

# Third Quarter 2022 Earnings Call

November 4, 2022





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

Evergy uses adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per share 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**

- Third quarter highlights
- Regulatory updates
- Retail sales trends
- Inflation Reduction Act

### Kirk Andrews, EVP & CFO

- Third quarter results
- 2022 guidance update
- Outlook update



## **Business Update**

David Campbell
President & CEO





## Third Quarter Highlights

- **Third Quarter 2022 results** 
  - **GAAP EPS: \$1.86**
  - Adjusted EPS1 (Non-GAAP): \$2.01
- **Primary Earnings Drivers** 

  - □ D&A and Interest Expense
- **Strong safety performance:** 66% reduction in DART events and 62% reduction in OSHA recordables vs YTD 2021
- **Agreed to acquire** 199 MW Persimmon Creek wind farm
- **Increasing dividend** by 7%
- Raising 2022 adjusted EPS¹ guidance midpoint to \$3.58 from \$3.53; range revised to \$3.53 - \$3.63 from \$3.43 -\$3.63
- Reaffirming long-term target of 6% to 8% adjusted EPS CAGR<sup>2</sup> through 2025



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





### Missouri Rate Reviews

- MO Metro and MO West partial stipulation and agreements approved by Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) in September
  - \$25M MO Metro revenue increase
  - \$42.5M MO West revenue increase
    - 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 8.25%
  - Select outstanding items: issues related to retired Sibley plant, hydro contract, automated meters, and treatment of fuel/purchased power relating to the PISA cap
    - Pending commission order
  - New rates effective December 6<sup>th</sup>



Partial settlements reflect constructive relationship with Missouri stakeholders





### Key Regulatory Milestones

#### Missouri



- Missouri Rate Cases: MO Metro and MO West partial stipulation and agreements approved by MPSC in September, final order expected in November with new rates going into effect December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Storm Uri: MPSC issued financing order in October approving securitization of ~\$300M of costs for MO West;
- Persimmon Creek Wind Farm: Filed for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in August for MO West; MPSC staff recommendation to be filed by November 18th; requested commission order by December 31st

#### Kansas



- **KS Capital Plan Workshop:** Scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>, will be live-streamed
- Preparing to file 2023 Kansas rate cases: Will file in late April 2023; 8-month process with new rates effective late December 2023, consistent with merger commitment

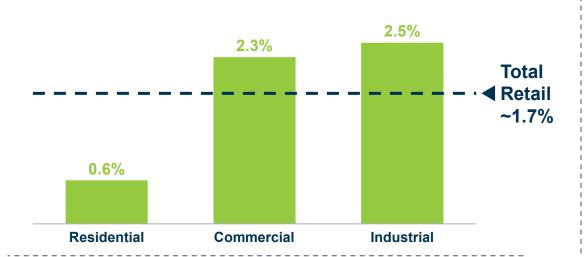
Continuing to advance constructive regulatory outcomes and enhanced regulatory frameworks to support infrastructure investment, economic development, and regional rate competitiveness





### Retail Sales Trends

## **3Q22 Weather-Normalized (W/N) Retail Sales Growth** Compared to prior year<sup>1,2</sup>

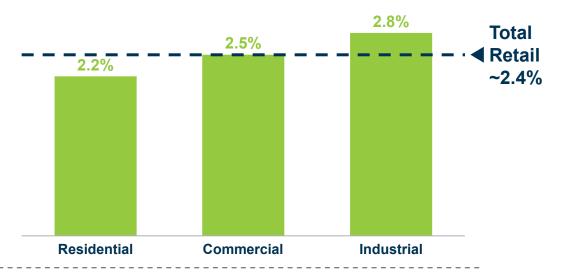


## Year-to-date 3Q 2022 W/N total retail sales growth is ~2% compared to prior year

Residential: 0.9%Commercial: 2.3%Industrial: 3.6%

### **3Q22 Retail Sales Growth**

Compared to prior year<sup>1</sup>



## Year-to-date 3Q 2022 total retail sales growth is ~3% compared to prior year

Residential: 3.0%Commercial: 2.8%Industrial: 3.9%

Kansas and Missouri retail sales trends remain healthy; total demand above pre-pandemic levels





## Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) And Integrated Resource Plan

