



Third Quarter 2019 Earnings Call

November 7, 2019





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Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Evergy uses adjusted EPS (non-GAAP) and adjusted O&M projections (non-GAAP) to evaluate and project financial performance without the non-recurring costs and or benefits resulting from rebranding, voluntary severance and significant items related to the merger. This information is intended to enhance an investor's overall understanding of results. Adjusted EPS (non-GAAP) and adjusted O&M projections (non-GAAP) are financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP and may not be comparable to other companies' presentations of similarly-named measures or more useful than the GAAP information.

A reconciliation of adjusted third quarter 2019 and 2018 EPS (non-GAAP) to third quarter 2019 and 2018 EPS (GAAP), 2019 adjusted EPS guidance (non-GAAP) to 2019 EPS guidance (GAAP) and adjusted O&M projections (non-GAAP) to O&M projections (GAAP) are included in the appendix.



Agenda

Business Update

Terry Bassham, President & CEO

- Third quarter highlights
- Regulatory and legislative update
- Investment outlook

Financial Update

Tony Somma, EVP & CFO

- Third quarter earnings drivers
- Finance activities
- Summary



Business Update

Terry Bassham

President & CEO



Third Quarter Update

- **3Q19 vs 3Q18 drivers**

- New retail rates
- Favorable weather
- Higher depreciation
- Fewer shares outstanding

- **Increased Dividend by 6.3%**

- Annualized rate of \$2.02 per share

- **Merger Savings**

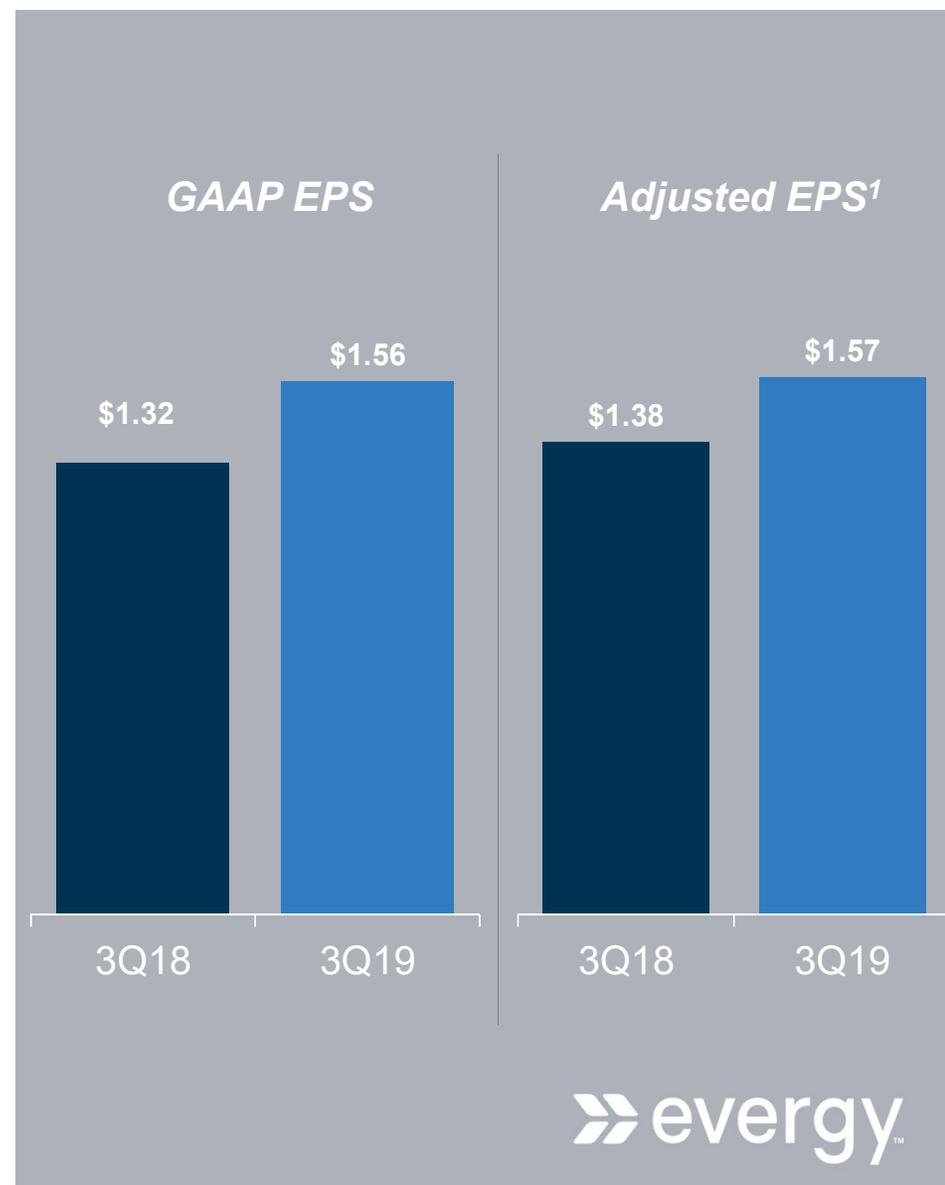
- Remain ahead of plan through the end of third quarter
- Success continues to prove industrial logic of our merger and our team's ability to execute

