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**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Investigation into the)
Sustainability Transformation Plan of Evergy Metro,)
Inc., Evergy Kansas Central, Inc., and Evergy) Docket No. 21-EKME-088-GIE
South, Inc. (collectively, Evergy).)

**SIERRA CLUB’S COMMENTS ON EVERGY’S SUSTAINABILITY
TRANSFORMATION PLAN**

REDACTED VERSION

Sierra Club respectfully submits these comments on Evergy’s Sustainability Transformation Plan (“STP”). Sierra Club offers two categories of points for improving Evergy’s resource planning and its responsiveness to the communities that it serves.

First, the analysis performed by the Boston Consulting Group (“BCG”) for Evergy

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Second, Sierra Club urges the Commission and Evergy to increase public participation and transparency around utility resource planning processes and other programs that have significant impact on customers' lives. In addition, as it revises the STP and comes forward with a new IRP, Evergy should focus on avoiding any new gas infrastructure, retiring its coal plants, and raising funds via securitization to direct resources for sustainable initiatives, like low-income weatherization, to the communities it serves. Evergy should not miss the opportunity that policy tools like securitization and storage tax credits provide to invest in a resilient, carbon-free grid while providing a just transition for power plant workers and eliminating energy burden. The sustainable transformation that Kansas needs must be people-centered. By making commitments in its 2021 STP to close coal-burning plants, eliminate climate pollution within science-based timelines, invest the savings in clean energy, and eliminate burdens on low-income customers, Evergy can bring better health and prosperity to the Company and its customers.

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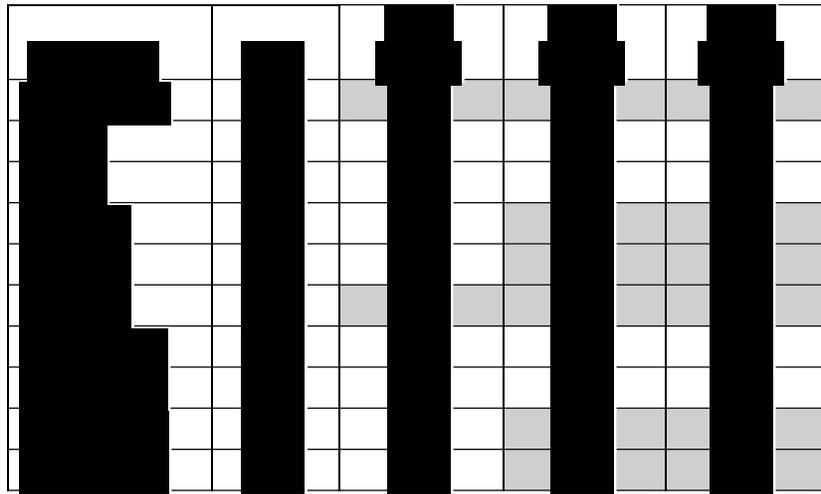
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IV. OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AROUND THE STP HAVE BEEN DEFICIENT, AND THE COMMISSION SHOULD FOCUS MORE ATTENTION AND RESOURCES ON INCREASING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.

19. The STP docket should have been an opportunity for an open and transparent vetting of Evergy’s near-term plans. But Evergy’s presentation of information to customers and other stakeholders has not lived up to this standard. Four video presentations with few specifics and no public access to modeling data or assumptions have not met the basic standards for public engagement. Instead, Evergy should have provided customers and stakeholders access to as much planning information as possible. Blanket confidentiality designations placed on all resource planning documents should be removed with only legitimate trade secrets and personal information redacted.

20. Moreover, despite Commission calls for public input in two of the YouTube meetings, no path for public comment was provided by the Commission or Evergy. Formal legal intervention should not be the only avenue for the public to engage in utility planning. The capacity of community groups is a primary barrier to participation in the utility regulatory

process. To improve engagement, Sierra Club invested time and effort in engaging community groups on utility issues through a People’s Hearing so that those groups and regular customers could have a seat at the table advocating for their communities. In addition, in an attempt to provide more opportunity for comment, Sierra Club has attached letters and comments³² written by stakeholders who did not find a way to participate in the STP process through other means. Going forward, the Commission should focus more resources on meaningful public engagement, including by leveraging utility resources to engage the public. The Commission should consider paying community representatives to facilitate low-income customer groups in order to make utility policy better for vulnerable Kansans.

