



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	27-29
Evergy, Inc. was formed through the merger of Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy in June of 2018. Great Plains Energy holders received .5981 of a share of Evergy for each of their shares, and Westar Energy holders received one share of Evergy for each of their shares. The merger was completed on June 4, 2018. Shares of Evergy began trading on the New York Stock Exchange one day later.	--	--	--	--	16.75	22.71	21.66	24.36	25.49	23.98	25.20	26.10	Revenues per sh	29.80
	--	--	--	--	4.89	7.18	7.06	8.18	7.34	8.33	7.95	8.50	"Cash Flow" per sh	9.20
	--	--	--	--	2.50	2.79	2.72	3.83	3.26	3.17	3.60	4.00	Earnings per sh ^A	4.60
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	--	--	--	--	4.19	5.34	6.88	8.60	9.41	9.23	9.25	9.30	Cap'l Spending per sh	9.50
	--	--	--	--	39.28	37.82	38.50	40.32	41.86	42.06	44.10	45.65	Book Value per sh ^C	47.50
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	--	--	--	--	22.7	21.8	21.7	16.2	19.9	18.0	<i>Bold figures are Value Line estimates</i>		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	17.5
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/24														
Total Debt \$12470 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$4388 mill.	--	--	--	--	4275.9	5147.8	4913.4	5586.7	5859.1	5508.2	5800	6000	Revenues (\$mill)	6850
LT Debt \$11658 mill. LT Interest \$306 mill.	--	--	--	--	535.8	669.9	618.3	879.7	752.7	731.3	830	920	Net Profit (\$mill)	1060
Incl. \$40.9 mill. finance leases. (LT interest earned: 3.8x)	--	--	--	--	9.8%	12.6%	14.1%	11.7%	5.8%	2.1%	9.0%	9.0%	Income Tax Rate	9.0%
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$18.8 mill.	--	--	--	--	2.5%	2.5%	5.5%	5.0%	5.1%	5.4%	6.0%	6.0%	AFUDC % to Net Profit	5.0%
Pension Assets-12/22 \$1714.7 mill.	--	--	--	--	40.0%	50.6%	51.3%	50.1%	50.0%	51.5%	51.5%	52.0%	Long-Term Debt Ratio	53.5%
Pfd Stock None	--	--	--	--	60.0%	49.4%	48.7%	49.9%	48.0%	48.0%	48.5%	48.0%	Common Equity Ratio	46.5%
Common Stock 229,929,116 shs.	--	--	--	--	16716	17337	17924	18542	19668	20019	21250	22500	Total Capital (\$mill)	23400
MARKET CAP: \$12.3 billion (Large Cap)	--	--	--	--	18952	19346	20106	21150	22277	23729	24200	25300	Net Plant (\$mill)	26300
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	--	--	--	--	5.3%	7.8%	7.1%	9.5%	8.1%	7.6%	9.0%	9.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	10.0%
	--	--	--	--	5.3%	7.8%	7.1%	9.5%	8.1%	7.6%	9.0%	9.0%	Return on Com Equity ^E	10.0%
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ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS

	2020	2021	2022
% Change Retail Sales (KWH)	-3.9	+3.1	+6.7
Avg. Indust. Use (MWH)	NA	NA	NA
Avg. Indust. Revs. per KWH (c)	7.14	6.94	NA
Capacity at Peak (Mw)	NA	NA	NA
Peak Load, Summer (Mw)	NA	NA	NA
Annual Load Factor (%)	NA	NA	NA
% Change Customers (yr-end)	NA	NA	NA

Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 286 350 382

BUSINESS: Evergy, Inc. was formed through the merger of Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy in June of 2018. Through its subsidiaries (now doing business under the Evergy name), provides electric service to 1.6 million customers in Kansas and Missouri, including the greater Kansas City area. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 32%; commercial, 27%; industrial, 15%; wholesale, 13%; other, 13%. Generating sources: coal, 54%; nuclear, 17%; purchased, 29%. Fuel costs: 28% of revenues. '23 reported deprec. rate: 3%. Has 4,900 employees. Chairman: Mark A. Ruelle. President & CEO: David A. Campbell. COO: Kevin E. Bryant. Inc.: Missouri. Address: 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. Tel.: 816-556-2200. Internet: www.evergy.com.

Evergy's Missouri West subsidiary has a rate case pending. As a reminder, Missouri West filed for an increase of \$104 million (13.4%), excluding fuel. The utility is looking to recover grid modernization investments and new rates will go into effect in January 2025, if approved. In Kansas, the utility filed its 2024 integrated resource plan (IRP), which will add 360 MW over the next 10 years compared to the 2023 update. Note, Evergy's \$12.5 billion capital investment plan does not yet include the changes in its 2024 IRP.

Our 2024 bottom-line target is staying put at \$3.60 per share. The company should continue to benefit from investments in its transmission system, and rate relief through this year and beyond. What's more, elevated power demand due to artificial intelligence innovations and data centers will likely rise exponentially and prop up profits nicely. Evergy remains committed to its earnings-per-share growth target of 4%-6% annually through 2026 based on management's original 2023 outlook midpoint. And, it expects annual rate base growth of 6% through 2028. We look for earnings to improve in 2025 to

\$4.00 per share. The aforementioned Missouri West rate case should provide a full year of rate relief, along with other regulatory matters over that time period. And, borrowing costs should improve if interest rates start to decline, which is important as Evergy generally has low return rates on total capital and relies heavily on high debt levels.

Evergy's stock price has risen nicely of late. The stock is up almost 10% since our early March report, erasing year-to-date losses. Indeed, these shares are now up slightly so far this year, after struggling in the early months.

Income-oriented investors may want to take a look here. The dividend yield of this stock stands far above the utility average, and prospective annual dividend increases of 7% add to the appeal. Meanwhile, intermediate- and long-term capital appreciation potential is decent in comparison to most of its peers. Indeed, our 18-month Target Price Range indicates a 15% premium to the current quotation. And, we look for the stock to trade between \$70-\$95 by 2027-2029.

Zachary J. Hodgkinson June 7, 2024

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2021	1611.4	1236.7	1616.5	1122.1	5586.7
2022	1223.9	1446.5	1909.1	1279.6	5859.1
2023	1296.8	1354.2	1669.3	1187.9	5508.2
2024	1331.0	1400	1750	1319	5800
2025	1350	1450	1850	1350	6000

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2021	.84	.81	1.95	.23	3.83
2022	.53	.84	1.86	.03	3.26
2023	.62	.78	1.53	.24	3.17
2024	.53	.85	1.75	.47	3.60
2025	.70	.85	2.00	.45	4.00

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2020	.505	.505	.505	.535	2.05
2021	.535	.535	.535	.5725	2.18
2022	.5725	.5725	.5725	.6125	2.33
2023	.6125	.6125	.6125	.6425	2.48
2024	.6425	.6425			

(A) Diluted earnings. Next earnings report due early Aug. (B) Dividends paid in mid-March, June, September, and December. (C) Dividend reinvestment plan available. (D) In millions. (E) Rate base: Original cost depreciated. Rate allowed on common equity in Missouri in '18: none specified; in Kansas in '18: 9.3%; earned on average common equity, '22: 9.8%. Regulatory Climate: Average.

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Company's Financial Strength		B++
Stock's Price Stability		90
Price Growth Persistence		25
Earnings Predictability		85

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