

## First Quarter 2021 Earnings Call

May 6, 2021





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

Evergy uses adjusted EPS and adjusted O&M which are non-GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measure is included in the appendix.





## **David Campbell, President & CEO**

- First quarter highlights
- · Regulatory and legislative update
- Integrated resource plan
- Net-zero carbon target

## Kirk Andrews, EVP & CFO

- First quarter results
- Sales and customer update
- 2021 outlook





## **Business Update**

David Campbell
President & CEO

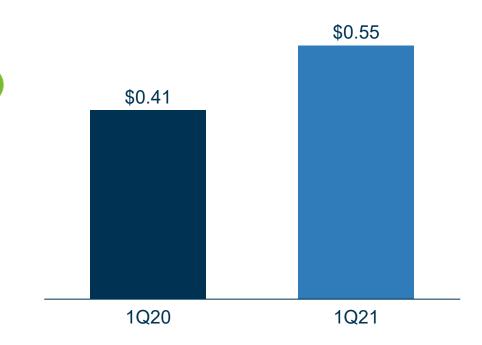




## First Quarter Highlights

- First quarter 2021 results
  - **GAAP EPS: \$0.84**
  - Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> (Non-GAAP): \$0.55
- Affirming 2021 adjusted EPS guidance of \$3.20 \$3.40; long-term 6% to 8% Adjusted EPS CAGR through 2024
- February cold weather event
  - Recovery of net fuel and purchase power costs of ~\$340M<sup>2</sup> expected to be recovered through multiple mechanisms
  - Power marketing a positive contributor; excluded from Adjusted EPS
- Wolf Creek planned refueling outage underway

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







## Executing Regulatory and Legislative Objectives

## Regulatory

- Integrated Resource Plan
  - Filed Missouri IRP April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Expect to file Kansas IRP by July 1st
- STP Dockets
  - Completed STP workshops throughout first quarter; final workshops in late May/early June
  - MPSC and KCC staffs filed reports with constructive feedback on our balanced strategic plan
  - Company will file responsive comments in KS

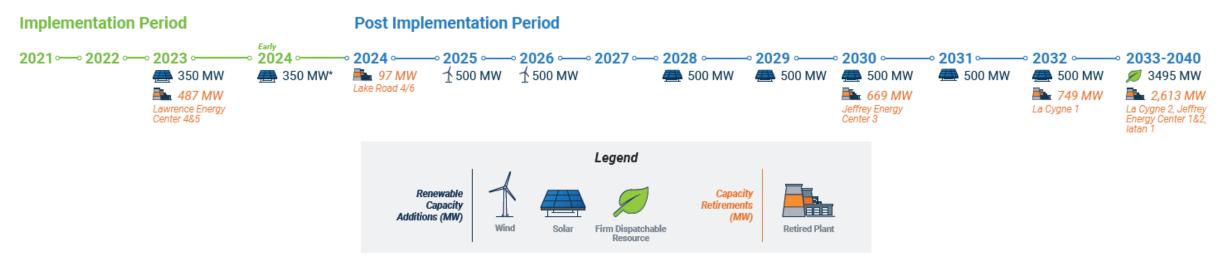
### **Securitization**

- Kansas: HB 7032 signed into law
  - Allows for securitization of remaining book value of generation to be retired and for other extraordinary costs
  - Allows utility discretion of reinvesting securitization proceeds
  - Includes pre-determination process for retirement of generation plants
- Missouri
  - Consideration of securitization is ongoing
  - Draft bills have passed with strong support in both legislative chambers





## Integrated Resource Plan Highlights



\*Construction of 350 MW of solar will begin prior to filing of next triennial IRP, with in-service date likely later in 2024.

