

### First Quarter 2023 Earnings Call May 5, 2023







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This list of factors is not all-inclusive because it is not possible to predict all factors. You should also carefully consider the information contained in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Additional risks and uncertainties are discussed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 filed by the Evergy Companies with the SEC, and from time to time in current reports on Form 8-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q filed by the Evergy Companies with the SEC. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement. The Evergy Companies undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

#### **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, President & CEO**

- First quarter highlights
- Regulatory and legislative update
- ESG progress

### Kirk Andrews, EVP & CFO

- First quarter results
- Retail sales trends
- 2023 outlook



# **Business Update**

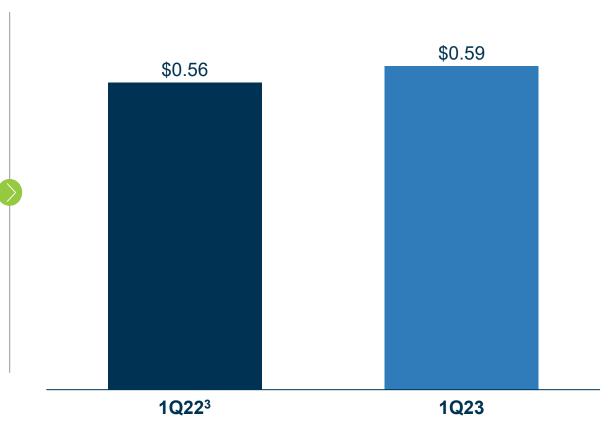
David Campbell President & CEO





- First Quarter 2023 EPS
  - GAAP: \$0.62
  - Adjusted<sup>1</sup>: \$0.59
- Primary Earnings Drivers
  - ☆ Sales, transmission margin, O&M
  - ↓ Weather, D&A, interest expense
- Solid operational execution, including OSHA<sup>4</sup> recordables and DARTs<sup>4</sup> trending favorably relative to our historically best safety year (2022)
- Reaffirming 2023 adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> guidance of \$3.55 - \$3.75 and long-term target of 6% to 8% adjusted EPS CAGR<sup>2</sup> through 2025

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

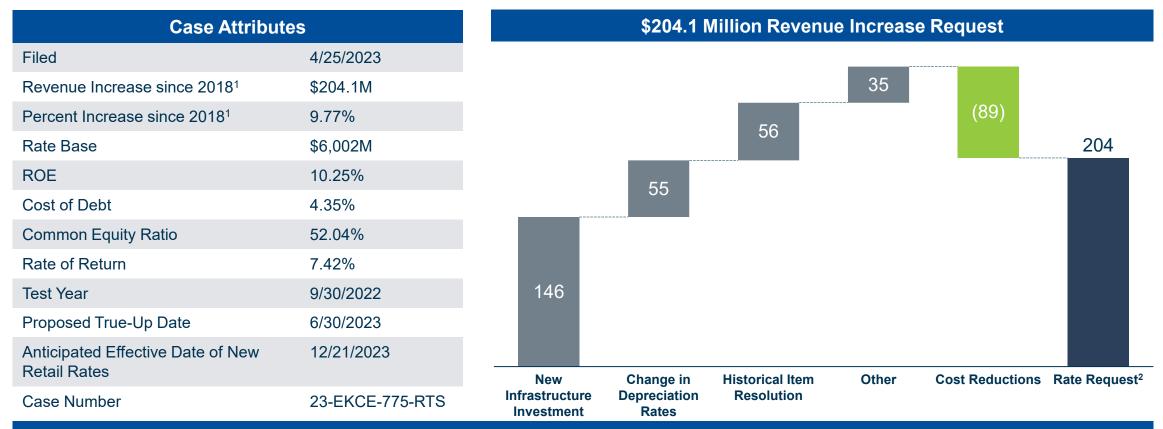


#### Solid first quarter; continuing track record of consistent execution

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. See appendix for reconciliation to most comparable GAAP information. <sup>2</sup>CAGR target calculated using \$3.30 midpoint of original 2021 adjusted EPS guidance. <sup>3</sup>1Q22 Adjusted EPS recast to reflect \$0.01 reduction due to Sibley deferral and \$0.01 reduction due to FERC Transmission Formula Rate refund. <sup>4</sup>OSHA = Occupational Safety and Health Administration; DART = Days Away, Restricted, or Transferred.