- **Share Repurchases**

- Entered into a \$500M ASR on September 12th
- Retired over 7.5 million shares in 3Q19
- ~73% complete on our 60M share target

- **Rebranded subsidiaries under Evergy brand**

1. Adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. See appendix for reconciliation to most comparable GAAP information.



Regulatory and Legislative Update

- **MO Sibley Complaint¹**
 - Commission ordered in favor of an accounting authority order
 - Commission also denied our request for rehearing
 - Expect to file an appeal
- **Jeffrey Energy Center 8%¹**
 - Commission denied our request to place this portion of plant into customer rates
 - Commission also denied our requests for reconsideration and clarification
- **KS Senate Bill 69**
 - Initial stakeholder meetings kicked off in October
 - Expect part-one of rate study to be delivered in early January 2020
 - Part-two RFP finalist was recently released

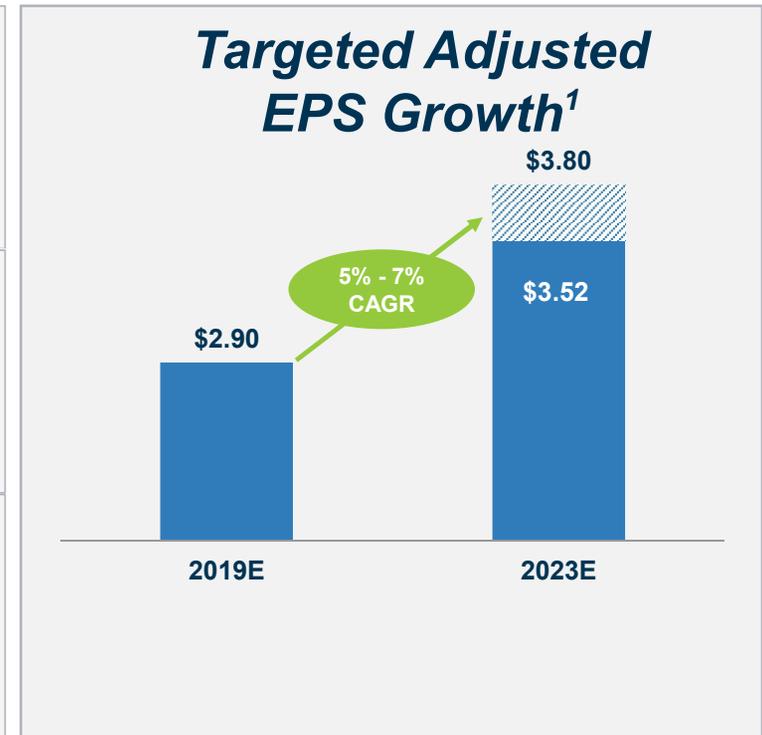
1. See Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for quarter ended September 30, 2019 for further information.



