar	Gary	Farrar	Kansas City	MO
David Veazey	David	Veazey	Raytown	MO
Linda Neal	Linda	Neal	Kansas City	МО
Ilyssa Block	Ilyssa	Block	Kansas City	МО
Renee Renshaw	Renee	Renshaw	Independence	МО
George Sonnenberg	George	Sonnenberg	Independence	МО
Michael Pound	Michael	Pound	Kansas City	МО
Karren Crouch	Karren	Crouch	Kansas City	МО
Danny Morton	Danny	Morton	Gardner	KS
Lynn Fuerst	Lynn	Fuerst	Lees Summit	МО
Joan Adam	, Joan	Adam	Kansas City	МО
Nathan Judy	Nathan	Judy	Kansas City	МО
Karen Pence	Karen	Pence	Lee's Summit	МО
Kent Taylor	Kent	Taylor	Olathe	KS
Scott Britton-Mehlisch	Scott	Britton-Mehlisch	Lees Summit	MO
Marcie Eisterhold	Marcie	Eisterhold	Kansas City	MO
Tom Hawley	Tom	Hawley	Liberty	MO
Andrew Henderson	Andrew	Henderson	Overland Park	KS
Katheryn Shields	Katheryn	Shields	Kansas City	MO
Kurt Kiebler	Kurt	Kiebler	Overland Park	KS
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Daniarely Loma Jasso	Daniarely	Loma Jasso	Kansas City	
Kelsey Kropp Sarah Labarr	Kelsey	Kropp	Kansas City	MO
	Sarah	Labarr	Kansas City	MO
Tobias Fritz	Tobias	Fritz	Prairie Village	KS

