



First Quarter 2019 Earnings Call

May 9, 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 costs resulting from rebranding and voluntary severance. 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 first quarter 2019 and 2018 EPS (non-GAAP) to first 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

- First quarter highlights
- Business update
- Investment outlook

Financial Update

Tony Somma, EVP - CFO

- First quarter earnings drivers
- Finance activities
- Summary



Business Update

Terry Bassham

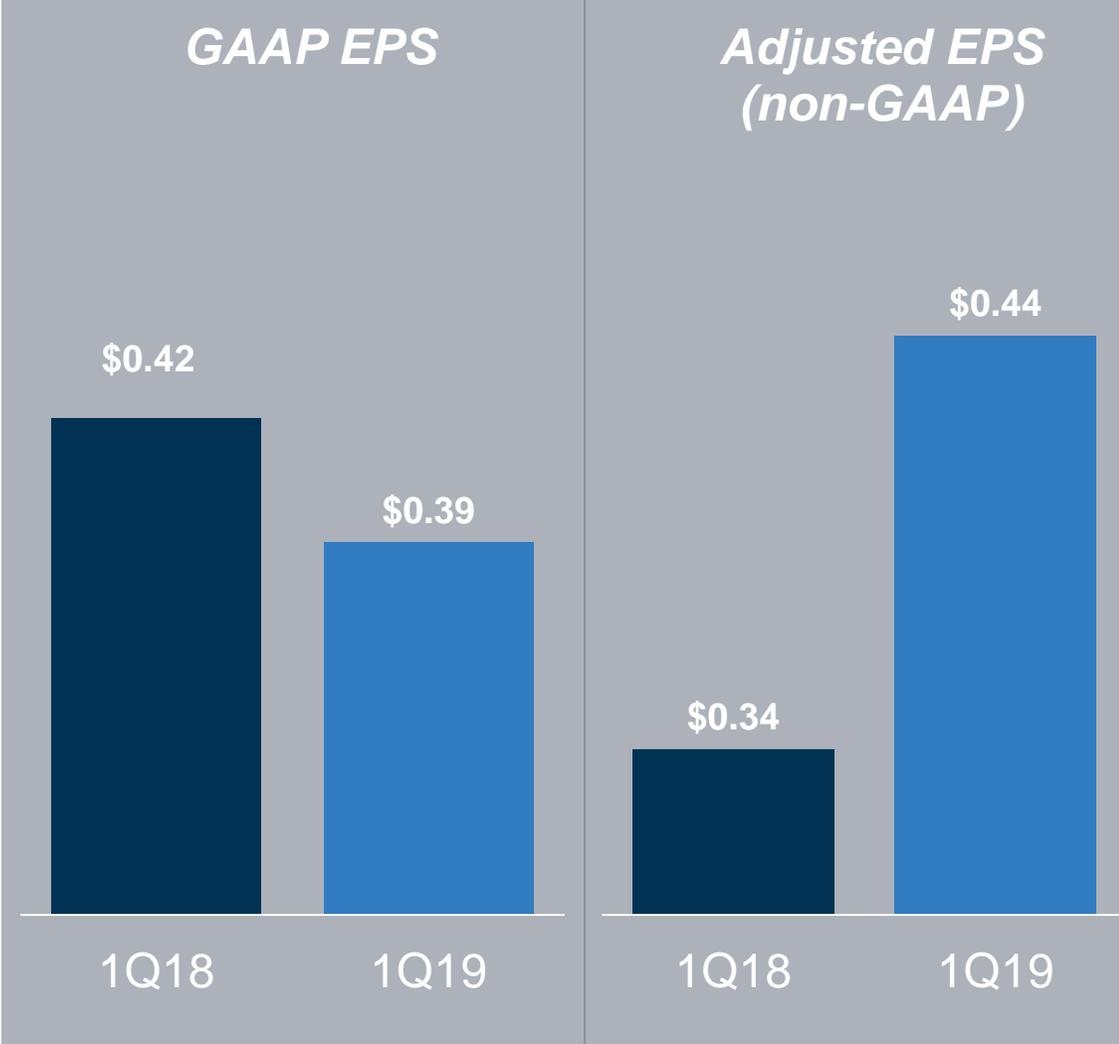
President & CEO



First Quarter Highlights

- **First quarter 2019 results**
 - GAAP EPS: \$0.39
 - Adjusted EPS(Non-GAAP): \$0.44¹
- **Executing cost reductions and share repurchases**
- **January storm**
 - Largest storm since 2002
 - Impacted around 200,000 customers
 - O&M cost of ~\$13M
- **March flood impact kept to minimum**

