
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 5, 2020 (November 5, 2020)

Evergy, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Missouri
**(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)**

001-38515
**(Commission
File Number)**

82-2733395
**(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)**

1200 Main Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Zip Code)

(816) 556-2200
Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Evergy Kansas Central, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Kansas
**(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)**

001-03523
**(Commission
File Number)**

48-0290150
**(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)**

818 South Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Zip Code)

(785) 575-6300
Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Evergy Metro, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Missouri
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-51873
(Commission
File Number)

44-0308720
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1200 Main Street
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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Evergy, Inc. common stock	EVRG	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

This combined Current Report on Form 8-K is provided by the following registrants: Evergy, Inc. (“Evergy”), Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. (“Evergy Kansas Central”) and Evergy Metro, Inc. (“Evergy Metro,” and collectively with Evergy and Evergy Kansas Central, the “Evergy Companies”). Information relating to any individual registrant is filed by such registrant solely on its own behalf. Each registrant makes no representation as to information relating exclusively to the other registrants.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 5, 2020, Evergy issued a press release announcing its results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2020. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. Information in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 that relates to Evergy Kansas Central and Evergy Metro is also being furnished on behalf of Evergy Kansas Central and Evergy Metro.

The information under this Item 2.02 and in Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information under this Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless otherwise expressly indicated in such registration statement or other document.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Evergy is also furnishing an update to its 2020 fiscal year earnings guidance in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The information under this Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information under this Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless otherwise expressly indicated in such registration statement or other document.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued by Evergy, Inc., on November 5, 2020.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Evergy, Inc.

/s/ Lori A. Wright

Lori A. Wright
Vice President – Corporate Planning, Investor Relations and
Treasurer

Evergy Kansas Central, Inc.

/s/ Lori A. Wright

Lori A. Wright
Vice President – Corporate Planning, Investor Relations and
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Evergy Metro, Inc.

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Lori A. Wright
Vice President – Corporate Planning, Investor Relations and
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Date: November 5, 2020



Evergy Announces 2020 Third Quarter Results

- *GAAP EPS of \$1.60; Adjusted EPS (Non-GAAP) of \$1.73*
- *Increase quarterly dividend 6%, to \$0.535 per share, annualized to \$2.14*
- *Narrows 2020 GAAP EPS Guidance to \$2.58 to \$2.73; Adjusted EPS Guidance to \$2.95 to \$3.10*

KANSAS CITY, MO., November 5, 2020 – Evergy, Inc. (NYSE: EVRG) today announced third quarter 2020 earnings of \$365 million, or \$1.60 per share, compared with earnings of \$367 million, or \$1.56 per share, for the third quarter of 2019.

Evergy's adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) were \$393 million and \$1.73, respectively, in the third quarter of 2020 compared with \$370 million and \$1.57, respectively, in the third quarter of 2019. Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) are reconciled to GAAP earnings in the financial table included in this release.

Third quarter earnings per share were driven higher by lower operations and maintenance expense due to continued cost management, an increase in weather-normalized demand due to higher residential demand and fewer shares outstanding. These benefits were partially offset by lower gross margin from unfavorable weather.

"Our team's focus on execution is reflected in great results this quarter," said Terry Bassham, Evergy president and chief executive officer. "We remain focused on responsible cost reductions and ramping up infrastructure investment consistent with our Sustainability Transformation Plan to drive long-term value for both customers and shareholders."

2020 Outlook

Evergy is narrowing 2020 GAAP EPS guidance to \$2.58 to \$2.73 and adjusted EPS guidance to \$2.95 to \$3.10, reflecting the upper half of the prior ranges.

Dividend Declaration

The Board of Directors declared a dividend on the company's common stock of \$0.535 per share payable on December 21, 2020. The dividends are payable to shareholders of record as of November 20, 2020.