21. Many states’ commissions require utility resource plans to engage more voices in the process because broader engagement results in more equitable resource planning decisions, as well as a more reliable, cost-effective grid.³³ Withholding basic utility planning information from the public, as Evergy has done in this STP process, may have serious policy implications with respect to consumer education, trust, mutual respect among parties, cooperation, vetting of fair market services, regulatory balance, and regional assessment of energy-savings opportunities. For these reasons, we ask the Commission to consider and adopt revised practices to facilitate stakeholder participation in utility resource planning process and other programs, such as energy efficiency processes.

22. For all future resource planning processes, the Commission should engage or approve an independent facilitator to oversee a resource planning process. Such a facilitator

³² Exhibit A, Comments and Letters from Customers and Stakeholders (Clean Air Now Letter, Communications Workers of America Letter, Build Power MoKan Evergy STP & IRP Sign-On Letters and Comments).

³³ *See, e.g.*, 170 Indiana Administrative Code 4-7-4 (requiring a stakeholder process for integrated resource planning that communicates core concepts to a non-technical audience).

would perform functions such as managing public stakeholder meetings, comments, education efforts, workshops, and customer interface with focus groups and surveys to understand the preferences of individuals to be considered alongside the utility's documents. The facilitator can proactively engage the public to participate in all planning processes and establish a community comment process that responds to the verbal and written comments of non-intervening stakeholder groups and customers. And Evergy should redact only those portions of planning documents and meeting transcripts for which a justification is provided.

V. EVERGY SHOULD DIRECT MORE RESOURCES, INCLUDING FUNDS RAISED VIA SECURITIZATION, TOWARD IMPROVING THE LIVES OF ITS MOST VULNERABLE CUSTOMERS.

23. Many customers in Evergy's service territory are suffering. Throughout the pandemic, households have reported cutting heating and cooling, rent and mortgage payments, food, medicine, childcare, and eldercare. Communities of color are being hit the hardest, dying and losing jobs at the highest rates, facing increased public health impacts and higher rates of involuntary utility disconnections for non-payment. Evergy's decisions and actions disproportionately impact these customers, and Evergy's policies play a direct role in exacerbating the harms they face. Evergy has neglected to directly engage with these impacted customers to assist with utility planning, even as outcomes continue to fall short of addressing their needs. Customers who are at the greatest risk from higher electric rates (loss of utility connection) and at the greatest risk to suffer from the negative health impacts of non-sustainable energy generation are often left out of utility plans. Thus, those at most risk have the least say in how those risks could be reduced or managed. Implementing policies toward racial and economic justice requires a planning process that engages community of color stakeholders most affected by utility decisions. As part of its STP and resource plans, Evergy should use savings

from securitization to lower bills for low-income customers, increase outreach, and assist customers to connect them with resources for energy efficiency, financing, bill payment, and erasure of existing utility debts that vulnerable people cannot pay.

24. Evergy can co-create long-term plans with community advocates that reduce low-income household bills through efficiency, financing, and grants to protect families. Evergy should facilitate funding through federal assistance programs, multi-year Affordable Deferred Payment Arrangements, and equitable access to clean energy programs, as well as expanding energy efficiency programs to serve low-income households and renters without putting the burden on struggling families to navigate a complex system of assistance programs.

25. The pandemic revealed racial and income inequities that lead to energy insecurity, particularly for our most vulnerable populations. Our frontline communities are burdened with the impacts of fossil fuel industries on health and electricity cost. Twenty three percent of Black Evergy customers are below the poverty line in Kansas,³⁴ and even more are burdened by energy insecurity amid a respiratory pandemic while breathing the pollution caused by fossil fuels.³⁵ A 2020 study by Harvard University concluded that COVID death rates increase by 15% from exposure to even slightly elevated levels of fine particle pollution,³⁶ of which coal plants are a major source. This is on top of the nearly 20 premature deaths and more than 100 asthma attacks

³⁴ Poverty Rate Kansas 2020, accessed on April 15, 2021, *available at* <https://talkpoverty.org/state-year-report/kansas-2020-report/>.

³⁵ How High are Household Energy Burdens: An Assessment of National and Metropolitan Energy Burden across the United States, Ariel Dreihobl, Lauren Ross, and Roxana Ayala, Sept. 2020, *available at* <https://www.aceee.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/u2006.pdf>.