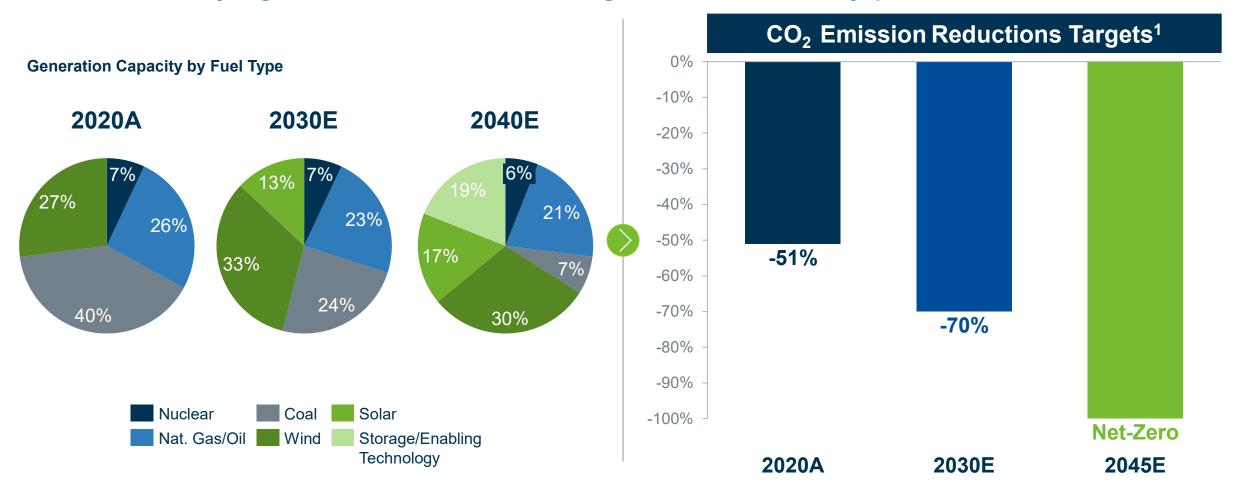
- Balances reliability and sustainability in order to deliver customers the power they need at regionally competitive prices
- Paves the way for reduced carbon emissions and a greener generation portfolio
- Plans to add 4,200 MW of renewables and retire over 2,000 MW of fossil generation by 2032





## Net-Zero Carbon Target by 2045

## Diversifying our fleet and enhancing our sustainability profile



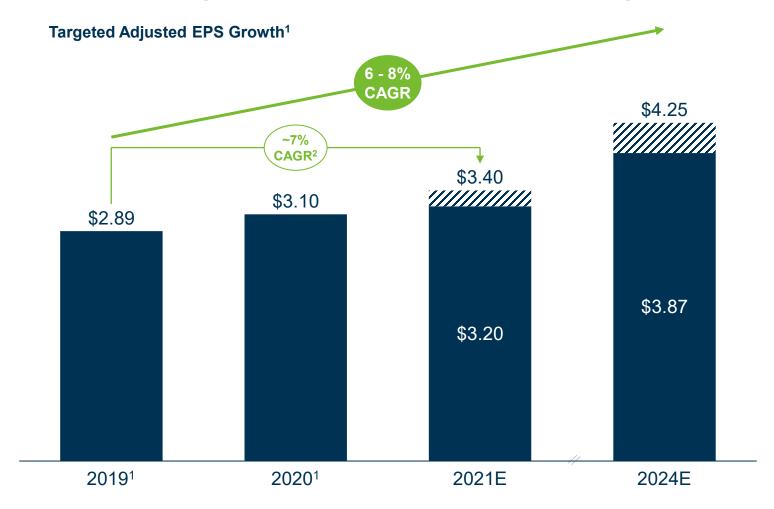
<sup>1.</sup> Targets vs. 2005 levels; the trajectory and timing of reaching Evergy's netzero carbon emissions goal are dependent on enabling technology developments and supportive energy policies and regulations





## **Attractive Investment Thesis**

## Targeting 6% to 8% EPS growth from 2019-24; dividend growth in line with EPS



#### Noto:



<sup>1.</sup> Adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. See appendix for reconciliation to most comparable GAAP information. 2. CAGR calculated using \$3.30/sh. mid-point of 2021 adjusted EPS (non-GAAP) guidance range.