Earnings Conference Call

Evergy management will host a conference call Thursday, November 5, with the investment community at 9:00 a.m. ET (8:00 a.m. CT). Investors, media and the public may listen to the conference call by dialing (888) 353-7071, conference ID 9476224. A webcast of the live conference call will be available at investors.evergy.com.

Members of the media are invited to listen to the conference call and then contact Gina Penzig with any follow-up questions.

This earnings announcement, a package of detailed third-quarter financial information, the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2020 and other filings the Company has made with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) are available on the Company's website at investors.evergy.com.

Adjusted Earnings (non-GAAP) and Adjusted Earnings Per Share (non-GAAP)

Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) exclude costs resulting from rebranding, voluntary severance, advisor expenses and the revaluation of deferred tax assets and liabilities from the Kansas state income tax rate change. This information is intended to enhance an investor's overall understanding of results. Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) are used internally to measure performance against budget and in reports for management and the Evergy Board of Directors. Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) are financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP and may not be comparable to other companies' presentations or more useful than the GAAP information provided elsewhere in this report.

The following tables provide a reconciliation between net income attributable to Evergy, Inc. and diluted earnings per common share as determined in accordance with GAAP and adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP).

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

Three Months Ended September 30	Earnings (Loss)	Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share	Earnings (Loss)	Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share
	2020		2019	
	(millions, except per share amounts)			
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$ 364.5	\$ 1.60	\$ 366.8	\$ 1.56
Non-GAAP reconciling items:				
Rebranding costs, pre-tax ^(a)	—	—	3.6	0.01
Voluntary severance costs, pre-tax ^(b)	28.7	0.13	0.4	—
Advisor expenses, pre-tax ^(c)	9.7	0.04	—	—
Income tax benefit ^(d)	(9.6)	(0.04)	(1.0)	—
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$ 393.3	\$ 1.73	\$ 369.8	\$ 1.57

Year to Date September 30	Earnings (Loss)	Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share	Earnings (Loss)	Earnings (Loss) per Diluted Share
	2020		2019	
	(millions, except per share amounts)			
Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$ 567.3	\$ 2.49	\$ 606.0	\$ 2.49
Non-GAAP reconciling items:				
Rebranding costs, pre-tax ^(a)	—	—	4.7	0.02
Voluntary severance costs, pre-tax ^(b)	55.3	0.24	15.1	0.06
Advisor expenses, pre-tax ^(c)	26.1	0.12	—	—
Income tax benefit ^(d)	(20.8)	(0.09)	(4.6)	(0.02)
Kansas corporate income tax change ^(e)	13.8	0.06	—	—
Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$ 641.7	\$ 2.82	\$ 621.2	\$ 2.55

^(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.

^(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.

^(c) Reflects advisor expenses incurred associated with strategic planning and are included in operating and maintenance expense on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

^(d) Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a statutory rate of approximately 26%, with the exception of certain non-deductible items.

^(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.

GAAP to Non-GAAP Earnings Guidance

	Earnings per Diluted Share Guidance
2020 Net income attributable to Evergy, Inc.	\$2.58 - \$2.73
Non-GAAP reconciling items:	
Voluntary severance costs ^(a)	0.28
Advisor expenses ^(b)	0.13
Income tax benefit ^(c)	(0.10)
Kansas corporate income tax change ^(d)	0.06
2020 Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP)	\$2.95 - \$3.10

^(a) Reflects severance costs associated with certain voluntary severance programs at the Evergy Companies.

^(b) Reflects our advisor expense incurred associated with strategic planning.

^(c) Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a statutory rate of approximately 26% with the exception of certain non-deductible items.

^(d) 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.

About Evergy

Evergy, Inc. (NYSE: EVRG), through its operating subsidiaries Evergy Metro and Evergy Kansas Central, provides clean, safe and reliable energy to 1.6 million customers in Kansas and Missouri. The 2018 combination of KCP&L and Westar Energy to form Evergy created a leading energy company that provides value to shareholders and a stronger company for customers.