Delivering on Strategic Priorities

Remain focused on rebalancing our capital structure, delivering on EPS targets and enhancing long-term growth profile with incremental infrastructure investment that benefit customers

<p>Keeping customer bills low while delivering reliable services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering on merger commitments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Merger savings - Reliability metrics - Rate review stay-outs
<p>Preserving flexibility of future capital allocation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on capital optimization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reallocating \$150M of CapEx through 2022 from KS to MO; spending an incremental minimum of \$150M in MO over same time period - Share repurchases enable EPS growth during rate case stay-outs
<p>Delivering competitive shareholder returns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infrastructure investments - Merger savings / ongoing cost efficiencies - Share repurchases • 60 - 70% targeted dividend pay-out ratio

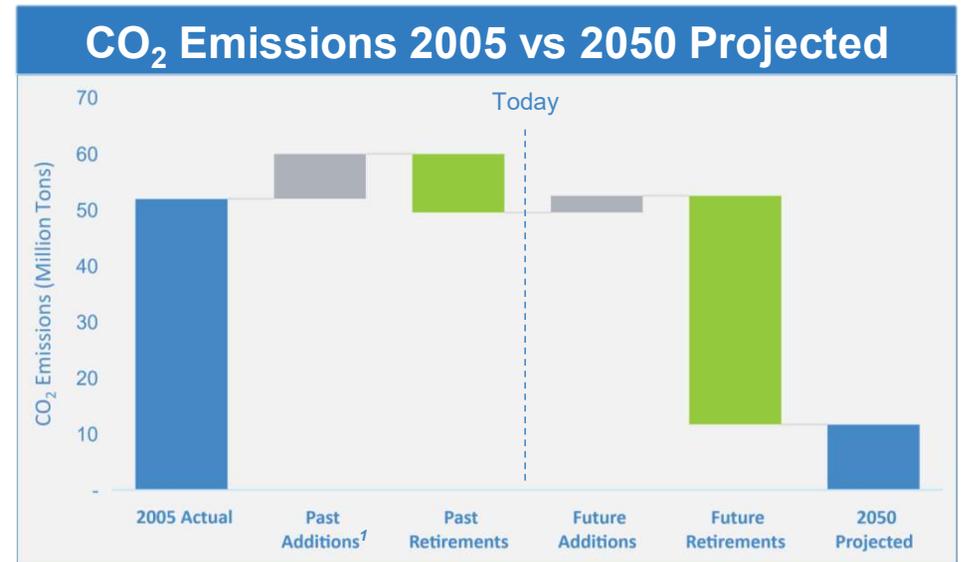
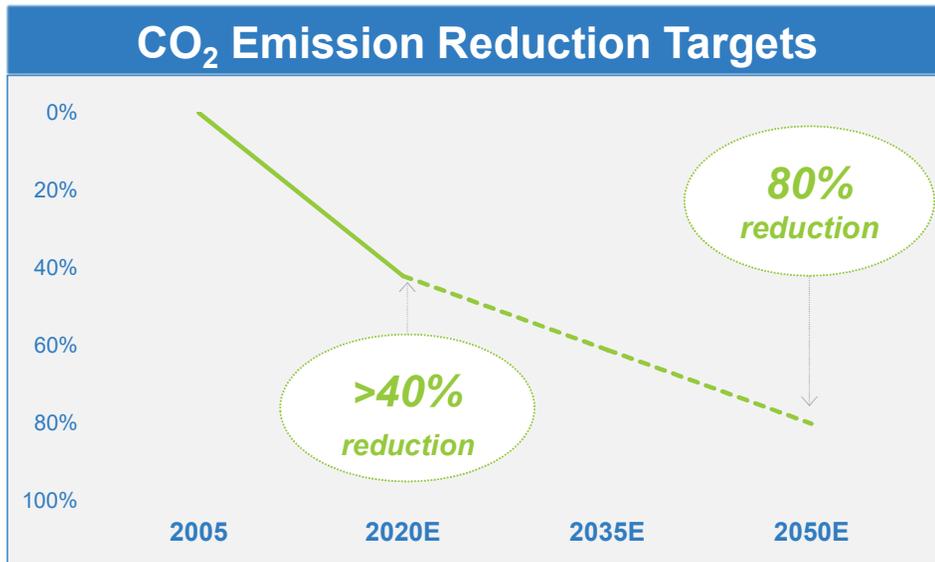


1. EPS growth based on mid-point of 2019 adjusted EPS guidance range of \$2.80 to \$3.00. Adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. See appendix for reconciliation to most comparable GAAP information.