- The passage of the IRA enhances the customer value proposition of potential future renewable rate base additions
  - Renewable tax credit extensions provide more certainty and long-term visibility; provisions reduce levelized cost of energy by 25+%
  - Wolf Creek nuclear plant expected to be eligible for the nuclear PTC; potential positive impact on customer bills
- Will file our annual IRP update in April 2023
  - Analysis will incorporate the impacts of the IRA, updated commodity projections and higher SPP capacity margin requirements on our resource and renewable generation plans



Inflation Reduction Act significantly reduces costs for renewables and will be incorporated into the 2023 Integrated Resource Plan update



## Financial Update

Kirk Andrews
EVP & CFO

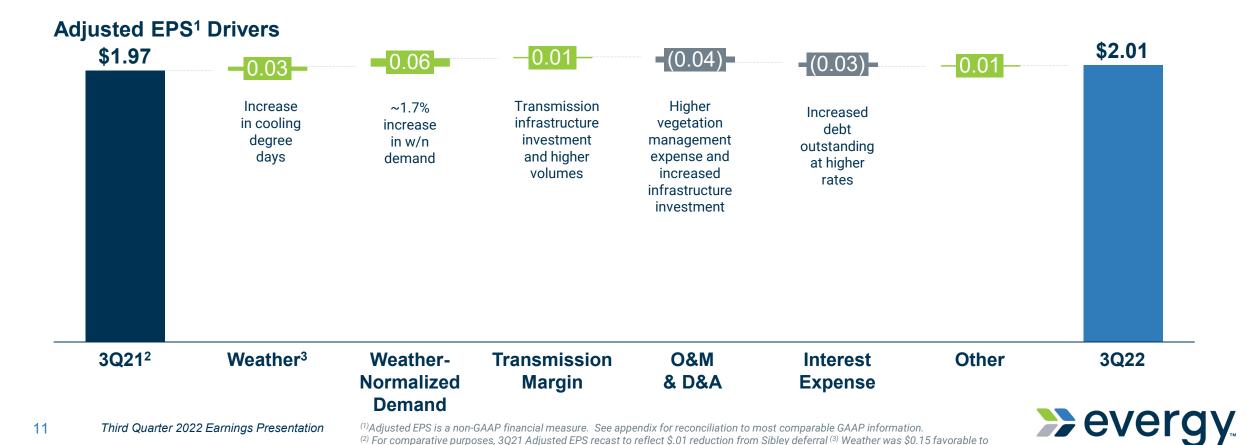




## Third Quarter Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Results

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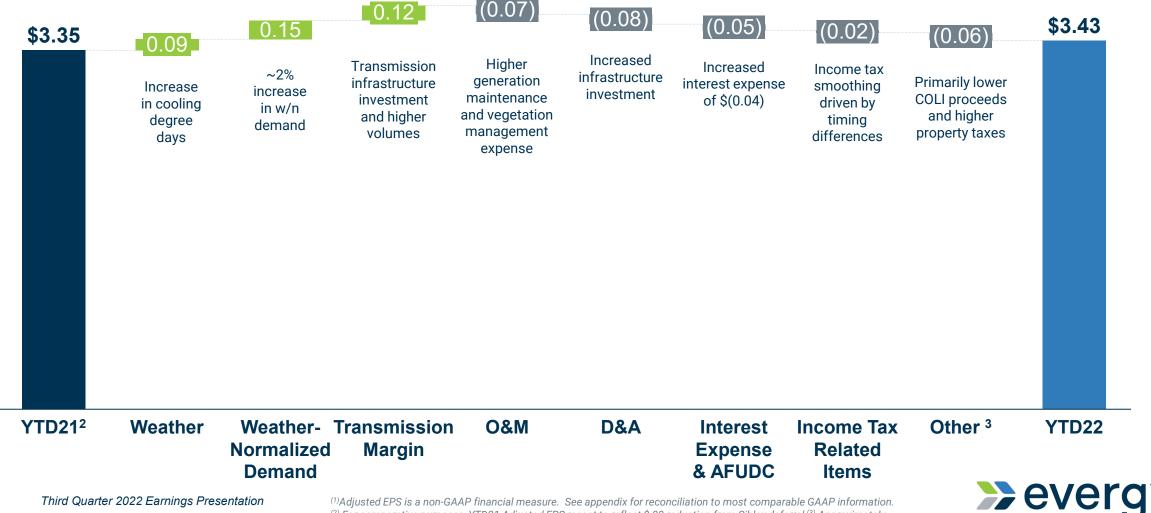
- 3Q22 GAAP operating revenues reduced by \$47.5M due to deferral of cumulative "return on" collected in rates since retirement of Sibley plant (2018); includes \$44.4M relating to prior periods and \$3.1M in 3Q22
- Deferred amounts associated with revenues collected prior to 3Q22 and YTD 2022 are excluded from Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup>; after-tax adjustment of \$0.15 on Q3 Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> and \$0.13 on YTD Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup>