³⁶ Wu, X., Nethery, R. C., Sabath, M. B., Braun, D. and Dominici, F., 2020. Air pollution and COVID-19 mortality in the United States: Strengths and limitations of an ecological regression analysis. *Science advances*, 6(45), *available at* <https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/covid-pm/home>.

every year for which air pollution from Evergy's Kansas coal plants is responsible.³⁷ Black and low-income people face the highest risk for death from power plants' fine particle pollution.³⁸ Not only do low income-folks pay more for energy than wealthy households as a proportion of their income,³⁹ but Black households pay significantly more than white households.⁴⁰

26. Over the course of the COVID-19 health and economic crisis, Evergy has involuntarily disconnected thousands of Kansans due to their inability to pay utility costs.⁴¹ A five-year plan centering sustainability or customers should focus on meeting basic needs for low-income families. Evergy should invest in funding sustainable low-income payment solutions (through securitization savings and in partnership with federal, state, and community safety net resources) for those customers whose needs are not met by LIHEAP and CARES, while also committing to an involuntary utility disconnection moratorium and debt cancelation for individuals participating in assistance programs. Evergy should invest in further humane and cost-effective programs by facilitating funding to upgrade the low-income housing stock in the

³⁷ Kansas Coal Power Plants: MSB Energy Associates on behalf of Clean Air Task Force Powerplant Impact Estimator (PIE) tool developed by Abt Associates, accessed on April 15, 2021, *available at* [https://www.tollfromcoal.org/#/map/\(title:none/KS//detail:none/KS//map:none/KS](https://www.tollfromcoal.org/#/map/(title:none/KS//detail:none/KS//map:none/KS).

³⁸ Study: Black, low-income Americans face highest risk from power plant pollution, Kathiann M. Kowalski December 11, 2019, <https://energynews.us/2019/12/11/study-black-low-income-americans-face-highest-risk-from-power-plant-pollution/>.

³⁹ The Race Gap in Residential Energy Expenditures, Eva Lyubich, *available at* <https://haas.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/WP306.pdf>.

⁴⁰In America, Black families pay more for energy than white families, Bridget Reed Morawski 24 Jun, 2020, <https://www.spglobal.com/marketintelligence/en/news-insights/latest-news-headlines/in-america-black-families-pay-more-for-energy-than-white-families-says-study-59180525>.

⁴¹ Kansas Appleseed's Comments in Response to Staff Report and Recommendation Dated January 7, 2021, Docket No. 20-GIMX-393-MIS, *available at* <https://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/ViewFile.aspx/S202101191209217808.pdf?Id=908e7360-0a04-462e-b4d0-79041283359b>.

Kansas City region, which is often non-weatherized.⁴² Evergy can fully fund such low-income bill-pay and energy efficiency programs by closing coal plants (also eliminating inequitable health risks from respiratory illnesses like asthma and COVID-19).

27. Evergy must see increasing household energy efficiency as an energy resource, as well as a basic responsibility. Evergy should ensure that environmental justice and equity considerations are centered in such programs.

VI. IN REVISING ITS STP, EVERGY SHOULD PRIORITIZE CUSTOMER-REQUESTED SAVINGS AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND PLACE LESS EMPHASIS ON COSTLY GRID INVESTMENTS THAT MAY NOT BENEFIT CUSTOMERS.

28. Evergy's current version of the STP is based on an apparent directive to increase short-term profit by investing heavily in grid equipment replacement. Much of this grid investment may need to be upgraded or replaced again in a few years due to decreasing prices for new clean energy technologies. Evergy should not pursue that course. Instead, Evergy has an opportunity to re-prioritize its transition planning and capture the long-term stability, economic, health and environmental savings from closing uneconomic coal plants through securitization and replacing plants, as needed, with renewable resources and low-cost efficiency and distributed resources. If Evergy uses the STP to take these steps, it can become a healthier and more successful company for Kansas and Missouri. Sierra Club recommends these key attributes for a revised STP:

- a. **A more realistic clean energy goal:** Evergy should commit to the target it said was realistic at the beginning of the STP process: 85% clean electricity by 2030⁴³ (with specific coal plant retirement commitments) and move to 100% net zero by 2035. The

⁴² Reames, T. 2016. "A Community-Based Approach to Low-Income Residential Energy Efficiency Participation Barriers." *The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability* Vol 21. www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13549839.2015.1136995.