# Financial Update

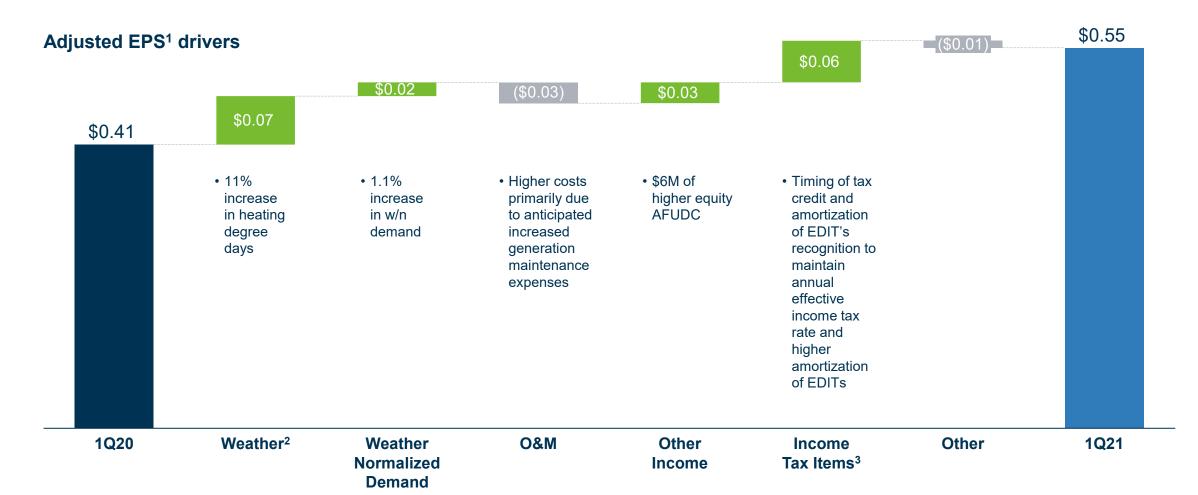
Kirk Andrews
EVP & CFO





## First Quarter Results

## 1Q21 Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup>: \$0.55



#### NOTE:

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- 2. Estimated weather was \$0.07 favorable compared to prior year; flat compared to normal weather.





## Sales and Customer Update

## Continued resiliency throughout our region

## Total Retail Sales – Weather Normalized Compared to Prior Year<sup>1</sup>



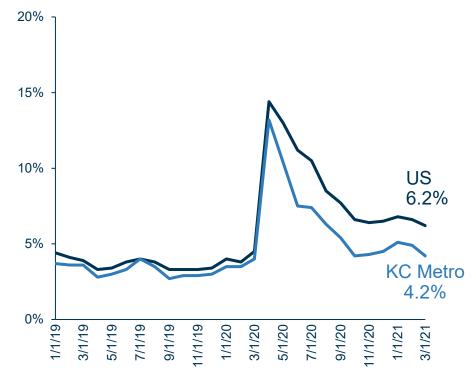
## First quarter 2021 weather adjusted total retail sales were 1.1% higher compared to first quarter 2020

- Residential sales were 3.2% higher
- Commercial sales were 1.5% lower
- Industrial sales were 2.9% higher

## **Customer Growth**

- Total customer count grew by 1%
- 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter of customer growth

## Unemployment Rates<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Percentages are approximations

<sup>2.</sup> Source: Federal Reserve Economic Data.



## 2021 Adjusted EPS <sup>1</sup> Guidance: \$3.20 - \$3.40





#### NOTE:

- 1. A reconciliation of adjusted EPS guidance (non-GAAP) to projected earnings per share, the most comparable GAAP measure, is included in the appendix.
- 2. Effective tax rate: 11% to 13%
- 3. Annual average share count: 230M





# Q&A



# Appendix



## >>> STP Financial Highlights

- 2021 adjusted EPS¹ guidance: \$3.20-\$3.40
- Targeting adjusted EPS CAGR of 6–8% 2019 through 2024
- Projecting \$9.2B in CapEx² from 2021 through 2025
- Targeting rate base CAGR of 5–6% from 2019 through 2024
- Projected dividend growth in line with EPS growth, while targeting payout ratio of 60–70%

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





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<sup>2.</sup> Excludes \$250 million of potential additional capital deployment in 2025.



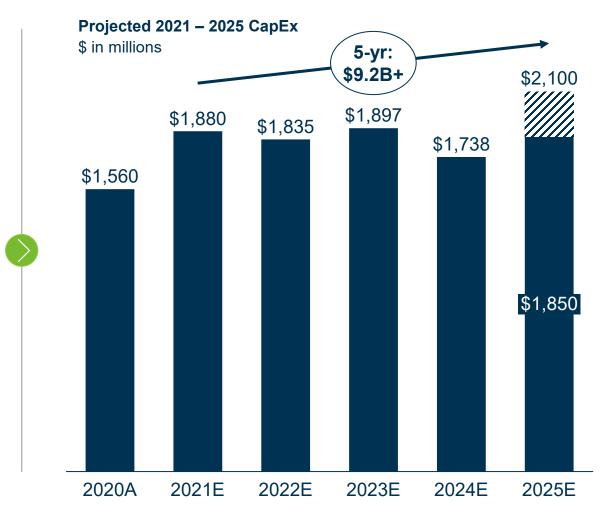
## Robust Infrastructure Investment

Focusing on utility projects to modernize grid and increase resiliency,

efficiency and reliability

## **Updated five-year capital plan remains consistent with the targeted STP investments**

- 2020-2024 projected capex of \$8.9B is unchanged from the STP
- 2024 earnings power intact
- 700MW renewables
  - Timing considers stakeholder input
- Projected Missouri 2022 and Kansas 2023 rate base comparable with STP
- 2020-2024 FERC Capex consistent with STP



