

# Third Quarter 2024 Earnings Call

November 7, 2024





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decisions of regulators regarding, among other things, customer rates and the prudency of operational decisions such as capital expenditures and asset retirements; changes in applicable laws, regulations, rules, principles or practices, or the interpretations thereof, governing tax, accounting and environmental matters, including air and water quality and waste management and disposal; the impact of climate change, including increased frequency and severity of significant weather events; risks relating to potential wildfires, including costs of litigation, potential regulatory penalties and damages in excess of insurance liability coverage; the extent to which counterparties are willing to do business with, finance the operations of or purchase energy from the Evergy Companies due to the fact that the Evergy Companies operate coal-fired generation; prices and availability of electricity and natural gas in wholesale markets; market perception of the energy industry and the Evergy Companies; the impact of future pandemic health events on, among other things, sales, results of operations, financial position, liquidity and cash flows, and also on operational issues, such as supply chain issues and the availability and ability of the Evergy Companies' employees and suppliers to perform the functions that are necessary to operate the Evergy Companies; changes in the energy trading markets in which the Evergy Companies participate, including retroactive repricing of transactions by regional transmission organizations (RTO) and independent system operators; financial market conditions and performance, disruptions in the banking industry, including volatility in interest rates and credit spreads and in availability and cost of capital and the effects on derivatives and hedges, nuclear decommissioning trust and pension plan assets and costs; impairments of long-lived assets or goodwill; credit ratings; inflation rates; effectiveness of risk management policies and procedures and the ability of counterparties to satisfy their contractual commitments; impact of physical and cybersecurity breaches, criminal activity, terrorist attacks, acts of war and other disruptions to the Evergy Companies' facilities or information technology infrastructure or the facilities and infrastructure of third-party service providers on which the Evergy Companies rely; impact of geopolitical conflicts on the global energy market, including the ability to contract for non-Russian sourced uranium; ability to carry out marketing and sales plans; cost, availability, quality and timely provision of equipment, supplies, labor and fuel; impacts of tariffs; ability to achieve generation goals and the occurrence and duration of planned and unplanned generation outages: the Evergy Companies' ability to manage their generation, transmission and distribution development plans and transmission joint ventures; the inherent risks associated with the ownership and operation of a nuclear facility, including environmental, health, safety, regulatory and financial risks; workforce risks, including those related to the Evergy Companies' ability to attract and retain gualified personnel, maintain satisfactory relationships with their labor unions and manage costs of, or changes in, wages, retirement, health care and other benefits; disruption, costs and uncertainties caused by or related to the actions of individuals or entities, such as activist shareholders or special interest groups, that seek to influence Evergy's strategic plan, financial results or operations; the impact of changing expectations and demands of the Evergy Companies' customers, regulators, investors and stakeholders, including heightened emphasis on environmental, social and governance concerns; the possibility that strategic initiatives, including mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, and long-term financial plans, may not create the value that they are expected to achieve in a timely manner or at all: difficulties in maintaining relationships with customers, employees, contractors, regulators or suppliers; and other risks and uncertainties.

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#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

Evergy uses adjusted earnings, adjusted earnings per share and adjusted O&M which are non-GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures are included in the appendix.



### **David Campbell, Chairman & CEO**

- Third quarter highlights
- Generation update
- Regulatory and legislative update
- Outlook update