⁴³ Evergy Announces 'Sustainability Transformation Plan,' Aug. 5, 2020, available at: <https://www.evergy.com/about-evergy/newsroom/2020/august/evergy-announces-sustainability-transformation-plan>.

current 80% by 2050 target is irresponsible and out of line with other utility goals, as well as all credible global scientific, and political targets.⁴⁴

- b. **Securitization and coal retirements:** Evergy should unlock sustainable savings for Kansas customers by retiring and securitizing the lowest hanging fruit: expensive and outdated extra coal capacity. According to the Rocky Mountain Institute, securitization savings from the retirement of La Cygne Unit 1 alone could save over \$300 million and produce first-year ratepayer savings of \$88 million.⁴⁵ In addition, Evergy could replace the first of three coal-burning units from Jeffrey Energy Center to save over \$200 million. Even after replacing that unit with solar and storage and providing \$25 million in low-cost energy efficiency financing and transition assistance to plant workers, customers could save \$24 million from closing down that one unit.⁴⁶ The Commission should not contemplate asking energy burdened, low-income Kansas customers to pay higher rates when securitization presents a pathway to a clean, low-cost energy future. Evergy must commit to a schedule for near-term retirement of all its coal plants, and securitize outstanding capital to raise funds for other customer programs.
- c. **No new gas:** Evergy must commit to not building new gas infrastructure, which will need to be retired as a stranded asset in the near future as clean energy continues to become cheaper and carbon pollution becomes more expensive. As we saw in February, gas should be avoided even under current conditions as unreliable and vulnerable to price increases. Instead, Evergy should establish a technology-neutral competitive solicitation process so that diverse market participants can bring new, non-carbon technologies into the power system at lower cost.
- d. **Focus resources on most vulnerable communities:** Evergy should fund, along with federal assistance (WAP/LIHEAP/etc.) community-based organizations to implement low-income household efficiency investments and job training to improve health, provide jobs, and lower bills. Evergy should work transparently with community groups when considering bill impacts to low-income households. Evergy should work to ensure that electricity bills do not exceed 3% of household income for households making less than 100% of federal poverty level median income. Evergy should incentivize industries and companies with clean energy goals that expand opportunities in communities affected by coal plant retirements. Evergy should provide all customers with access to solar and clean energy by facilitating community choice of their local energy generation mix.

⁴⁴ Report: The Dirty Truth About Utility Climate Pledges, *available at* <https://coal.sierraclub.org/the-problem/dirty-truth-greenwashing-utilities>.

⁴⁵ Exhibit B, Rocky Mountain Institute Evergy Securitization Savings Analysis (2021).

⁴⁶ Exhibit C, Securitization and Utility Asset Early Retirement for Evergy Presentation (August 2020), Uday Varadarajan, Principal Analytical Team: Becky Li, Rachit Kansal, Sam Mardell, Jon Rea, Pintian Chen, Ben Serrurier, David Posner, Catalyst Cooperative.

VII. CONCLUSION

29. Sierra Club hereby submits these comments on Evergy's Sustainability Transformation Plan and respectfully ask that the Commission, Evergy, and stakeholders take the points raised here into consideration when addressing Evergy's resource planning.

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VERIFICATION

I, Teresa Woody, of lawful age and being duly sworn, state and affirm the following: that I am counsel for Sierra Club; I have read and reviewed the above and foregoing SIERRA CLUB’S COMMENTS ON EVERGY’S SUSTAINABILITY TRANSFORMATION PLAN; and the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Dated: April 16, 2021.

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**The notarization requirement is waived temporarily pursuant to Kansas Corporation Commission Order Temporarily Waiving Notary Requirement filed in KCC Docket No. 20-GIMX-393-MIS on April 21, 2020.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of April, 2021, a true and correct copy of the attached SIERRA CLUB'S COMMENTS ON EVERGY'S SUSTAINABILITY TRANSFORMATION PLAN was electronically delivered to the following individuals:

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The Lawrence coal plant has long polluted our air and water. The toxic pollutants emitted from the facility devastate the climate, environment, and the health of our communities. Now, it is me to shut down the Lawrence coal plant.

Renewable sources of energy, such as wind and solar, are now cheaper than continuing to generate electricity from burning coal. Further, Kansas has some of the greatest potential for renewable energy generation in the country. Wind is now the largest generator of electricity in the state with solar offering a promising energy source during peak daytime hours.

