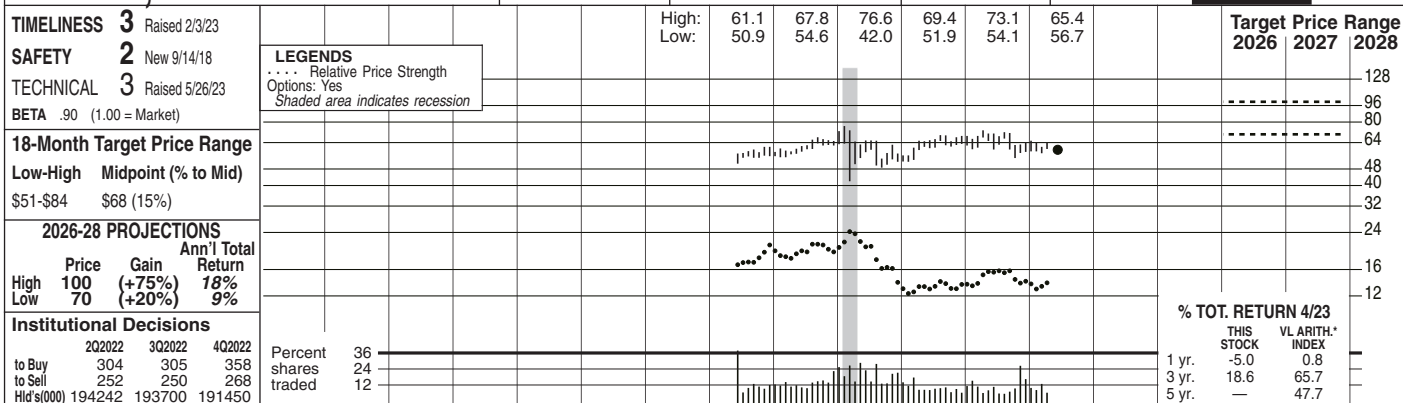


EVERGY, INC. NYSE-EVRG

RECENT PRICE **57.46** P/E RATIO **15.7** (Trailing: 17.2 Median: NMF) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.96** DIV'D YLD **4.4%** VALUE LINE



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	26-28
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	25.20	26.10	Revenues per sh	27.40
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	--	--	--	--	--	2.50	2.79	2.72	3.83	3.26	3.65	3.85	Earnings per sh ^A	4.85
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	--	--	--	--	--	255.33	226.64	226.84	229.30	229.90	230.00	230.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	230.00
	--	--	--	--	--	22.7	21.8	21.7	16.2	19.9	<i>Bold figures are Value Line estimates</i>		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	17.5
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/23														
Total Debt \$10236.6 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$4388.2 mill.	--	--	--	--	--	4275.9	5147.8	4913.4	5586.7	5859.1	5800	6000	Revenues (\$mill)	6300
LT Debt \$10097.2 mill. LT Interest \$305.5 mill. Incl. \$40.9 mill. finance leases. (LT interest earned: 3.8x)	--	--	--	--	--	535.8	669.9	618.3	879.7	752.7	840	885	Net Profit (\$mill)	1115
	--	--	--	--	--	9.8%	12.6%	14.1%	11.7%	5.8%	9.0%	9.0%	Income Tax Rate	9.0%
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Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$18.8 mill.	--	--	--	--	--	60.0%	49.4%	48.7%	49.9%	48.0%	48.5%	48.5%	Common Equity Ratio	46.5%
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Pension Assets-12/22 \$1714.7 mill. Oblig \$2561.7 mill.	--	--	--	--	--	18952	19346	20106	21150	22137	23150	24200	Net Plant (\$mill)	26300
Pfd Stock None	--	--	--	--	--	4.0%	4.8%	4.5%	5.7%	6.9%	5.5%	5.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	6.0%
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Common Stock 229,680,947 shs. MARKET CAP: \$13.2 billion (Large Cap)	--	--	--	--	--	5.3%	7.8%	7.1%	9.5%	8.1%	9.0%	9.0%	Return on Com Equity ^E	10.0%
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ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS

	2020	2020	2021
% 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

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. '22 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.

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2020	1116	1184	1517	1094	4913.4
2021	1611	1236	1616	1122	5586.7
2022	1223	1446	1909	1281	5859.1
2023	1297	1450	1700	1353	5800
2024	1250	1500	1950	1300	6000

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2020	.31	.59	1.60	.22	2.72
2021	.84	.81	1.95	.23	3.83
2022	.53	.84	1.86	.03	3.26
2023	.62	.85	2.00	.18	3.65
2024	.60	.85	2.10	.30	3.85

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2019	.475	.475	.475	.505	1.93
2020	.505	.505	.505	.535	2.05
2021	.535	.535	.535	.5725	2.18
2022	.5725	.5725	.5725	.6125	2.33
2023	.6125				

Evergy's utilities in Kansas have filed general rate cases. The company's Kansas Central utility requested an increase of \$204 million, based on a return on equity of 10.25% and a common-equity ratio of 52%. Its Kansas Metro utility filed for a hike of \$14 million, based on a 10.25% return on equity and a 52% common-equity ratio. These are the first rate cases Evergy has filed with the Kansas Corporation Commission in five years. New tariffs are expected to take effect in December, and will be too late to have a significant impact on the bottom-line this year.

Our 2023 earnings projection is staying put at \$3.65 per share, which is the midpoint of Evergy's updated guidance range of \$3.55-\$3.75. We think rate relief in Kansas and investments in the company's transmission system will both remain key factors to profit growth over the next few years. Higher transmission margins due to ongoing investments, increased the bottom-line by \$0.02 a share in the March period. As a result of the aforementioned factors, we expect earnings to improve in 2024 to \$3.85 per share, within Evergy's annual goal of 6%-8%.

Evergy shares have continued to underperform of late. The stock is down more than 5% in value since our March report, and is now down nearly 20% over the past 12 months. Capital appreciation potential to 2026-2028 has improved due to the recent price decline, and return prospects over that interim are solid for a utility. The main attraction here remains the dividend. The yield of 4.4% sits well above the industry average. Evergy also holds a strong potential dividend growth rate of 7.0%.

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