### Evergy Kansas Central Rate Request

- Revenue request includes infrastructure investment to improve reliability, enhance customer service and enable transition to cleaner resources
- Substantially offset by \$89M of customer savings and cost reductions

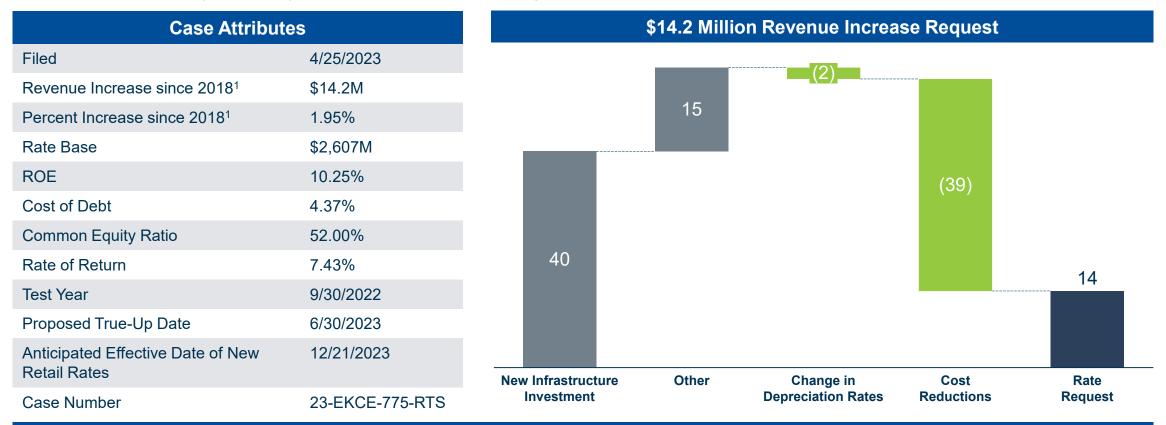


#### Ongoing savings exceed projections; reduce rate increase request by 24%

<sup>1</sup>Excludes the rebasing of \$33.3M of property taxes into base rates, which were previously being collected under the Property Tax Surcharge, as well as \$41.5M related to a credit in 2018 base rates but offset in the Retail Energy Cost Adjustment mechanism, resulting in no bill impact from this rate case <sup>2</sup>Revenue drivers do not sum due to rounding

### Evergy Kansas Metro Rate Request

- Revenue request includes infrastructure investment to improve reliability, enhance customer service and enable transition to cleaner resources
- Substantially offset by \$39M of customer savings and cost reductions



Ongoing savings exceed projections; reduce rate increase request by 61%

<sup>1</sup>Excludes the rebasing of \$10.9M of property taxes into base rates, which were previously being collected under the Property Tax Surcharge

## Regulatory & Legislative Updates



#### Kansas

- Kansas Central & Kansas Metro Rate Cases (23-EKCE-775-RTS): filed on April 25<sup>th</sup>; awaiting procedural schedule
- **Transmission Delivery Charge Bill (HB 2225):** signed into law; becomes effective January 1, 2024
- Integrated Resource Plan: plan to file annual update by mid-June

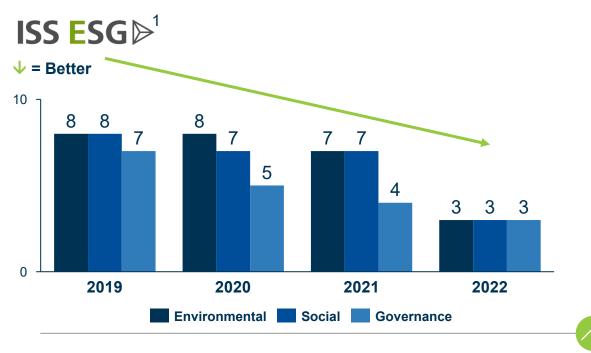


#### Missouri

- Winter Storm Uri Securitization (EF-2022-0155): Office of Public Counsel filed appeal to Missouri Court of Appeals in January, initial brief on April 7<sup>th</sup>; Evergy brief due May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Sales Tax Exemption for Production of Electricity (SB 275): passed out of Senate, awaits debate on House floor
- Integrated Resource Plan: plan to file annual update by mid-June

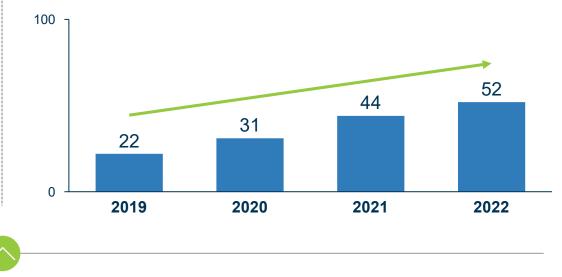
Working collaboratively with stakeholders to support our efforts to advance regional rate competitiveness, enable a responsible portfolio transition, and maintain customer affordability