Evergy's mission is to empower a better future. Today, about half the power supplied to homes and businesses by Evergy comes from emission-free sources, creating more reliable energy with less impact to the environment. We will continue to innovate and adopt new technologies that give our customers better ways to manage their energy use.

For more information about Evergy, visit us at www.evergy.com.

Forward Looking Statements

Statements made in this press release that are not based on historical facts are forward-looking, may involve risks and uncertainties, and are intended to be as of the date when made. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to our strategic plan, including, without limitation, those related to earnings per share, dividend, operating and maintenance expense and capital investment goals; the outcome of legislative efforts and regulatory and legal proceedings; future energy demand; future power prices; plans with respect to existing and potential future generation resources; the availability and cost of generation resources and energy storage; target emissions reductions; and other matters relating to expected financial performance or affecting future operations. Forward-looking statements are often accompanied by forward-looking words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects,"

“estimates,” “forecasts,” “should,” “could,” “may,” “seeks,” “intends,” “proposed,” “projects,” “planned,” “target,” “outlook,” “remain confident,” “goal,” “will” or other words of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking information.

In connection with the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Evergy, Inc., Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Metro, Inc. (collectively, the Evergy Companies) are providing a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ from the forward-looking information. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to: economic and weather conditions and any impact on sales, prices and costs; changes in business strategy or operations; the impact of federal, state and local political, legislative, judicial and regulatory actions or developments, including deregulation, re-regulation, securitization and restructuring of the electric utility industry; decisions of regulators regarding, among other things, customer rates and the prudence of operational decisions such as capital expenditures and asset retirements; changes in applicable laws, regulations, rules, principles or practices, or the interpretations thereof, governing tax, accounting and environmental matters, including air and water quality and waste management and disposal; the impact of climate change, including increased frequency and severity of significant weather events; the extent to which counterparties are willing to do business with, finance the operations of or purchase energy from the Evergy Companies due to the fact that the Evergy Companies operate coal-fired generation; prices and availability of electricity in wholesale markets; market perception of the energy industry and the Evergy Companies; the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on, among other things, sales, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity and cash flows, and also on operational issues, such as the availability and ability of our employees and suppliers to perform the functions that are necessary to operate the Evergy Companies; changes in the energy trading markets in which the Evergy Companies participate, including retroactive repricing of transactions by regional transmission organizations and independent system operators; financial market conditions and performance, including changes in interest rates and credit spreads and in availability and cost of capital and the effects on derivatives and hedges, nuclear decommissioning trust and pension plan assets and costs; impairments of long-lived assets or goodwill; credit ratings; inflation rates; the transition to a replacement for the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) benchmark interest rate; effectiveness of risk management policies and procedures and the ability of counterparties to satisfy their contractual commitments; impact of terrorist acts, including cyber terrorism; ability to carry out marketing and sales plans; cost, availability, quality and timely provision of equipment, supplies, labor and fuel; ability to achieve generation goals and the occurrence and duration of planned and unplanned generation outages; delays and cost increases of generation, transmission, distribution or other projects; the Evergy Companies’ ability to manage their transmission and distribution development plans and transmission joint ventures; the inherent risks associated with the ownership and operation of a nuclear facility, including environmental, health, safety, regulatory and financial risks; workforce risks, including those related to increased costs of, or changes in, retirement, health care and other benefits; disruption, costs and uncertainties caused by or related to the actions of individuals or entities, such as activist shareholders or special interest groups, that seek to influence our strategic plan, financial results or operations; the possibility that strategic initiatives, including mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, and long-term financial plans may not create the value that they are expected to achieve in a timely manner or at all; difficulties in maintaining relationships with customers, employees, regulators or suppliers; and other risks and uncertainties.

This list of factors is not all-inclusive because it is not possible to predict all factors. Additional risks and uncertainties are discussed from time to time in current, quarterly and annual reports filed by the Evergy Companies with the SEC. Reports filed by the Evergy Companies with the SEC should also be read for more information regarding risk factors. 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.

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