Investing in renewable energy sources is an investment in our communities as well. Throughout the Midwest, Black and brown communities face the highest risk for death from power plants' fine particulate pollution. Further, living closely to coal-fired power plants has been linked to increases in cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, and premature death.

CleanAirNow, and the below-signed organizations, support a complete transition to renewable energy generation and a Fossil Fuel Free Future. To meet basic climate goals the country must stop burning coal completely by 2030. We demand Evergy begin a just transition process before then, to close the Lawrence Coal Plant in order to protect our communities and set an example for the state of Kansas. We are asking Evergy to commit to the following three things during this transition process.

1) Begin a just transition to renewable energy by rapidly expanding Evergy's investment in renewable energy sources, and responsibly shutting down the Lawrence Energy Center. This includes environmentally responsible cleanup of the coal ash pits, remaining leachate, and any other hazardous waste on site.

2) Provide IBEW Local 304 funding for all employees of the Lawrence Energy Center, including options for occupational training to work in the renewable energy sector.

3) Invest in low-income communities that have been most impacted by Lawrence Energy Center pollution over the past, including local renewable energy and efficiency businesses to bring value from the clean energy transition to the region near Lawrence Energy Center. It is imperative that we transition away from burning coal and begin investing in renewable energy generation. Kansas and Energy have the opportunity to be leaders throughout the country if we choose to be. It is time to stop burning coal in Kansas and begin generating clean renewable energy.

Signed By:

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Are We Prepared? *Why it's me to invest in renewable energy infrastructure and A Call To Acon*

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This past week, several states in the middle of the country faced rolling blackouts due to extreme weather condions. The intense cold from the polar vortex has increased the demand for energy to keep people and their families warm. These cold temperatures brought on by the polar vortex and our inability to deal with climate events emphasize the urgency for us to invest in our infrastructure and transion to renewable energy. These climate events are directly related to man-made climate change, and the devastang impacts are compounded by America's outdated infrastructure and reliance on fossil fuels and natural gas.

If the globe is warming, why is it snowing in Texas?

There's a reason sciens ts abandoned the term "global warming" in favor of "climate change". While the average temperature of the [globe has been increasing steadily](#), the impacts from climate change aren't exclusively warmer weather.

Typically, the polar jet stream restricts arcc air to the north. [This is stabilized by a large difference in temperature between low and high latudes](#). As a result of man-made climate change the polar regions are warming more quickly than the rest of the globe, a phenomenon known as [polar amplificaon](#). Ulma tely this creates a smaller difference in temperature between high and low latudes causing the polar jet stream to meander and arcc air to blast its way across the connen t.