### Environmental, Social and Governance Score Progress



#### S&P Global

Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) ↑ = Better

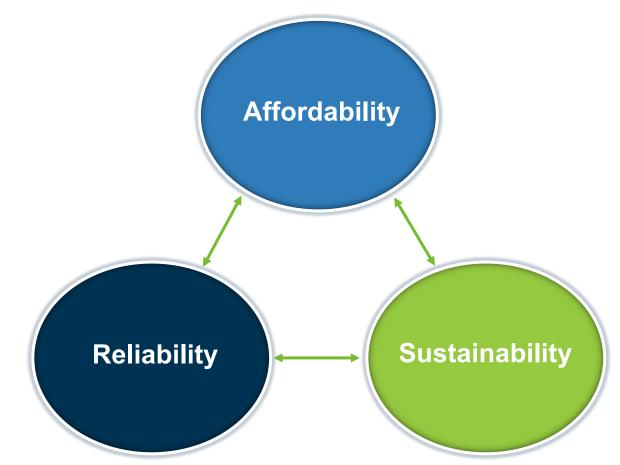


#### **Recent Highlights:**

- First time disclosures in 2022: full CDP Climate and Water Security questionnaires, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) report
- Enhancing climate resiliency program through utility research partnership
- Ongoing integration of ESG into enterprise risk management as part of focus on affordability, reliability, and sustainability

Enhancing our ESG practices and disclosures is reflected in significant progress in our ratings

### Core Tenets of Evergy Strategy



- <u>Affordability</u>: Keeping rates affordable and improving regional rate competitiveness
- <u>Reliability</u>: Targeting toptier performance in reliability, customer service and generation
- <u>Sustainability</u>: Advancing emissions reductions and fleet transition to achieve 70% carbon reduction by 2030 and net-zero by 2045<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> Goal of 70% carbon reduction relative to 2005 emissions levels by 2030; with respect to 2045 goal, the trajectory and timing of reaching Evergy's net-zero carbon emissions goal are dependent on enabling technology developments and supportive energy policies and regulations.

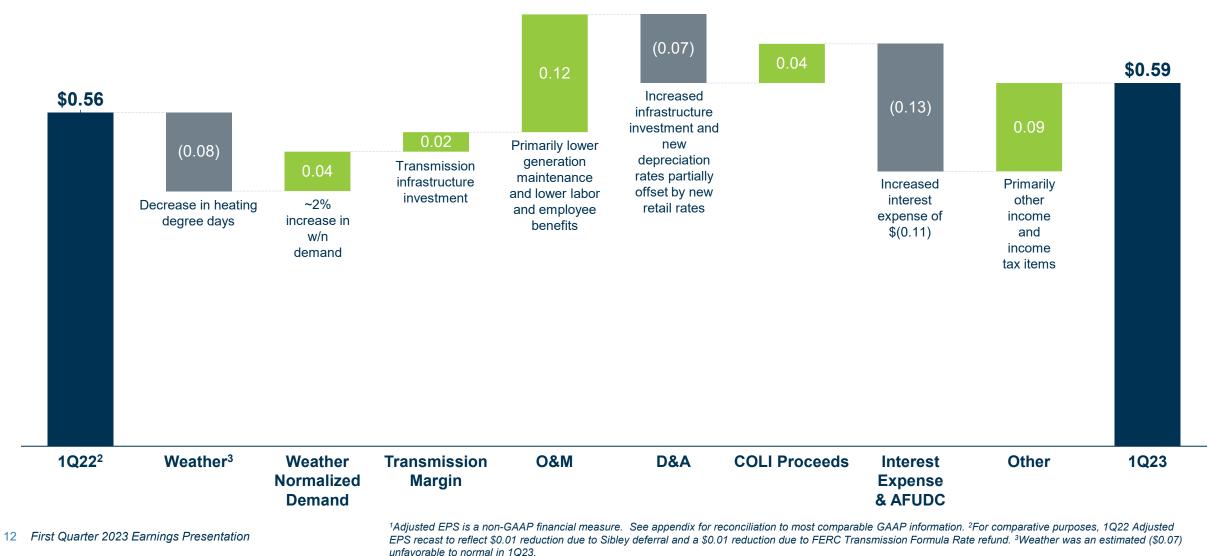
# **Financial Update**

*Kirk Andrews Executive Vice President & CFO* 

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### First Quarter 2023 Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup>