1. See appendix for reconciliation to most comparable GAAP information.





Regulatory and Legislative Update

- **KS Senate Bill 69**
 - Signed by Governor Kelly in April
 - Authorizes independent third party to conduct retail rate study
 - Findings to be delivered beginning in early 2020
- **MO Sibley Complaint**
 - Direct testimony filed in April
 - Rebuttal testimony to be filed in May
 - Hearings in July
 - Commission order expected by early September
 - Docket: EC-2019-0200





Delivering on Strategic Priorities



Merger savings

- Remain confident in achieving our 2019 annual target



Share repurchases

- Executing dollar-cost average strategy
- On track to repurchase targeted 60M shares by mid-2020



Attractive TSR potential with reduced regulatory risk

- Targeted 5% to 7% EPS CAGR 2019 to 2023¹
- Indicated annualized dividend of \$1.90 per share lands in middle of targeted 60% to 70% pay-out ratio¹

1. Based on mid-point of 2019 adjusted (non-GAAP) earnings guidance of \$2.90. See appendix for reconciliation and most comparable GAAP information.



Positioning for the Future with Flexibility

Protecting downside while targeting competitive shareholder return

Keep customer bills low while delivering a reliable product

- Enhance constructive relationships with customers and regulators
- Deliver on merger commitments and efficiencies
 - Reliability Metrics
 - 4 & 5 year rate case stay-outs
- Be customers preferred provider

Preserve flexibility of future capital allocation

- Reallocation of CapEx plan or incremental infrastructure to benefit customers utilizing Missouri PISA
 - Grid modernization
 - Renewables
- Reduce holding company debt

Deliver competitive shareholder returns

- Operational efficiencies
- Target EPS growth of 5% to 7% through 2023¹
- Target dividend pay-out range of 60% to 70% and growth inline with EPS growth

Financial Update

Tony Somma
EVP - CFO



First Quarter Results

GAAP EPS: 1Q19 \$0.39 vs 1Q18 \$0.42

- + Inclusion of KCP&L and GMO's results in 2019
- + Higher Westar retail sales driven by colder weather
- + Lower Westar O&M
- Higher Westar depreciation expense
- Dilution from higher number of weighted average shares outstanding

Adjusted EPS (non-GAAP) ¹ Drivers



Variance Drivers

- ▲ Gross Margin \$22M higher, due to favorable weather and new retail rates net of the 2018 provision for rate refund for the lower corporate tax rate
- ▲ O&M \$30M lower driven by cost reduction efforts (excludes ~\$15M in severance expense)¹
- ▼ D&A \$30M higher primarily from new depreciation rates reflected in new retail rates
- ▲ Accretion from lower shares outstanding
 1Q19: ~253M
 1Q18: ~272M



Finance Activities

- **Utility Debt**
 - In March, issued \$400M of KCP&L bonds
 - Upcoming KG&E \$300M maturity in June

- **Holding Company Debt**
 - In March, entered into \$1B term loan that expires in September
 - Bridges gap until we issue projected \$1.5B holding company debt later this year

- **Share Repurchases**
 - Repurchased over 10M shares in first quarter
 - In March, entered into a \$450M ASR agreement
 - At end of April, total repurchases of around 46% of 60M share target

Share Repurchases		
<i>as of 3/31/19</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
Total	26,916,423	33,083,577



Summary

- **Affirm 2019 adjusted EPS guidance¹ range of \$2.80 to \$3.00**
- **Remain focused on**
 - Cost reduction efforts and share repurchases
 - Capital investment that minimizes regulatory lag and maintains competitive customer rates
 - Earning allowed returns and maintaining flexibility in the future
 - Delivering attractive total return potential
 - Targeted long-term EPS CAGR of 5% to 7%²
 - Targeted dividend growth inline with EPS and long-term pay-out ratio of 60% to 70%

1. 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 in the appendix.
2. Based on mid-point of 2019 adjusted EPS guidance (non-GAAP) of \$2.90 through 2023. See appendix for reconciliation to most comparable GAAP information.

Appendix





Investment Outlook

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

2019 Adjusted EPS Guidance¹: \$2.80 - \$3.00

Retail electric sales:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather normalized growth of 0 to 50 bps
Adjusted O&M expense ² :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeting \$1.2B +/- 2%
Depreciation expense:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$80M to \$90M higher than 2018 pro forma D&A
Interest expense:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refinancing of ~\$700M in long-term utility debt maturities • Expect to issue ~\$1.5B of holding company debt
Non-operating income (expense) ³ :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COLI proceeds of ~\$23M
Effective tax rate:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12% – 14%
Avg annual shares outstanding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 17.
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 17. 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.