#### Note



<sup>1.</sup> Includes ~\$350M of generation asset securitization (which represents a reduction to rate base) in 2024.

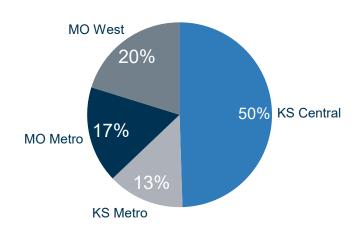
<sup>2.</sup> Potential additional capital deployment; will be assessed in the context of reviewing overall reliability, affordability, and sustainability impacts.



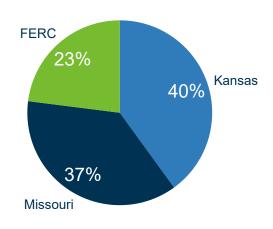
## \$9.2B in Planned Utility Investment

\$'s in millions	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E <sup>1</sup>	Total
Transmission	629	590	567	513	734	\$3,033
Distribution	648	656	481	487	624	\$2,896
Generation	319	306	264	186	236	\$1,311
General Facilities and Other	284	283	248	214	256	\$1,285
New Renewables	-	-	337	338	-	\$675
Total	\$1,880	\$1,835	\$1,897	\$1,738	\$1,850	\$9,200

#### Projected 2021 – 2025 CapEx by Jurisdiction



#### Projected 2021 – 2025 CapEx by State



2. Renewable investment shown net of tax equity strategy.

### **Rate Base by State**

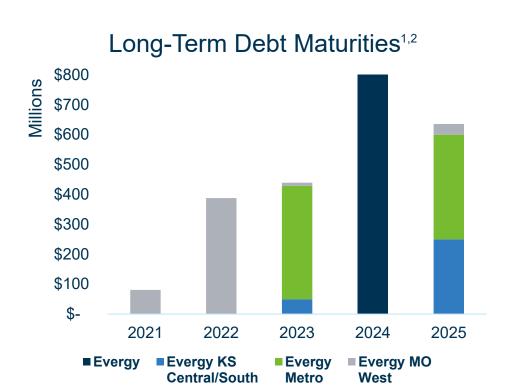




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## 2021 Finance Activities



## **Financing Activities**

- Issued \$500M of long-term debt at ~2.9% at Missouri West in April
- Issued \$113M of equity to Bluescape in April

## **Strong Credit Ratings**

	Moody's	S&P Global				
Evergy, Inc.						
Outlook	Stable	Stable				
Senior Unsecured Debt	Baa2	BBB+				
<b>Evergy Kansas Central</b>						
Outlook	Stable	Stable				
Senior Secured Debt	A2	Α				
Commercial Paper (KS-Central only)	P-2	A-2				
Evergy Kansas South						
Outlook	Stable	Stable				
Senior Secured Debt	-	Α				
Short Term Rating	P-2	A-2				
<b>Evergy Metro</b>						
Outlook	Stable	Stable				
Senior Secured Debt	A2	A+				
Commercial Paper	P-2	A-1				
<b>Evergy Missouri West</b>						
Outlook	Stable	Stable				
Senior Unsecured Debt	Baa2	A-				
Commercial Paper	P-2	-				





<sup>2.</sup> Evergy Missouri West 2022 maturity is an inter-company loan from Evergy and will be replaced at Evergy Missouri West upon maturity.