### Bryan Buckler, EVP & CFO

- Third quarter results
- Retail sales trends
- Guidance update



# **Business Update**

David Campbell
Chairman & CEO



# Third Quarter Highlights

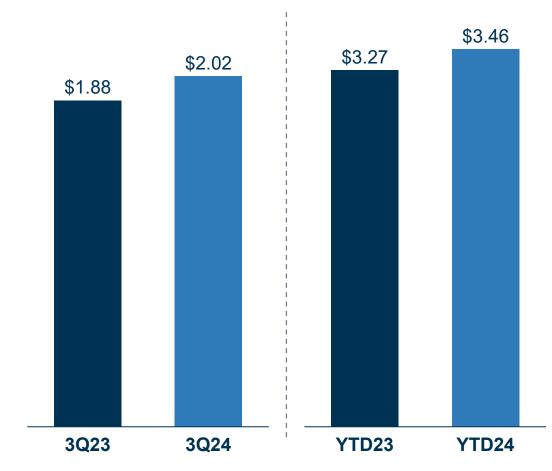
#### Third Quarter 2024 EPS

GAAP: \$2.02
 Adjusted<sup>1</sup>: \$2.02

#### Primary Earnings Drivers

- ↑ Load growth, new retail rates, FERC investments
- ↓ Weather, D&A
- Bryan Buckler appointed CFO, effective October 1
- Reaffirming 2024 adjusted EPS¹ guidance of \$3.73 -\$3.93 and establishing 2025 adjusted EPS¹ guidance range of \$3.92 - \$4.12
  - Establishing long-term adjusted EPS¹ target of 4% to 6% off of the 2025E midpoint of \$4.02 through 2029E; expect to be in the top half of 4% to 6% range
- Increasing dividend by 4% to \$2.67 per share, annualized

### Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup>



Well-positioned to execute on our adjusted EPS¹ growth target



### Generation Update

#### **Natural Gas Additions**

- 705 megawatt (MW) combined-cycle gas turbine (CCGT) located in Sumner County, KS
  - Targeting commercial operation date (COD) in 2029, jointly owned by Kansas Central (50%) and Missouri West (50%); eligible for construction work in progress (CWIP) in Kansas
- 705MW CCGT located in Reno County, KS
  - Targeting COD in 2030; half assigned to Kansas Central with option to assign the balance; eligible for CWIP in Kansas

#### **Solar Additions**

- Kansas Sky 159MW
  - Targeting COD in 2027 at Kansas Central
- Sunflower Sky 65MW
  - Targeting COD in 2027 at Missouri West; eligible for Plant In-Service Accounting (PISA)
- Foxtrot Solar 100MW
  - Targeting COD in 2027 at Missouri West; eligible for PISA





Advancing our responsible energy transition to drive affordability, reliability, and sustainability for our customers



# Updated Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan

### **Capital Investment Plan Update** (\$ millions)

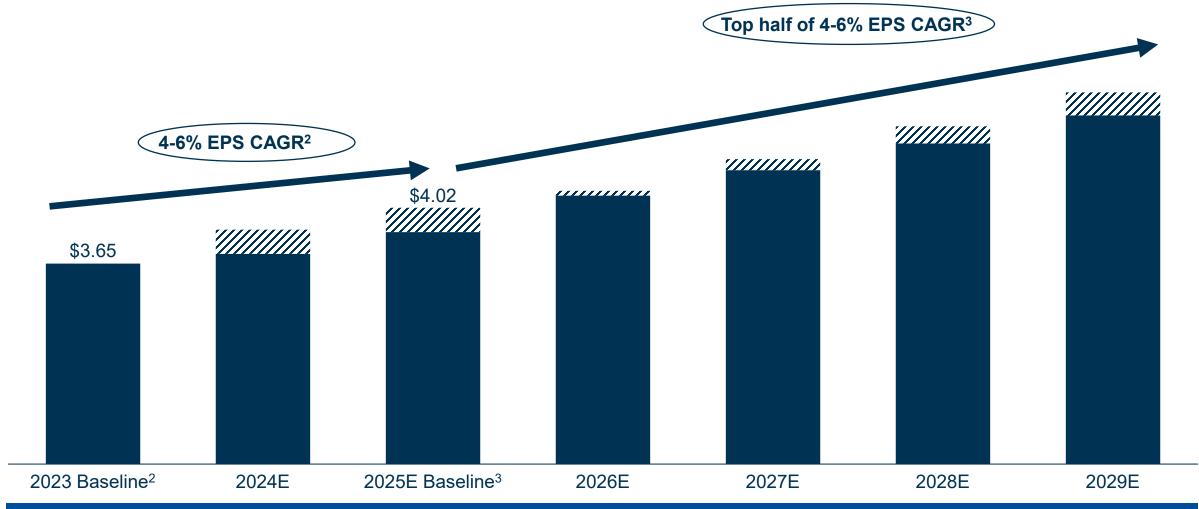


- Planning \$16.2B of infrastructure investment 2025E-2029E to be financed with balanced mix of debt, equity, and internally generated cash to maintain a strong, investment grade credit rating
- Incorporates a significant portion of our 2024 Integrated Resource Plans as well as incremental distribution projects to support reliability, flexibility, efficiency, and resiliency
  - Five-year rolling capital investment plan increased by \$3.7 billion, or 29%, including \$2.4 billion of incremental generation compared to the prior plan
- Expect annualized rate base growth of ~8% 2024E-2029E
- Investing in infrastructure and technology to meet growing customer demand