2018/2019 EPS: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

	Earnings (Loss)		Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
(millions, except per share amounts)				
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc. ¹	\$ 99.5	\$ 60.5	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.42
Pro forma adjustments ^(a) :				
Great Plains Energy earnings prior to merger	—	35.0	—	0.13
Great Plains Energy shares prior to merger	n/a	n/a	—	(0.20)
Non-recurring merger costs and other	—	(3.6)	—	(0.01)
Pro forma net income attributable to Evergy, Inc. ²	\$ 99.5	\$ 91.9	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.34
Non-GAAP reconciling items:				
Rebranding costs, pre-tax ^(b)	0.2	—	—	—
Voluntary severance costs, pre tax ^(c)	14.8	—	0.06	—
Income tax benefit ^(d)	(3.4)	—	(0.01)	—
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) ²	\$ 111.1	\$ 91.9	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.34

- (a) Reflects pro forma adjustments made in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X and Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 805 - *Business Combinations*. The unaudited pro forma financial information has been presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the consolidated results of operations that would have been achieved or the future consolidated results of operations of Evergy.
- (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 various 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.



2019 EPS Guidance: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation¹

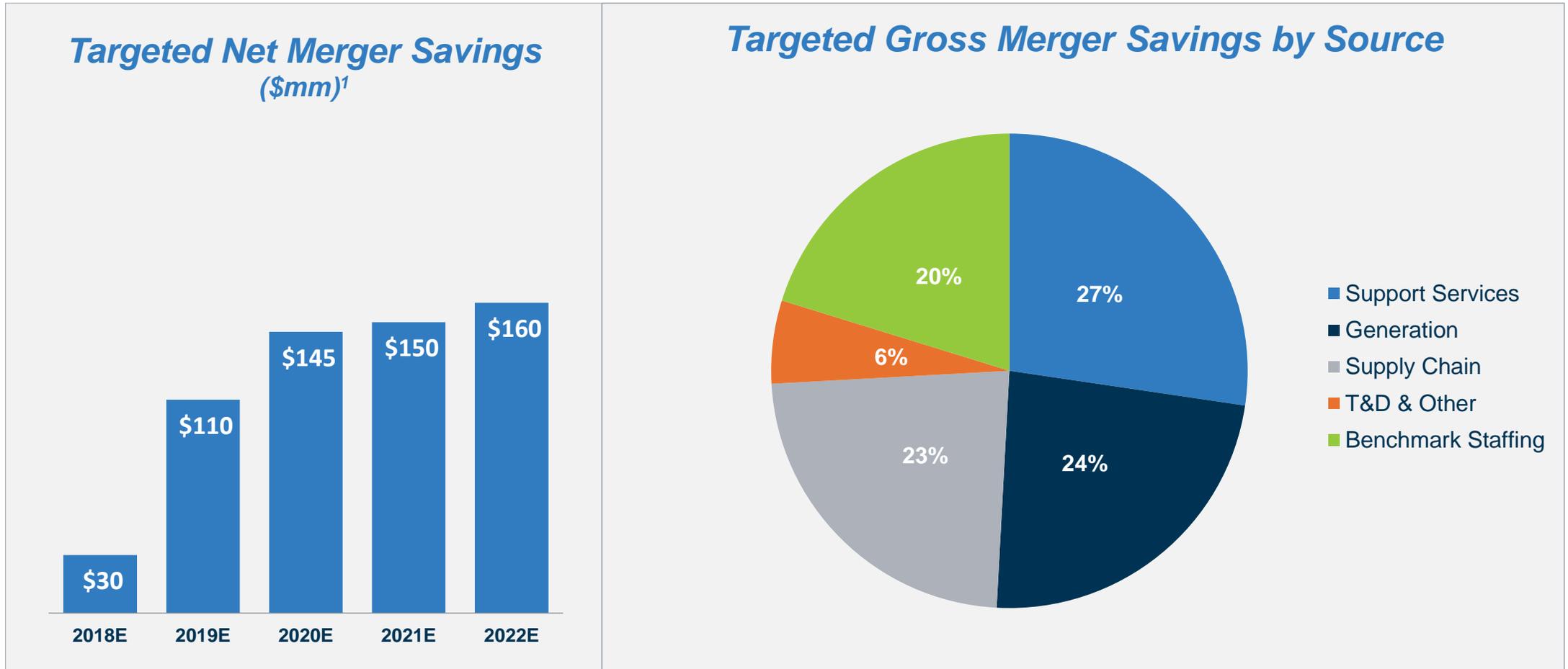
2019 EPS Guidance²	
2019 GAAP EPS	\$2.70 - \$2.90
Severance expense	0.05
Rebranding costs	0.06
2019 Adjusted EPS (non-GAAP)	\$2.80 - \$3.00