Targeting 80% Carbon Reduction by 2050, from '05 levels

Evergy's large renewable portfolio has driven significant emission reductions



- Since 2005, Evergy has added >3,500MW of renewables, while retiring >2,400MW of fossil generation

Financial Update

Tony Somma
EVP & CFO

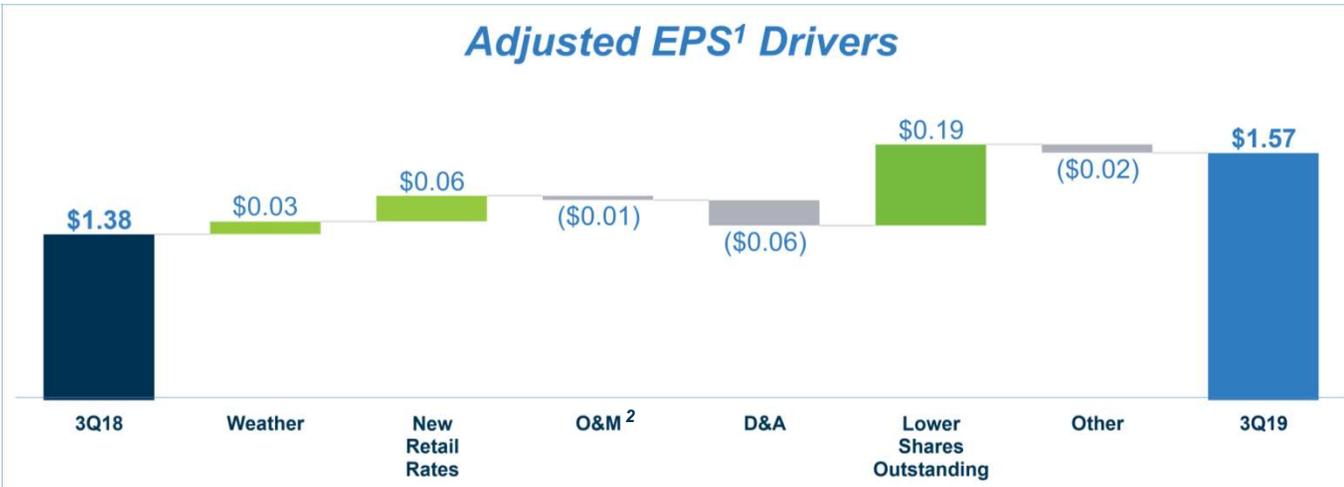


Third Quarter Results

GAAP EPS: 3Q19 \$1.56 vs 3Q18 \$1.32

- + Higher gross margin
- + Lower O&M across our utilities
- + Lower shares outstanding
- Higher depreciation expense