Investing in reliability, resiliency, and a diverse generation portfolio to support generational economic development opportunities and customer growth

February 2024 Plan

# Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Growth Outlook





### Missouri West Rate Review

- Unanimous settlement agreement filed on October 2
  - \$55M net revenue increase
    - Includes Dogwood Energy Center acquisition
    - Black-box settlement does not detail rate base, ROE or equity ratio
    - Pre-tax rate of return for plant-in-service accounting (PISA) for future investments is 8.53%
  - Select outstanding item
    - Fuel Adjustment Clause sharing mechanism
- Commission order expected in December
- New rates effective January 1, 2025



Unanimous settlement reflects constructive relationship with Missouri stakeholders



### Regulatory & Legislative Updates



#### Kansas

- Electric Infrastructure Investment Bill (HB 2527): became effective July 1; introduced Plant-In-Service Accounting (PISA) with 90% deferral and Construction Work in Progress (CWIP) for natural gas generation
- Capital Structure & ROE Workshop: scheduled for November 20
- Kansas Central Rate Case expected to be filed in first guarter of 2025
- Natural Gas & Solar Predetermination (25-EKCE-207-PRE): filed on November 6, awaiting procedural schedule



#### Missouri

- Missouri West Rate Case (ER-2024-0189): Unanimous settlement agreement filed on October 2; Commission order expected in December, new retail rates effective January 1, 2025
- Solar Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) (EA-2024-0292): filed on October 25, awaiting procedural schedule
- Natural Gas CCNs: expect to file in November

Working collaboratively with stakeholders to position Evergy to best support economic development, enable a responsible portfolio transition, and ensure customer affordability



### Economic Development & Demand Growth Outlook

### **Economic Development Wins<sup>1</sup>**



- Data Center
- ~\$1B investment

### **Panasonic**

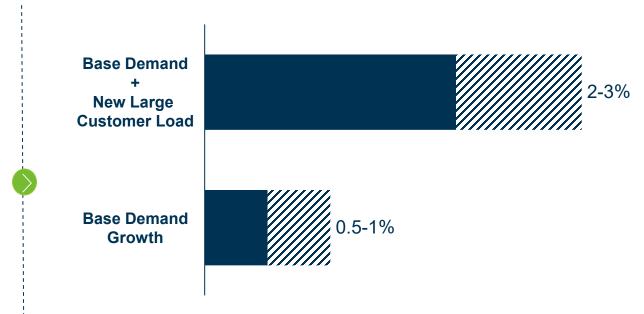
- EV battery manufacturing plant
- ~\$4B investment
- ~4,000 new jobs

### Meta

- Data Center
- ~\$800M investment

#### Weather-Normalized Demand Growth

2024-2029E CAGR

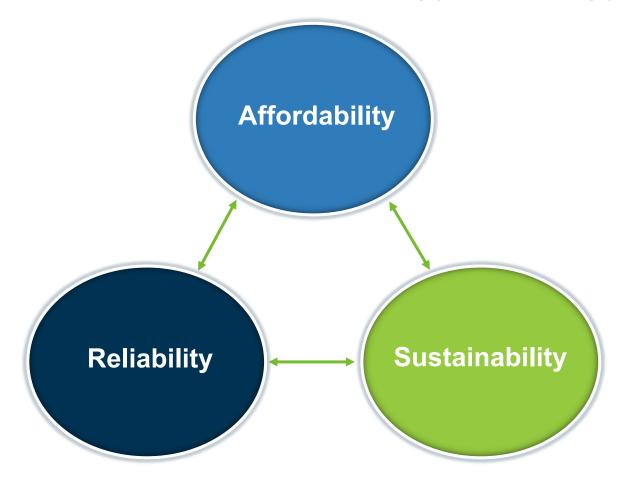


Significant increase in load growth from 2026 through 2029 as Panasonic, Meta and Google work towards their full run rates