Vicki Hightower	Vicki	Hightower	Bates City	MO
Patricia Bradley	Patricia	Bradley	Kansas City	KS
Katie Lorand	Katie	Lorand	Kansas City	MO
Hannah Leonard	Hannah	Leonard	Kansas City	MO
Clara Jakobe	Clara	Jakobe	Belton	MO
Jordan Cates	Jordan	Cates	Lees Summit	MO
Leah Weaver	Leah	Weaver	Marshall	MO
Cate Van Garsse	Cate	Van Garsse	Kansas City	MO
Marita Muller	Marita	Muller	Kansas City	MO
grayce teague	grayce	teague	Kansas City	MO
Kayci Moreland	Kayci	Moreland	Kansas City	MO
maggie michalski	maggie	michalski	st. louis	MO
Lannah Blystone	Lannah	Blystone	SUGAR CREEK	MO
River MacMillan	River	MacMillan	Kansas City	MO
Abby Blaine	Abby	Blaine	Kansas City	MO
William Inzer	William	Inzer	Warrenton	MO
Jack Silberberg	Jack	Silberberg	Kansas City	MO
Abby Gerstner	Abby	Gerstner	St. Louis	MO
ana wilmsmeyer	ana	wilmsmeyer	Kansas City	MO
Dakota Allen	Dakota	Allen	Belton	MO
Maria Smith	Maria	Smith	Lees summit	MO
Jemma Fenske	Jemma	Fenske	Wentworth	MO
Matthew Emory	Matthew	Emory	PRAIRIE VILLAGE	KS
Brad Estrada	Brad	Estrada	Kansas City	MO
Cora Dwyer	Cora	Dwyer	Kansas City	МО
Joseph Gray	Joseph	Gray	KANSAS CITY	МО
Melissa Walker	Melissa	Walker	Kansas City	MO
Scot Phillips	Scot	Phillips	Kansas City	MO
Joan Adam	Joan	Adam	Kansas City	МО
Tammy Phan	Tammy	Phan	Kansas City	MO
Fionna Blankenship	Fionna	Blankenship	Kansas City	МО
Renee Renshaw	Renee	Renshaw	Independence	МО
Jane Markley	Jane	Markley	Festus	МО
	Margaret			
Margaret G Tyler, Ph.D.	Guilfoy	Tyler	St. Louis	МО
Carolyn Ryan	Carolyn	Ryan	St. Louis	МО
Eslun Tucker	Eslun	Tucker	Kansas City	МО
Jean Digby	Jean	Digby	Saint Louis	МО
Y Rocco	Yvonne	Rocco	Chesterfield	МО
Blake Swift	Blake	Swift	Gladstone	МО
Kelsie Herron	Kelsie	Herron	Kansas City	МО
Halley Vogts	Halley	Vogts	Prairie village	KS
isabelle cunningham	isabelle	cunningham	prairie village	KS
Mariah Justus	Mariah	Justus	Kansas City	МО
Robin Wall	Robin	Wall	Kansas City	МО
Adam Rossi	Adam	Rossi	Kansas City	МО
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Kimberly Presley	kimberly	presley	springfield	МО
Sarah Labarr	Sarah	LaBarr	Kansas City	МО
Parul Singh	Parul	Singh	O Fallon	МО
Manashi Patel	Manashi	Patel	Kansas City	МО
Terry Pitt	Terry	Pitt	Kansas City	МО
Jane Markley	Jane	Markley	Festus	МО
James Norris	James	Norris	Saint Louis	МО
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emma pettit	emma	pettit	<b>Excelsior Springs</b>	МО
Jane Markley	Jane	Markley	Festus	МО
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Jane Markley	Jane	Markley	Festus	МО
Isaac Cowens	Isaac	Cowens	Kansas City	МО
Holly Nottingham	Holly	Nottingham	Moody	МО
Carolyn Ryan	Carolyn	Ryan	St. Louis	МО
Karen Pence	Karen	Pence	Lee's Summit	МО
John Harris	John	Harris	Saint Louis	МО
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Catherine Chapman	Catherine	Chapman	Kansas City	МО
Joan Lawrence	Joan	Lawrence	Blue Springs	МО
Rebecca Rook	Rebecca	Rook	Saint Louis	МО
John Harris	John	Harris	St. Louis	МО
Carmine Coscia	Carmine	Coscia	Clayton	МО
Abra Spisso	Abra	Spisso	columbia	МО
Alisha Kendrick	Alisha	Kendrick	Cassville	МО
Gloria Fooks	Gloria	Fooks	St. Clair	МО
Jim Lewis	Jim	Lewis	Kansas City	МО
Maureen Thomas-				
Murphy	maureen	thomas-murphy	SAINT LOUIS	МО
Cara Artman	cara	artman	Saint Louis	МО
Cindy L	Cindy	L	Saint Louis	МО
•	•		Richmond	
Angela Trammel	Angela	Trammel	Heights	МО
Dayna Barlow	Dayna	Barlow	Kansas City	МО
Carol Dettleff	Carol	Dettleff	Fenton	МО
Parul Singh	Parul	Singh	O Fallon	МО
Kimberly Presley	kimberly	presley	Springfield	МО
Robert Duy	Robert	. , Duy	Saint Louis	МО
Teresa Williams	Teresa	Williams	Kansas City	МО
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Barbara Johnston Kent Rowe	Barbara Kent	Johnston Rowe	Baldwin City Wichita	KS KS	Do the right thing and retire the Lawrence coal plant now! Electrfication instead of eradication! Evergy should require a demand charge or time of use. This is the real elephant in the room. We don't need	All people deserve to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood, with clean air to breathe, and the Lawrence coal plant is a direct threat to the lives of
Jennifer Connelly	Jennifer	Connelly	Wichita	KS	to continue with dirty energy that has become very costly both in dollars and lives. I do hope the KS Sky Energy Ctr. won't	
Joe Harrington	Joe	Harringto n	Lawrence	KS	just be greenwashing. Solar is good, but we have to phase out fossil, or we're cooked.  Many Kansans are suffering from breathing/respiratory problems which are impacted by polluted air. Earlier, the Lawrence coal plant said they would close the plant and we were proud of their decision. Now the powers that be in town are denying us the chance to have cleaner air to breathe by closing the coal plant and switching to cleaner forms of energy	
Carol Kyner	Carol	Kyner	Lawrence	KS	production! Come on, Every, you can do better! My 1-year-old granddaughter lives 2 miles from this plant! For God's sake, stop burning fossil fuels! Please, keep	
Carine Ullom	Carine	Ullom	OTTAWW	KS	your promise.  Not only does the pollution from the Lawrence coal plant hurt Lawrence residents as individuals, the coal plant contributes to global warming and climate breakdown. After surviving several sizzling weeks this summer, with local temperatures of 108 and 110 degrees with extraordinary heat indexes, it is more clear than ever that our community must act. I am astounded by the news headlines about climate change-related fires, floods, and droughts across the globe, including drought in Kansas that impacted the wheat crop, the devastating fires in Maui, the horrendous floods in Pakistan, to name a few. I strongly urge Lawrence to hold Every accountable for its role	
Lora Jost	Lora	Jost	Lawrence	KS	in our planetary crisis. Close the Lawrence Coal Plant NOW! Renewable energy is cheaper and safer for the health of Lawrence residents and the local environment. I urge you to shut down the coal plant	
Nancy Muma	Nancy	Muma	Lawrence	KS	now! The small particle pollution from these plants kills people! There is no	
Reid Nelson Lori Lawrence Lori Lawrence	Reid Lori Lori	Nelson Lawrence Lawrence		KS KS KS	reason to keep this plant operating. You promised!	

Dawn Hawkins	Dawn	Hawkins	Lawrence On the levee in North	KS
Amanda Jones Lauretta Hendricks	Amanda	Jones	Lawrence	KS
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Jean Drumm	Jean	Drumm	Lawrence	KS
Caden Albaugh	Caden	Albaugh	Lawrence	KS
Kevin Nelson	Kevin	Nelson	Lawrence	KS

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health and well-being of my community, I call on Evergy Inc. to immediately commit to closing its Hawthorn coal-fired power plant in northeast Kansas City, Missouri, Hawthorn should be closed no later than 2025, and Evergy must commit to retiring its entire coal fleet by 2030. All people deserve to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood, with clean air to breathe, and Hawthorn is a direct threat to the lives of my friends and neighbors.

Each year, the Hawthorn plant emits 2,973,081 tons of CO2 into the atmosphere, contributing to the climate crisis. Over 35,000 people, including more than 10,000 children, live within just three miles from the plant, exposing them to harmful air pollutants that contribute to severe health issues. Hawthorn accounts for five premature deaths, 52 asthma attacks, and 240 lost work days annually, and a disproportionate number of residents facing these threats are people of color compared to state averages, contributing to a harmful legacy of environmental injustice and systemic racism in the KC region.

My community is working to transition away from harmful fossil fuels towards an energy system that supports healthy and vibrant communities where all people can thrive. This is not possible as long as dirty coal plants like Hawthorn remain open.

Please close Hawthorn by 2025 and retire all Evergy coal plants by 2030 to protect our communities.

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