Adjusted EPS¹ Drivers



Adjusted EPS¹ Variance Drivers

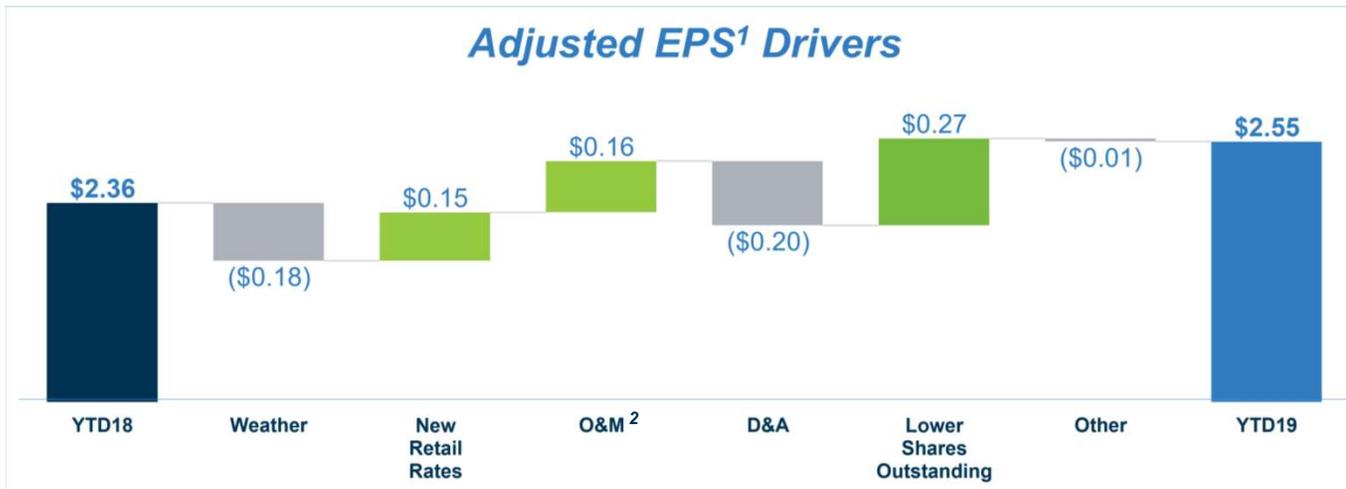
- ▲ Gross Margin \$17M higher, due primarily to favorable weather and new retail rates net of the 2018 provision for rate refund for the lower corporate tax rate
- ▼ O&M includes ~\$9M impact of higher expense due to JEC 8% costs
- ▼ D&A \$22M higher primarily from new depreciation rates reflected in new retail rates
- ▼ Other includes \$7M of revenue deferral from the Sibley accounting authority order
- ▲ Accretion from lower average shares outstanding
3Q19: ~235M
3Q18: ~269M

1. Adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. See appendix for reconciliation to most comparable GAAP information.
2. Excludes \$0.01 of lower MEEIA program costs which are recovered through gross margin.

Year to Date Results

GAAP EPS: YTD19 \$2.49 vs YTD18 \$2.61

- + Inclusion of Evergy Metro and Evergy MO West results in 2019
- + Merger related costs and customer bill credits incurred in June 2018
- + Lower O&M across our utilities
- Lower retail sales driven by cooler weather



Adjusted EPS¹ Variance Drivers

- ▼ Gross Margin \$37M lower due to unfavorable weather, partially offset by new retail rates net of the 2018 provision for rate refund for the lower corporate tax rate
- ▲ O&M \$86M lower driven by cost reduction efforts
- ▼ D&A \$75M higher primarily from new depreciation rates included in new retail rates
- ▲ Accretion from lower average shares outstanding
YTD19: ~244M
YTD18: ~272M

1. Adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. See appendix for reconciliation to most comparable GAAP information.
2. Excludes \$0.07 of lower MEEIA program costs which are recovered through gross margin.



Finance Activities

- **Utility Debt**
 - Evergy Kansas Central issued \$300 in FMB at 3.25%
 - Replaced Evergy Kansas South's \$300M maturity from June of this year
- **Holding Company Debt**
 - Issued \$1.6B of long-term holding company debt
 - \$800M of 5-year at 2.45%
 - \$800M of 10-year at 2.90%
 - Proceeds repaid \$1B term loan that expired in September and allowed for additional share repurchases
- **Share Repurchases**
 - Repurchased over 7.5M shares in third quarter
 - Entered into a \$500M ASR agreement on September 12th
 - At end of September, have repurchased ~73% of 60M share target¹

Share Repurchases <i>as of 9/30/19</i>		
Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased Under Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under Programs
2018	16,368,363	43,631,637
1Q19	10,548,060	33,083,577
2Q19	9,414,920	23,668,657
3Q19	7,569,229	16,099,628
Total	43,900,372	16,099,628