Economic development pipeline remains robust, with projects representing more than 6 gigawatts of incremental demand actively considering our service territories



### Core Tenets of Evergy Strategy



- ✓ Affordability: Maintaining affordable rates while investing in infrastructure and technology to meet customer demand
- ✓ Reliability: Targeting top-tier performance in reliability, customer service and generation
- ✓ Sustainability: Advancing responsible fleet transition<sup>1</sup>

Focused on consistently delivering against our affordability, reliability, and sustainability objectives

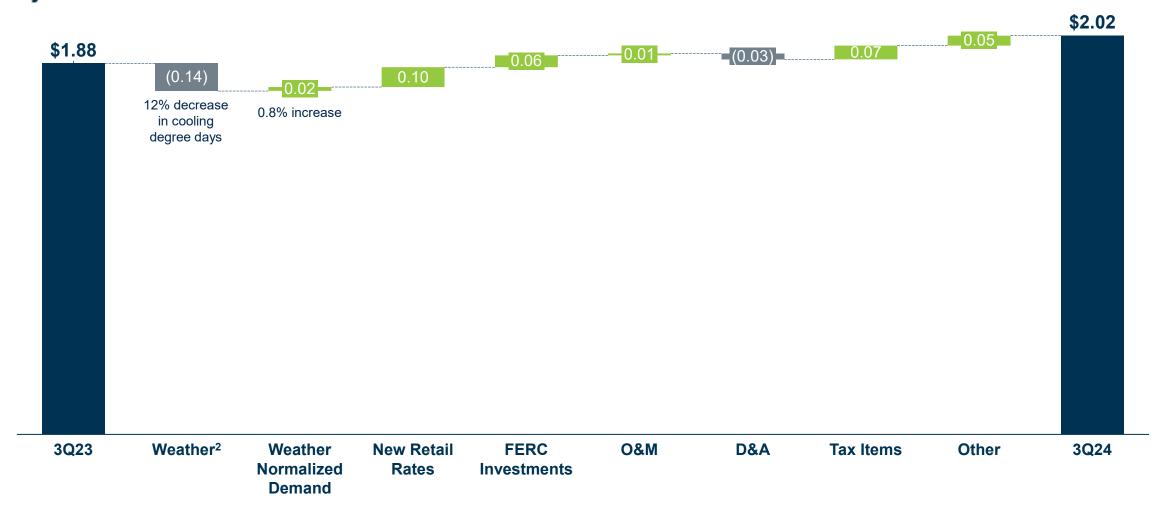
# Financial Update

Bryan Buckler EVP & CFO



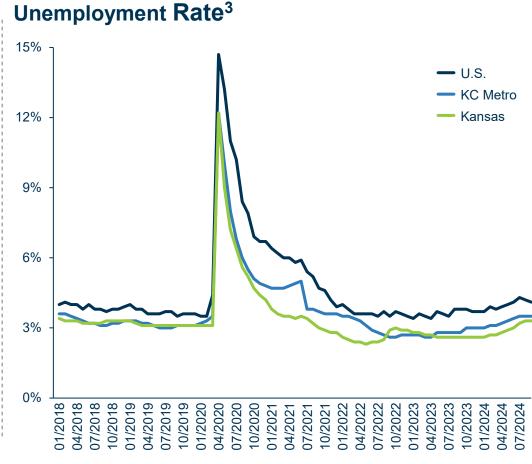
# Third Quarter 2024 Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup>

### Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Drivers



# Retail Sales Trends





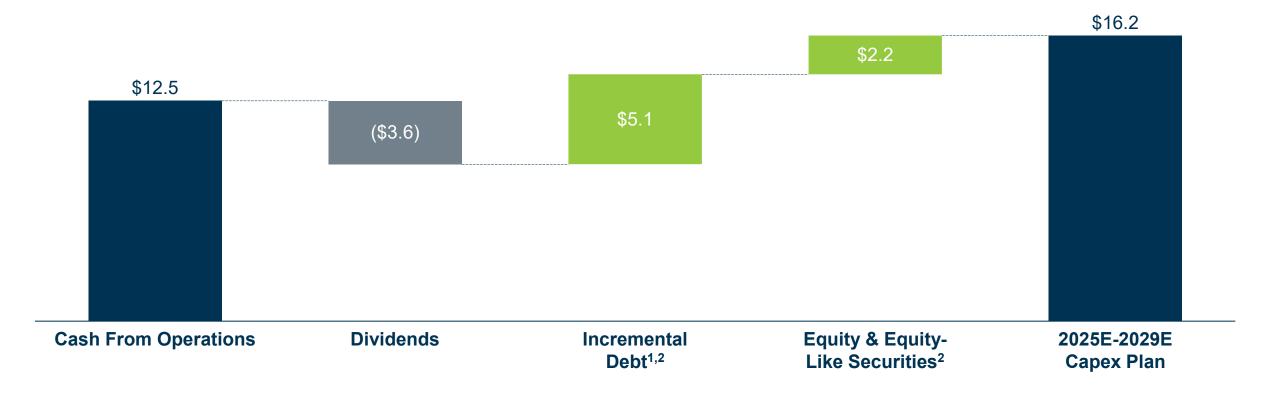
Local economy remains resilient; solid residential and commercial demand growth



### 2025E – 2029E Financing Plan

#### Sources & Uses

(\$ billions)



Financing plan reflects balanced mix of debt and equity proceeds to fund growth while supporting our balance sheet



## 2025E Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Key Drivers

- Load growth, with early-stage ramp ups from Meta and Panasonic
- Return on and recovery of infrastructure investments:
  - Missouri West new rates effective January 1, 2025
  - Kansas Central rase case under evaluation; new rates expected to be effective as early as Q4 2025
  - FERC-jurisdictional investments
- Depreciation & amortization and interest expense, mitigated partially by PISA
- 2025 adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> midpoint of range expected to be ~\$4.02, or 5% above 2024 adjusted EPS¹ midpoint



# 2026E – 2029E Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Key Drivers

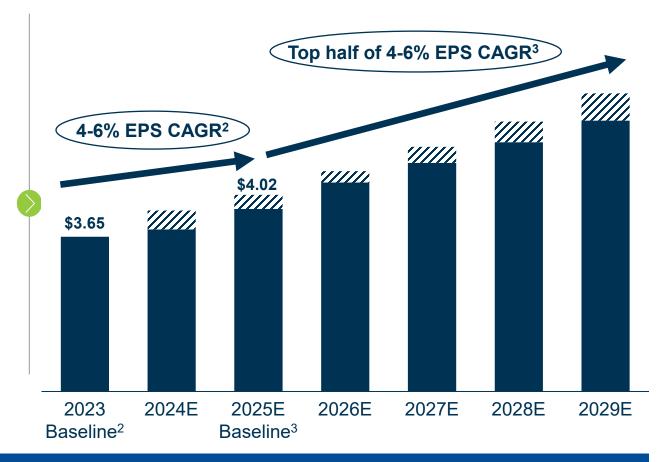
- Significant load growth at 2-3% CAGR, with additional 6GW pipeline opportunity
- Rate base CAGR of ~8% through 2029
- AFUDC<sup>3</sup> on investments, along with CWIP<sup>4</sup> rider in rates in Kansas for new gas generation
- Regular cadence of rate cases to ensure financial strength of utilities and to support infrastructure investments in Kansas and Missouri
- Depreciation and interest expense on \$16.2B capital investment plan, partially mitigated by PISA
- Equity and equity-like issuances of ~\$2.2B to maintain FFO/debt of approximately 15% as part of financing plan for the five-year \$16.2B capital plan through 2029
- Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> growth is expected to be in the top half of 4-6% EPS CAGR<sup>2</sup> from 2026E 2029E