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%

1. Adjusted earnings per share guidance (non-GAAP) and adjusted O&M (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.
2. 2019 EPS guidance assumes average annual outstanding share count of 240M +/- 2%

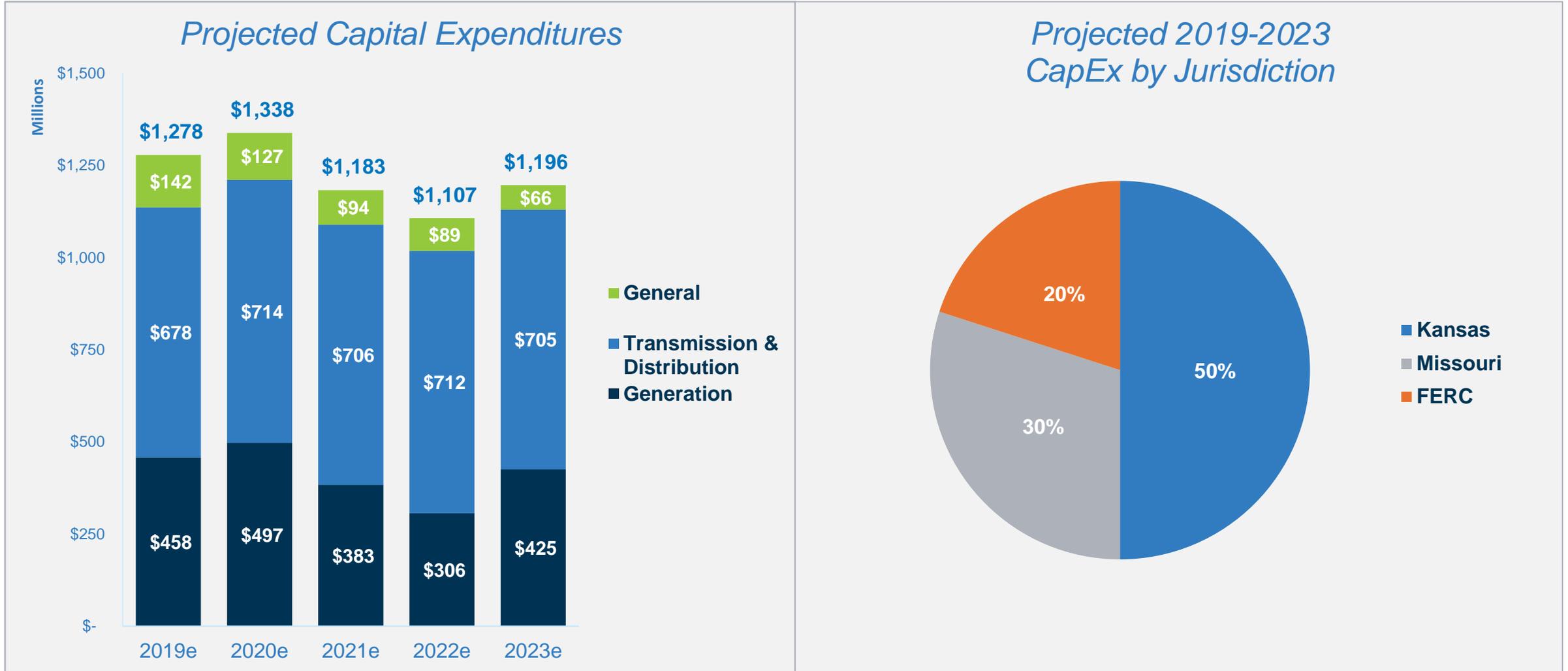


Merger Savings



1. Excludes Great Plains Energy plant retirements announced June 2017 and potential capital expenditure savings. Planned merger savings include non-fuel O&M and Other shown net of transition costs.

Over \$6B in Utility Investment 2019 to 2023



Credit Ratings and Debt Profile

Current Credit Ratings ¹	S&P Global	Moody's
<u>EVERGY</u>		
Outlook	Stable	Stable
Corporate Credit Rating	A-	
Senior Unsecured Debt	BBB+	Baa2
<u>WESTAR / KGE</u>		
Outlook	Stable	Stable
Senior Secured Debt	A	A2
Commercial Paper (Westar only)	A-2	P-2
<u>KCP&L</u>		
Outlook	Stable	Stable
Senior Secured Debt	A	A2
Senior Unsecured Debt	A-	Baa1
Commercial Paper	A-2	P-2
<u>GMO</u>		
Outlook	Stable	Stable
Senior Unsecured Debt	A-	Baa2
Commercial Paper	A-2	P-2

1. Ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold securities. The ratings are subject to change or withdrawal at any time by the credit rating agencies.
 2. Includes long-term debt maturities through December 31, 2025.