Summary

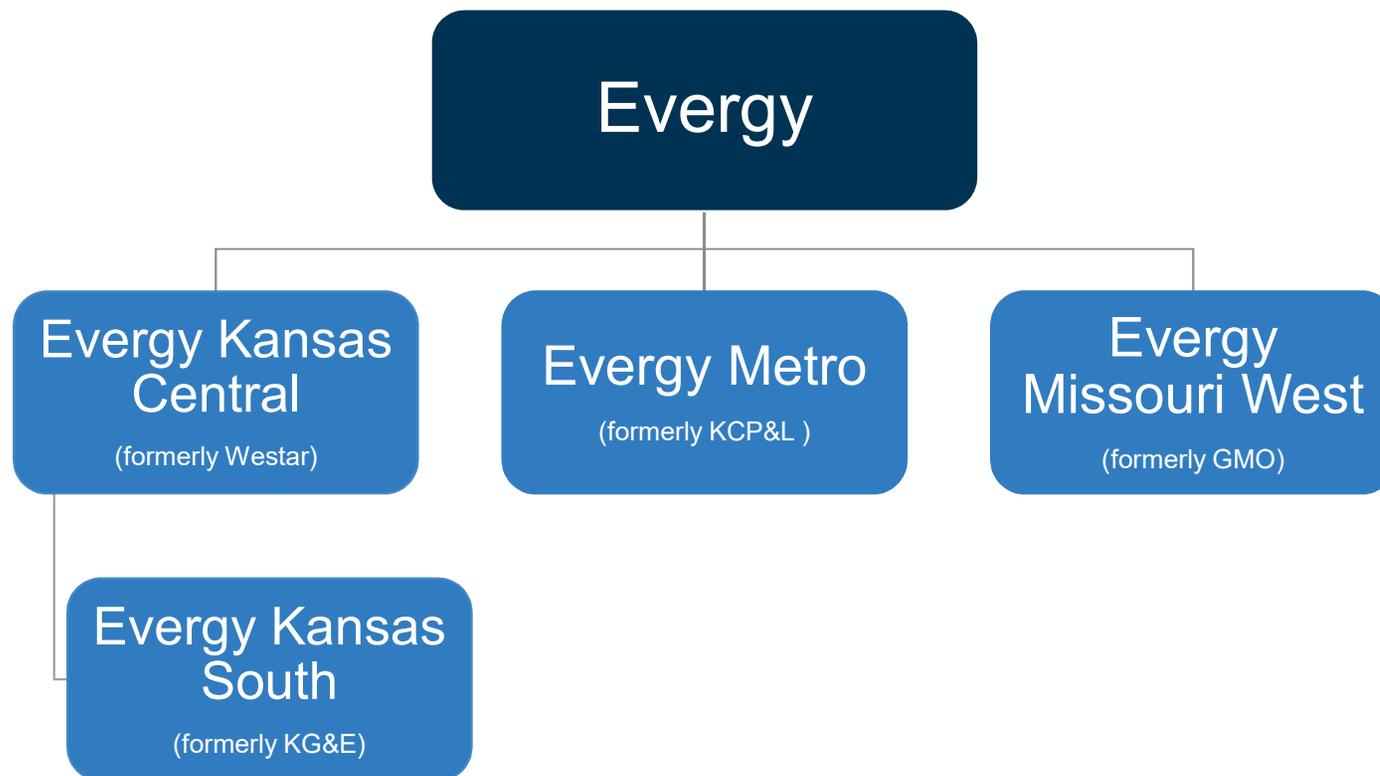
- **Continue to pursue capital allocation that balances customer interest and long-term investor return during regulatory stay-out periods**
 - Announcing \$150M of incremental infrastructure investment and we expect more to come on year-end call
 - Opportunistic share repurchasing
- **Reaffirming 2019 adjusted EPS guidance¹ range of \$2.80 to \$3.00**
- **Reaffirming long-term EPS CAGR² of 5% to 7% 2019 through 2023**