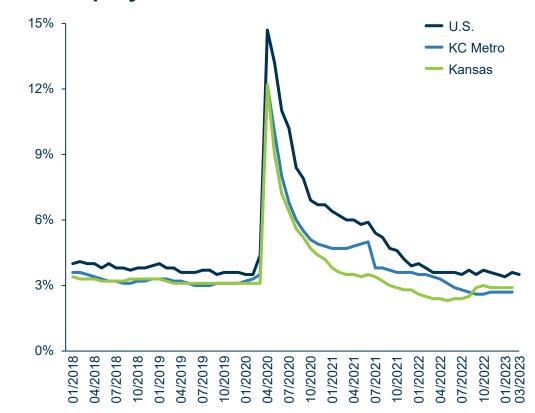
### Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Drivers





Weather-Normalized 2023 Retail Sales Growth Compared to prior year<sup>1,2</sup> 3.6% 3.0% **Total** Retail 2.1% -2.3% Residential Commercial Industrial

**Unemployment Rate<sup>3</sup>** 

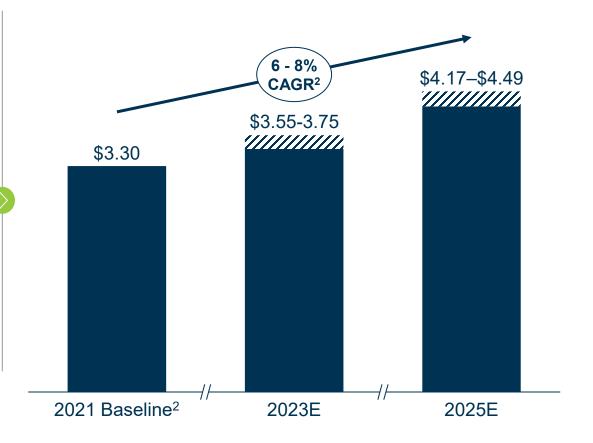


Local economy remains resilient, supporting strong weather-normalized sales growth

## Strong Growth Outlook

- Continuing track record of consistent execution
- 2023 Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> guidance: \$3.55-3.75
- Reaffirming 2021<sup>2</sup> to 2025E annualized Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> growth target of 6% to 8%
- Targeting dividend growth in line with long-term earnings growth and 60% to 70% payout ratio
- Planning \$11.6B of infrastructure investment 2023E–2027E
  - Implied annualized rate base growth of 6% 2022E–2027E
- Focused on financial and operational execution, enhancing reliability, and advancing regional rate competitiveness

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



#### Well-positioned to deliver on our EPS and dividend growth targets

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





Appendix



### **GAAP to Non-GAAP EPS Reconciliation**

Adjusted EPS <sup>1</sup>										
	Original 2021E	2023E	2025E							
GAAP EPS	\$3.14 - \$3.34	\$3.55 - 3.75	\$4.17 - 4.49							
Executive transition costs, pre-tax	0.03	-	-							
Advisor expenses, pre-tax	0.05	-	-							
Income tax (benefit) expense	(0.02)	-	-							
Adjusted EPS <sup>1</sup> (non-GAAP)	\$3.20 - \$3.40	\$3.55 - 3.75	\$4.17 - 4.49							

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per share guidance (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. Adjusted earnings (Non-GAAP) and adjusted EPS (Non-GAAP) should be considered as supplemental in nature and not considered in isolation or as a substitute for GAAP information

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

		arnings Loss)	(La D	rnings oss) per iluted Share		rnings Loss)	(L D	arnings oss) per Diluted Share
Three Months Ended March 31	2023				2022			
	(millions, except per share amounts)							
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$	142.6	\$	0.62	\$	122.5	\$	0.53
Non-GAAP reconciling items:								
Sibley Station return on investment, pre-tax <sup>(a)</sup>		_		_		(3.1)		(0.01)
Mark-to-market impact of JEC economic hedges, pre-tax <sup>(b)</sup>		(8.4)		(0.04)		_		_
Non-regulated energy marketing costs related to February 2021 winter weather event, pre-tax <sup>(c)</sup>		0.1		_		0.3		_
Restricted equity investment losses, pre-tax <sup>(d)</sup>		_		_		14.2		0.06
TFR refund, pre-tax <sup>(e)</sup>		_		_		(1.9)		(0.01)
Income tax (benefit) expense <sup>(f)</sup>		1.8		0.01		(2.1)		(0.01)
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$	136.1	\$	0.59	\$	129.9	\$	0.56

- a) Reflects revenues collected from customers for the return on investment of the retired Sibley Station in 2022 that are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- b) 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 non-regulated 8% ownership share of JEC that are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- c) 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.
- d) Reflects losses related to equity investments which were subject to a restriction on sale that are included in investment earnings on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- e) Reflects transmission revenues collected from customers in 2022 through Evergy Kansas Central's FERC TFR to be refunded to customers in accordance with a December 2022 FERC order that are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- f) Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a statutory rate of approximately 22%.