### Year to Date Third Quarter Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Results

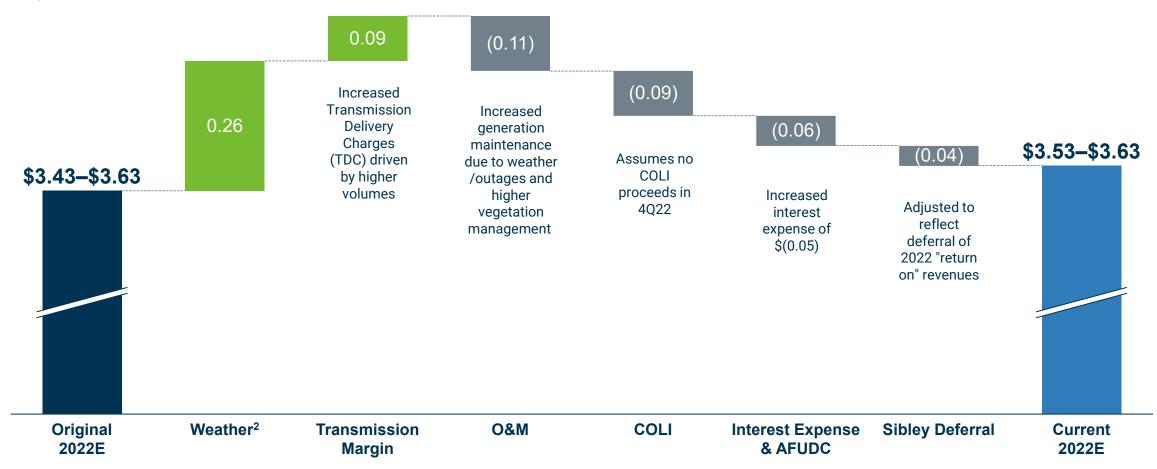
### Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Drivers





### Raising The Midpoint Of 2022 Adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> Guidance

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







### Outlook Update

- Raising 2022 adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> guidance midpoint to \$3.58 from \$3.53; range revised from \$3.43 - \$3.63 to \$3.53 - \$3.63
- Increasing dividend by 7% to \$0.6125 per share (\$2.45 annualized)
- Reaffirming 2021 to 2025E annualized EPS growth target of 6% to 8%<sup>2</sup>
  - Targeting dividend growth in line with long-term earnings growth (60-70% payout)
  - Providing 2023 EPS guidance in February
  - Kansas rate case will be filed in late April 2023; rates effective late December 2023
- Planning \$10.7B of infrastructure investment 2022E to 2026E
- Focusing on affordability, reliability and sustainability for the benefit of our customers and communities

### Raising 2022 adjusted EPS guidance and reaffirming long-term targets





## Q&A



## Appendix





## 2023 Interest Rate Sensitivity<sup>1</sup>

	HoldCo	Metro	MO West	KS Central	Total
2023E Debt Exposed to Interest Rates (\$ in millions)					
Term Loan <sup>2</sup>	\$ 200				\$ 200
A/R Facilities <sup>3</sup>		130	65	200	395
PCRBs <sup>4</sup>		147		122	268
Expected New Issuance <sup>5</sup>			350		350
Total 2023E Debt Exposed to Interest Rates	\$ 200	\$ 277	\$ 415	\$ 322	\$ 1,214
Change in 2023E Pre-tax Interest (+/-100 bps in Rates)	\$ 2	\$3	\$ 4	\$3	\$ 12