Appendix

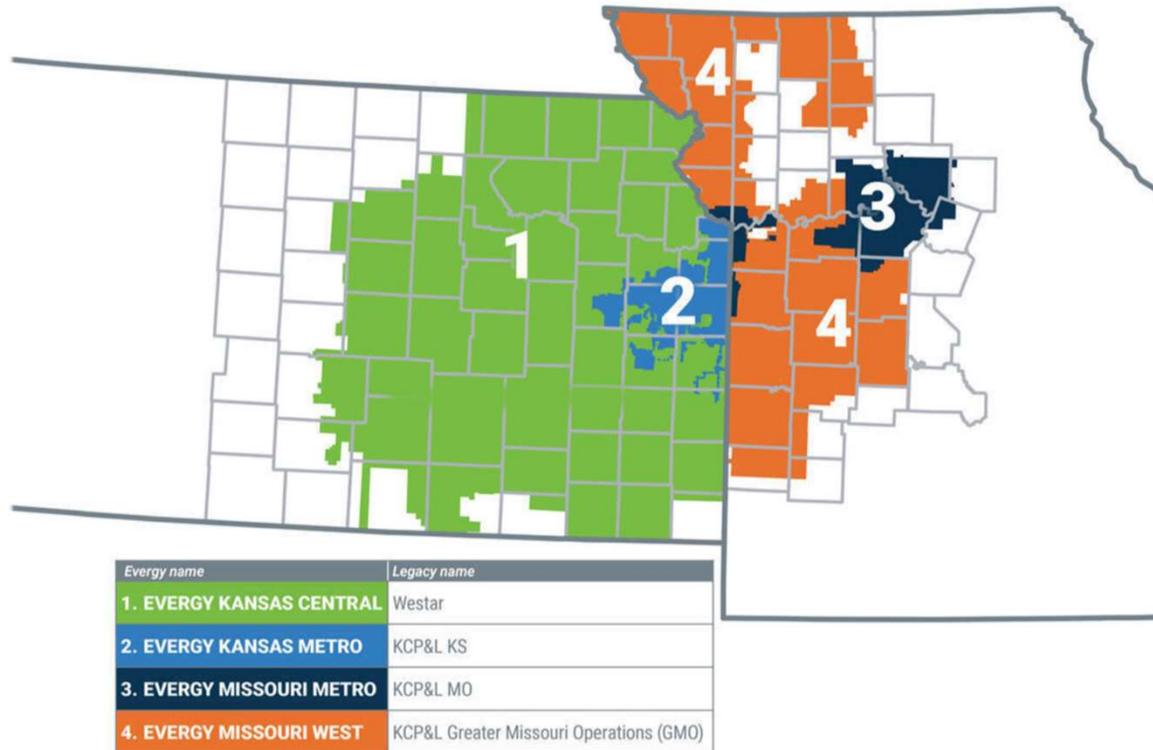




New Evergy Organizational Chart



New Evergy Jurisdictions





2018/2019 EPS: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

	Earnings (Loss) per Earnings Diluted Share		Earnings (Loss) per Earnings Diluted Share	
	2019		2018	
Three Months Ended September 30	(millions, except per share amounts)			
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$ 366.8	\$ 1.56	\$ 355.0	\$ 1.32
Pro forma adjustments ^(a) :				
Non-recurring merger costs and other	—	—	3.9	0.02
Pro forma net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$ 366.8	\$ 1.56	\$ 358.9	\$ 1.34
Non-GAAP reconciling items:				
Rebranding costs, pre-tax ^(b)	3.6	0.01	—	—
Voluntary severance costs, pre-tax ^(c)	0.4	—	16.3	0.06
Income tax benefit ^(d)	(1.0)	—	(4.3)	(0.02)
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$ 369.8	\$ 1.57	\$ 370.9	\$ 1.38

- a) Reflects pro forma adjustments made in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X and ASC 805 - *Business Combinations*. See Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements in the Evergy Companies' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2018 for further information regarding these adjustments.
- b) Reflects external costs incurred to rebrand the legacy Westar Energy and KCP&L utility brands to Evergy and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- c) Reflects voluntary severance costs incurred associated with certain severance programs at the Evergy Companies and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- d) Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a 26.1% statutory rate, with the exception of certain non-deductible items.