### Updated Financial Growth Outlook Summary

- Reaffirming 2024 adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> guidance of \$3.73 -\$3.93 and establishing 2025 adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> guidance of \$3.92 - \$4.12
- Establishing long-term adjusted EPS¹ target of 4% to 6% off of the 2025E midpoint of \$4.02 through 2029E; expect to be in the top half of 4% to 6% range
  - Planning \$16.2B of infrastructure investment 2025F-2029F
    - Implied annualized rate base growth of ~8% 2024E-2029E
- Increasing dividend 4%; consistent with targeted 60-70% payout ratio beyond 2024
- Focused on business execution, enhancing reliability, and advancing constructive policies to support competitiveness and economic development

### Targeted Adjusted EPS Growth<sup>1</sup>



#### Well positioned to deliver on our EPS growth targets



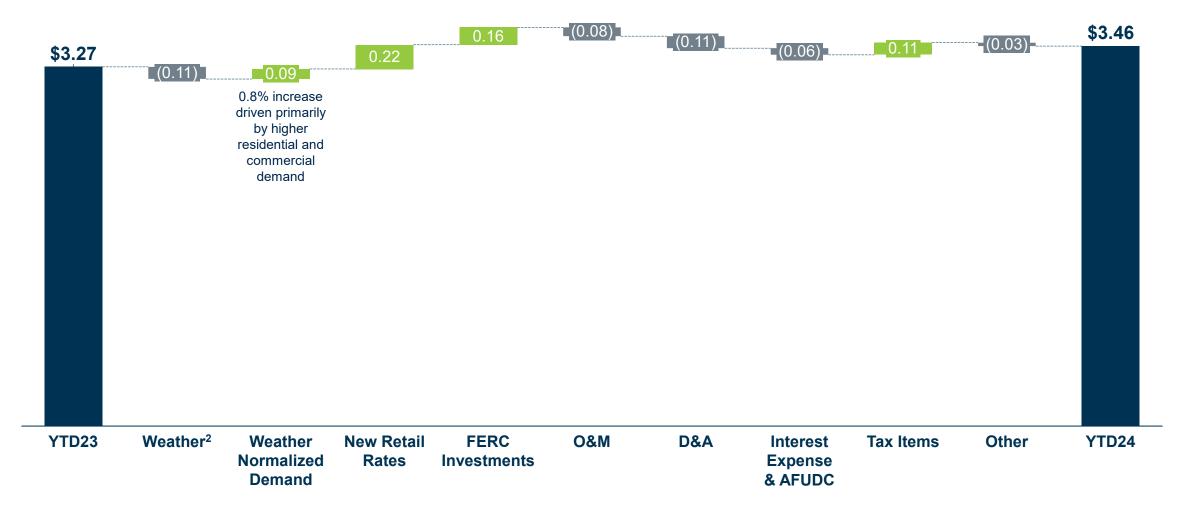
# Q&A

# Appendix



# Year to Date 2024 Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup>

### Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Drivers

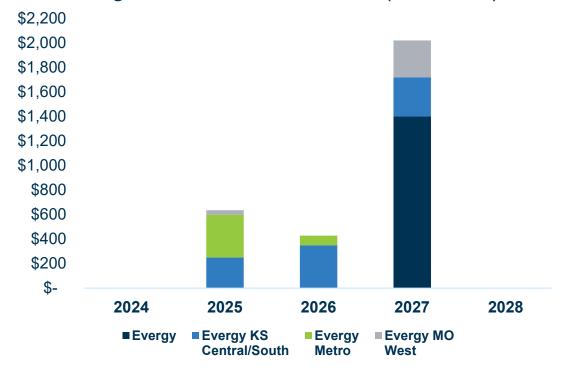




# Debt Maturities & Credit Ratings

CFO pre-WC/Debt1	2024E
Estimate	15.0%
Target <sup>2</sup>	>15.0%

### Long-Term Debt Maturities<sup>3,4</sup> (\$ millions)

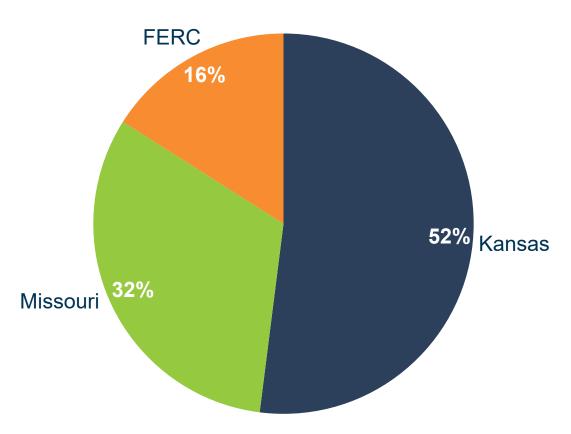


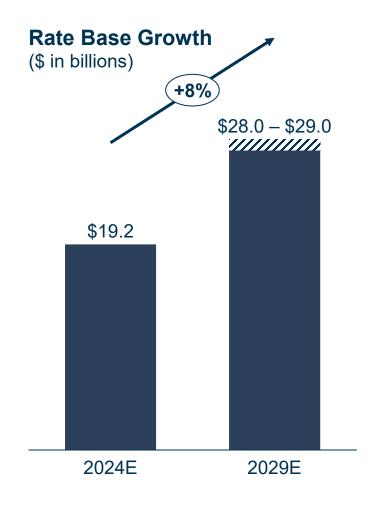
<b>Strong Credit Ratings</b>	Moody's	S&P Global		
Evergy, Inc.				
Outlook	Stable	Stable		
Senior Unsecured Debt	Baa2 BBB			
Commercial Paper	P-2	A-2		
Evergy Kansas Central				
Outlook	Stable	Stable		
Senior Secured Debt	A2	Α		
Commercial Paper	P-2	A-2		
Evergy Kansas South				
Outlook	Stable	Stable		
Senior Secured Debt	A2	Α		
Short Term Rating	P-2	A-2		
Evergy Metro				
Outlook	Stable	Stable		
Senior Secured Debt	A2	Α		
Commercial Paper	P-2	A-2		
Evergy Missouri West				
Outlook	Negative	Stable		
Senior Secured Debt	A3	Α		