## Key Regulatory Activities







## GAAP to Non-GAAP EPS Reconciliation<sup>1</sup>

2021 EPS Guidance					
2021 GAAP EPS – Previous Guidance	\$3.14 - \$3.34				
Non-regulated energy marketing margin related to winter weather event, pre-tax	0.42				
Non-regulated energy marketing costs related to winter weather event, pre-tax	(0.03)				
Severance costs, pre-tax	(0.01)				
Income tax expense	(0.09)				
2021 GAAP EPS – Updated Guidance	\$3.43 - \$3.63				
Non-regulated energy marketing margin related to winter weather event, pre-tax	(0.42)				
Non-regulated energy marketing costs related to winter weather event, pre-tax	0.03				
Executive transition expense, pre-tax	0.03				
Severance costs, pre-tax	0.01				
Advisor expense, pre-tax	0.05				
Income tax expense <sup>2</sup>	0.07				
2021 Adjusted EPS (non-GAAP)	\$3.20 - \$3.40				

#### NOTE:

- 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. Previous income tax benefit estimate was \$0.02.
- Green font denotes new items since prior guidance / reconciliation.





## GAAP to Non-GAAP O&M Reconciliation

Adjusted O&M <sup>1</sup> (\$ in millions)	1Q 2021	1Q 2020		
GAAP O&M	\$275.5	\$288.2		
Non-regulated energy marketing costs related to winter weather event	(2.0)	-		
Executive transition costs	(5.5)	-		
Advisor expenses	(1.5)	(6.6)		
Severance costs	(1.6)	(27.0)		
Adjusted O&M	\$264.9	\$254.6		

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## 2021/2020 EPS: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation<sup>1</sup>

#### Evergy, Inc Consolidated Earnings and Diluted Earnings Per Share (Unaudited)

	Earnings (Loss) per Earnings Diluted Earning (Loss) Share (Loss)				_	Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share			
Three Months Ended March 31		20	)21			20	020		
		(mil	nare amoi	unts)					
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$	191.6	\$	0.84	\$	69.4	\$	0.31	
Non-GAAP reconciling items:									
Non-regulated energy marketing margin related to winter weather event, pre-tax <sup>(a)</sup>		(96.5)		(0.42)		_		_	
Non-regulated energy marketing costs related to winter weather event, pre-tax <sup>(b)</sup>		2.0		0.01		_		_	
Executive transition costs, pre-tax(c)		5.5		0.02		_		_	
Severance costs, pre-tax <sup>(d)</sup>		1.6		0.01		27.0		0.12	
Advisor expenses, pre-tax(e)		1.5		0.01		6.6		0.02	
Income tax expense (benefit) <sup>(f)</sup>		19.7		0.08		(8.8)		(0.04)	
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$	125.4	\$	0.55	\$	94.2	\$	0.41	

<sup>(</sup>a) Reflects non-regulated energy marketing margins related to the winter weather event in February 2021 and 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 winter weather event in February 2021 and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive

<sup>©</sup> Reflects costs associated with executive transition including inducement bonuses, severance agreements and other transition expenses and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

<sup>(</sup>d) Reflects severance costs incurred associated with certain voluntary severance programs at the Evergy Companies and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

<sup>(</sup>e) Reflects advisor expenses incurred associated with strategic planning and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

<sup>(</sup>f) Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a statutory rate of approximately 22% in 2021 and 26% in 2020, with the exception of certain non-deductible items.



## 2020/2019 EPS: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation<sup>1</sup>

	Earnings (Loss) per Earnings Diluted (Loss) Share				Earnings (Loss)		Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share	
Year Ended December 31	2020 20					019		
	(m	illior	is, except	per sl	nare amou	nts)		
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$ 618.3	\$	2.72	\$	669.9	\$	2.79	
Non-GAAP reconciling items:								
Rebranding costs, pre-tax(a)	_		_		12.1		0.05	
Severance costs, pre-tax <sup>(b)</sup>	66.3		0.29		19.8		0.08	
Advisor expenses, pre-tax(c)	32.3		0.14		_		_	
Income tax benefit <sup>(d)</sup>	(25.2)		(0.11)		(7.8)		(0.03)	
Kansas corporate income tax change(e)	13.8		0.06		_			
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$ 705.5	\$	3.10	\$	694.0	\$	2.89	

<sup>(</sup>a) 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.



<sup>(</sup>b) Reflects severance costs incurred associated with certain voluntary severance programs at the Evergy Companies and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

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<sup>(</sup>d) Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a statutory rate of approximately 26%, with the exception of certain non-deductible

<sup>(</sup>e) Reflects the revaluation of Evergy Kansas Central's, Evergy Metro's and Evergy Missouri West's deferred income tax assets and liabilities from the Kansas corporate income tax rate change and are included in income tax expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.