### 2023E interest rate sensitivity: ~\$12 million pre-tax interest per 100bps change in rates





### GAAP to Non-GAAP EPS Reconciliation

Adjusted EPS <sup>1</sup>							
	Original 2021E	Original 2022E	Updated 2022E				
GAAP EPS – Guidance	\$3.14 - \$3.34	\$3.37 – \$3.57	\$3.33 - \$3.43				
Executive transition expense, pre-tax	0.03	-	-				
Non-regulated energy marketing margin related to February 2021 winter weather event, pre-tax	-		0.01				
Sibley Station return on investment, pre-tax	-		0.17				
Mark-to-market impact on JEC economic hedges, pre-tax	-		(0.04)				
Advisor expense, pre-tax	0.05	0.01	0.01				
Estimated impairment loss on Sibley Unit 3, pre-tax	-		0.03				
Restricted equity investment losses, pre-tax	-	0.07	0.07				
Income tax benefit	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.05)				
Adjusted EPS – Guidance (non-GAAP)	\$3.20 - \$3.40	\$3.43 - \$3.63	\$3.53 - \$3.63				





### GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

		Earnings (Loss) per Earnings Diluted (Loss) Share				Earnings (Loss)		Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share	
Three Months Ended September 30		2022			20		021		
	(millions, except per shar				are amoun	re amounts)			
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$	428.2	\$	1.86	\$	449.4	\$	1.95	
Non-GAAP reconciling items:									
Non-regulated energy marketing margin related to February 2021 winter weather event, pre-tax <sup>(1)</sup>		2.1		0.01		_		_	
Sibley Station return on investment, pre-tax <sup>(2)</sup>		44.4		0.19		(3.1)		(0.01)	
Mark-to-market impact of JEC economic hedges, pre-tax <sup>(3)</sup>		(10.3)		(0.04)		_			
Non-regulated energy marketing costs related to February 2021 winter weather event, pre-tax <sup>(4)</sup>		0.3		_		1.9		0.01	
Executive transition costs, pre-tax <sup>(5)</sup>		0.7		_		3.3		0.02	
Advisor expenses, pre-tax <sup>(7)</sup>		0.6		_		1.2		_	
Estimated impairment loss on Sibley Unit 3, pre-tax <sup>(8)</sup>		6.0		0.03		_		_	
Income tax benefit <sup>(10)</sup>		(9.7)		(0.04)		(0.3)			
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$	462.3	\$	2.01	\$	452.4	\$	1.97	

- Reflects non-regulated energy marketing margins related to the February 2021 winter weather event and are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- Reflects revenues collected from customers for the return on investment of the return on investment of the return on investment of the cumulative amount of revenues collected since December 2018 for expected future refunds to customers and are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- 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 and are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- Reflects non-regulated energy marketing incentive compensation costs related to the February 2021 winter weather event and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
- 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.
- 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.
- Reflects advisor expenses incurred associated with strategic planning and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
  - Reflects the estimated impairment loss on Sibley Unit 3 and is included in estimated impairment loss on Sibley Unit 3 on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
  - Reflects losses related to equity investments which were subject to a restriction on sale and are included in investment earnings (loss) on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
  - Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a statutory rate of approximately 22%, with the exception of certain non-deductible items.





### GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

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Year to Date September 30		2022				20:	21		
		(n	nillion	s, except p	per share amounts)				
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$	745.2	\$	3.23	\$	826.3	\$	3.60	
Non-GAAP reconciling items:									
Non-regulated energy marketing margin related to February 2021 winter weather event, pre-tax <sup>(1)</sup>		2.1		0.01		(95.0)		(0.42)	
Sibley Station return on investment, pre-tax <sup>(2)</sup>		38.2		0.17		(9.3)		(0.04)	
Mark-to-market impact of JEC economic hedges, pre-tax(3)		(10.3)		(0.04)		_		_	
Non-regulated energy marketing costs related to February 2021 winter weather event, pre-tax <sup>(4)</sup>		0.9		_		5.9		0.03	
Executive transition costs, pre-tax <sup>(5)</sup>		0.7		_		10.6		0.05	
Severance costs, pre-tax <sup>(6)</sup>				_		2.8		0.01	
Advisor expenses, pre-tax <sup>(7)</sup>		3.1		0.01		8.4		0.04	
Estimated impairment loss on Sibley Unit 3, pre-tax <sup>(8)</sup>		6.0		0.03		_		_	
Restricted equity investment losses, pre-tax <sup>(9)</sup>		16.3		0.07		_		_	
Income tax expense (benefit) <sup>(10)</sup>		(12.5)		(0.05)		18.4		0.08	
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$	789.7	\$	3.43	\$	768.1	\$	3.35	

- Reflects non-regulated energy marketing margins related to the February 2021 winter weather event and are included in operating revenues on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.
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