Commercial Paper	P-2	A-2		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Based on our calculation using Moody's methodology of cash from operations (pre-working capital) / debt excluding ratio impacts from the Missouri West Winter Storm Fund Securitization. 2Moody's target. 3Excludes maturities related to variable interest entity. <sup>4</sup>As of 9/30/2024.

### Rate Base, Year-End 2024 Estimates

#### **Jurisdictional Allocation**





# Evergy Five-Year Capital Investment Plan

\$ in millions	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	Total
New Generation/Renewables	472	852	1158	1557	1228	5,267
General Facilities, IT, and Other	156	160	227	256	262	1,062
Transmission	528	555	682	710	728	3,203
Distribution	984	1139	925	918	941	4,907
Legacy Generation	344	344	331	354	363	1,736
Total	2,484	3,050	3,323	3,795	3,522	16,174

# Kansas Central Five-Year Capital Investment Plan

\$ in millions	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	Total
New Generation/Renewables <sup>1</sup>	188	377	461	724	591	2,340
General Facilities, IT, and Other <sup>2</sup>	42	50	53	73	75	293
Transmission	357	380	457	467	479	2,140
Distribution <sup>2</sup>	379	391	331	312	320	1,733
Legacy Generation <sup>2</sup>	174	185	168	176	180	884
Total	1,140	1,383	1,470	1,752	1,645	7,389

# Metro Five-Year Capital Investment Plan<sup>2</sup>

\$ in millions	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	Total
New Generation/Renewables <sup>1</sup>	28	91	304	334	313	1,070
General Facilities, IT, and Other <sup>1</sup>	104	104	160	175	179	722
Transmission	87	65	81	101	104	438
Distribution <sup>1</sup>	309	474	344	370	379	1,876
Legacy Generation <sup>1</sup>	136	136	129	152	156	709
Total	664	870	1,018	1,132	1,131	4,815

# Missouri West Five-Year Capital Investment Plan

\$ in millions	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	Total
New Generation/Renewables <sup>1</sup>	256	384	393	501	325	1,859
General Facilities, IT, and Other <sup>1</sup>	11	6	14	7	7	45
Transmission	85	110	144	141	145	625
Distribution <sup>1</sup>	296	275	249	236	242	1,298
Legacy Generation <sup>1</sup>	34	23	35	25	26	143
Total	682	798	835	910	745	3,970

