

## Evergy Contributes \$2.5 Million to Plaza Downtown

*Plaza will host events, become destination space for Topekans, visitors*

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – July 16, 2018 – Evergy announced its first major corporate gift today with a pledge of \$2.5 million to development of a plaza in downtown Topeka, building on the legacy of its predecessor companies, Westar Energy and KCP&L.

“We are excited to be in the heart of Topeka’s downtown redevelopment, which is a testament to what public-private partnerships and community leadership can accomplish,” Terry Bassham, president and CEO of Evergy, said. “We are excited to support the plaza downtown with our first major gift as Evergy.”

Evergy was formed when Westar Energy and Great Plains Energy, which operates KCP&L, merged in June. The combined company will continue to serve customers as Westar Energy and KCP&L until sometime in 2019.

“Forming Evergy, we brought together two companies with strong ties and commitments to their communities to form a leading, locally controlled energy company,” Bassham said. “From employees volunteering their time and talents to corporate giving, we are committed to growing upon the reputations of our legacy companies.”

The plaza will include many features for use by the public including a water feature for children to play in that has the ability to turn into an ice rink in the winter months. Also included are a 30-foot digital screen fully equipped with sound and lighting and ample seating for people to enjoy being in Downtown Topeka

Construction of the Plaza at 7th and S. Kansas Ave. is scheduled to begin in early 2019 and be complete by March 2020.

### **About Evergy Inc.**

Headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., Evergy, Inc. (NYSE: EVRG) is the holding company operating the electrical utilities Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) and Westar Energy, Inc. Evergy, Inc., through its operating companies, provides 1.5 million customers in Kansas and Missouri with the safe, reliable electricity needed to power their businesses and homes. Half of the power supplied comes from clean sources, creating more reliable energy with less impact to the environment. More information about Evergy, Inc. is available at: [www.evergyinc.com](http://www.evergyinc.com)

**NEWS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



**Contacts**

**Investors:**

**Cody VandeVelde**

**Director, Investor Relations**

**785-575-8227**

[Cody.VandeVelde@evergy.inc](mailto:Cody.VandeVelde@evergy.inc)

**Media**

**Gina Penzig**

**Manager, Media Relations**

**785-575-8089**

[Gina.Penzig@westarenergy.com](mailto:Gina.Penzig@westarenergy.com)

**Media line: 888-613-0003**