2018/2019 EPS: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

Year to Date September 30	2019		2018	
	Earnings (Loss)	Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share	Earnings (Loss)	Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share
(millions, except per share amounts)				
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$ 606.0	\$ 2.49	\$ 517.3	\$ 2.61
Pro forma adjustments ^(a) :				
Great Plains Energy earnings prior to merger	—	—	94.4	0.35
Great Plains Energy shares prior to merger	n/a	—	n/a	(0.71)
Non-recurring merger costs and other	—	—	82.8	0.30
Pro forma net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$ 606.0	\$ 2.49	\$ 694.5	\$ 2.55
Non-GAAP reconciling items:				
Rebranding costs, pre-tax ^(b)	4.7	0.02	—	—
Voluntary severance costs, pre-tax ^(c)	15.1	0.06	16.3	0.06
Composite tax rate change ^(d)	—	—	(52.6)	(0.19)
Deferral of merger transition costs, pre-tax ^(e)	—	—	(28.5)	(0.10)
Inventory write-off at retiring generating units, pre-tax ^(f)	—	—	12.3	0.04
Income tax expense (benefit) ^(g)	(4.6)	(0.02)	(0.1)	—
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$ 621.2	\$ 2.55	\$ 641.9	\$ 2.36

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- d) Reflects the revaluation of Evergy Kansas Central's deferred income tax assets and liabilities based on the Evergy composite tax rate as a result of the merger in June 2018 and are included in income tax expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- e) Reflects the portion of the \$47.8 million deferral of merger transition costs to a regulatory asset in June 2018 that related to costs incurred prior to 2018. The remaining merger transition costs included within the \$47.8 million deferral were both incurred and deferred in 2018 and did not impact earnings. This item is included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- f) Reflects obsolete inventory write-offs for Evergy Kansas Central's Unit 7 at Tecumseh Energy Center, Units 3 and 4 at Murray Gill Energy Center and Units 1 and 2 at Gordon Evans Energy Center, which were committed to be retired upon the consummation of the merger, and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- g) Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a 26.1% statutory rate, with the exception of certain non-deductible items.



Investment Outlook

- 2019 GAAP EPS Guidance: \$2.70 - \$2.90

2019 Adjusted EPS¹ Guidance: \$2.80 - \$3.00	
Retail electric sales:	• Weather normalized growth of 0 to 50 bps
Adjusted O&M expense ² :	• Targeting \$1.2B +/- 2%
Depreciation expense:	• \$80M to \$90M higher than 2018 pro forma D&A
Interest expense:	• Refinancing of ~\$700M in long-term utility debt maturities • Issued ~\$1.6B of holding company debt
Non-operating income (expense) ³ :	• COLI proceeds of ~\$23M
Effective tax rate:	• 12% – 14%
Avg annual shares outstanding:	• 240M +/- 2%

1. 2019 adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. A reconciliation of 2019 adjusted EPS guidance (non-GAAP) to 2019 EPS guidance, the most comparable GAAP measure, is included on slide 20.

2. Adjusted O&M projection (non-GAAP) excludes anticipated costs resulting from rebranding and voluntary severance. A reconciliation of Adjusted O&M projection (non-GAAP) to O&M projection is included on slide 20. Does not include non-service pension cost reclassified to non-operating expense beginning in 2018.

3. Non-operating income (expense) now includes non-service pension cost reclassified from O&M expense beginning in 2018.



2019 EPS Guidance: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation¹

2019 EPS Guidance²	
2019 GAAP EPS	\$2.70 - \$2.90
Severance expense	0.05
Rebranding costs	0.06
2019 Adjusted EPS (non-GAAP)	\$2.80 - \$3.00

2019 O&M Guidance (\$ in millions)	
2019 GAAP O&M	~\$1,235
Severance expense	\$15
Rebranding costs	\$20
2019 Adjusted O&M (non-GAAP)	\$1,200 +/- 2%

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2. 2019 EPS guidance assumes average annual outstanding share count of 240M +/- 2%