# Generation Project List

Project	Fuel Type	MW	Ownership	Regulatory Filings	Targeted COD <sup>2</sup>	PISA Eligibility	CWIP
Sumner County	Natural Gas	705	EKC (50%) & EMW (50%)	Predetermination (KS) & CCN <sup>1</sup> (MO)	2029		Yes (KS)
Reno County	Natural Gas	705	EKC (50%) & TBD	Predetermination (KS) & CCN <sup>1</sup> (MO)	2030		Yes (KS)
EMW Simple-Cycle	Natural Gas	425	EMW	CCN <sup>1</sup> (MO)	2030		
Kansas Sky	Solar	159	EKC	Predetermination	2027		
Sunflower Sky	Solar	65	EMW	CCN	2027	Yes	
Foxtrot Solar	Solar	100	EMW	CCN	2027	Yes	

## GAAP to Non-GAAP EPS Reconciliation

Adjusted EPS <sup>1</sup>									
	Original 2023E	2024E	2025E						
GAAP EPS	\$3.55 - \$3.75	\$3.73 - \$3.93	\$3.92 - \$4.12						
Adjustments	-	-	-						
Adjusted EPS <sup>1</sup> (non-GAAP)	\$3.55 - \$3.75	\$3.73 - \$3.93	\$3.92 - \$4.12						



### Third Quarter GAAP to Non-GAAP EPS Reconciliation

	Earnings (Loss) per Earnings Diluted (Loss) Share					arnings (Loss)	Earnings (Loss) pe Diluted Share		
Three Months Ended September 30		20	24	24 202				023	
		(millions, except per share amo							
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$	465.6	\$	2.02	\$	351.6	\$	1.53	
Non-GAAP reconciling items:									
Mark-to-market impact of JEC economic hedges, pre-tax <sup>(a)</sup>		_		_		6.8		0.03	
Customer refund related to COLI rate credits, pre-tax <sup>(d)</sup>		_		_		96.5		0.42	
Income tax benefit <sup>(e)</sup>		_		_		(22.6)		(0.10)	
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$	465.6	\$	2.02	\$	432.3	\$	1.88	

<sup>(</sup>a) Reflects mark-to-market gains or losses related to forward contracts for natural gas and electricity entered into as economic hedges against fuel price volatility related to Evergy Kansas Central's 8% ownership share of JEC that are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

<sup>(</sup>b) Reflects non-regulated energy marketing incentive compensation costs related to the February 2021 winter weather event that are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

<sup>(</sup>c) Reflects the second quarter 2023 recognition of a regulatory liability for the refund to customers of revenues previously collected since October 2019 for costs related to an electric subdivision rebate program to be refunded to customers in accordance with a June 2020 KCC order that are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

<sup>(</sup>d) Reflects the recognition of a regulatory liability for the refund to customers for amounts of revenues previously collected related to COLI rate credits in accordance with a September 2023 KCC rate case unanimous settlement agreement reached between Evergy, the KCC staff and other intervenors that are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

<sup>(</sup>e) Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a statutory rate of approximately 22%.



### Year to Date GAAP to Non-GAAP EPS Reconciliation

	Earnings (Loss) per Earnings Diluted (Loss) Share					ırnings Loss)	Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share	
Year to Date September 30		20	24			20	)23	
		(m	illion	s, except j	per sh	are amou	nts)	
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$	795.3	\$	3.45	\$	673.3	\$	2.92
Non-GAAP reconciling items:								
Mark-to-market impact of JEC economic hedges, pre-tax <sup>(a)</sup>		2.6		0.01		4.8		0.02
Non-regulated energy marketing costs related to February 2021 winter weather event, pre-tax <sup>(b)</sup>		_		_		0.2		_
Electric subdivision rebate program costs refund, pre-tax(c)		_		_		2.6		0.01
Customer refunds related to COLI rate credits, pre-tax <sup>(d)</sup>		_		_		96.5		0.42
Income tax benefit <sup>(e)</sup>		(0.6)		_		(22.9)		(0.10)
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$	797.3	\$	3.46	\$	754.5	\$	3.27

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