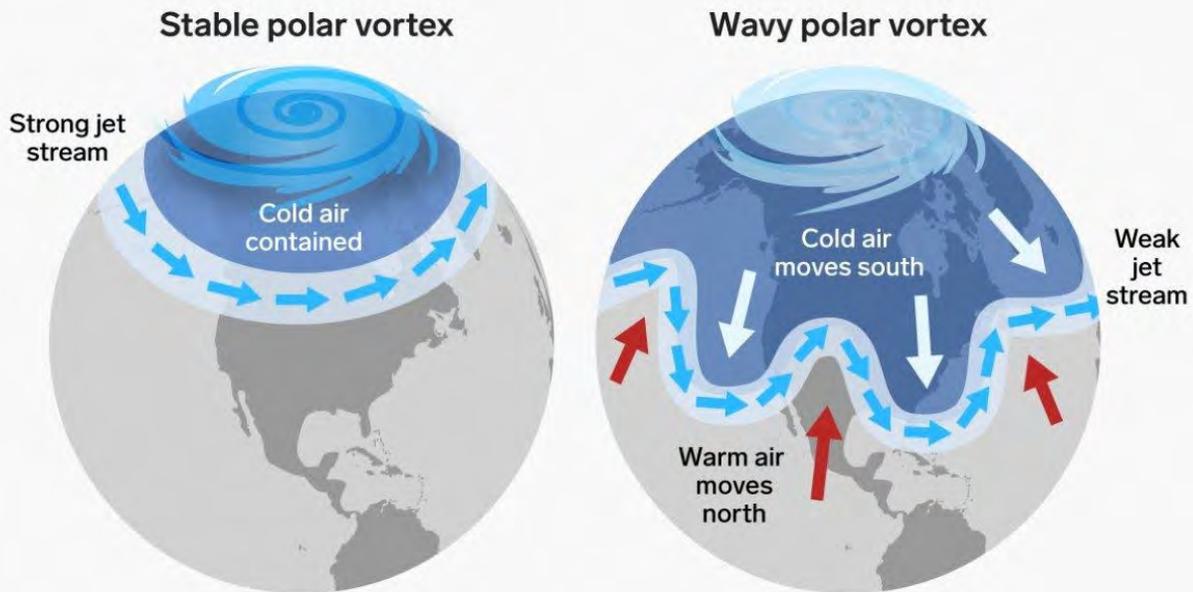


Photo Credit: NOAA

This arcc air is what is causing unprecedented and prolonged low temperatures to occur across the central and southern regions of the country. While this seems like

a once-in-a-lifetime weather event, it is likely to occur again in the not-so-distant future. Even worse, dangerously cold temperatures aren't the only weather and climate events that are becoming more frequent.

The New Normal

While difficult to use one word to describe 2020, "unprecedented" might be as close as we can get. A year devastated by a global pandemic also set a [new annual record of 22 individual billion-dollar weather and climate events in the U.S.](#) More frequent and intense wildfires, hurricanes, drought, and tornadoes have devastated the country, causing emotional and physical damage with a massive price tag.

Although the impacts of climate change are already here, scientists warn [we only have until 2030](#) to get things under control to avoid even more catastrophic climate events around the globe. Unless we dramatically reduce our emission of greenhouse gases, we can expect these events to occur more frequently and with greater intensity.

In any event, it's imperative we begin to prepare for the worst of cases. If this past week was a test of our preparedness we most certainly failed. In fact, in 2017 the American Society of Civil Engineers gave [our energy grid a D+ rating](#). Our inability to combat climate change, as well as prepare for its impacts, is why millions of people in the United States faced rolling blackouts when they needed to keep warm.

America's Failure

Mostly built throughout the 1950s and 1960s, the United States' infrastructure is already stressed and outdated. [644,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines across the country operate at near full capacity, many beyond their original intent](#). Our country's reliance on this electrical grid cannot be understated. Prolonged collapse of the electrical grid could result in [the death of up to 90%](#) of the American population. The rolling blackouts that occurred last week displayed our country's lack of preparedness for dealing with climate events that threaten our energy security.

First, we saw the failure of energy production due to our reliance on fossil fuels. In Texas, [35% to 42% of thermal plants were offline](#). These plants relied primarily on natural gas, coal, and nuclear fuel to operate. The infrastructure throughout Texas was not winterized, causing liquids to freeze and block pipelines. While wind doesn't produce the majority of energy in Texas, it was [producing more than forecast](#). And while icing did occur on about [half of wind turbines](#) in Texas, winterizing turbines in colder climates has enabled them to [operate in temperatures as low as -30C \(-22F\)](#). This only further highlights the need to better prepare our infrastructure for extreme weather conditions in response to climate change.

Second, we saw the failure of emergency response by discounting historically marginalized communities. Minority neighborhoods were some of the first to face the rolling blackouts and the impacts were [particularly devastating](#). This is compounded by low-income community members' inability to seek refuge by leaving the state or renting temporary shelter. It is also more difficult for these communities to rebound after events like this than it is for wealthier communities.



*Austin, Texas February 15, 2021
Picture Credit: @kksteffany on Twitter*

This is the pattern we continue to see throughout history in extreme weather events. [According to Robert Bullard](#), professor at Texas Southern University, hurricanes, severe cold, heat waves, and global pandemics like Covid-19, often impact low-income communities first and they suffer the longest. In Kansas City, Missouri, some residents faced [over 5 hours without electricity](#) due to infrastructure failures. Prolonged blackouts were [not uncommon in cities](#) across the region.

The Change We Need

Last week's events highlighted the fragility of our electrical infrastructure and emergency response. Our reliance on fossil fuels has both caused these extreme weather events and failed us during them. A just transition to renewable energy has never been more imperative to the survival of the American people. It is time that we invest in new infrastructure built around clean renewable energy.

We saw wind energy [exceeding production expectations](#) during these extreme temperatures while natural gas [literally froze](#) in its pipes. The unpreparedness of Texas' infrastructure went beyond natural

gas with uninsulated water [pipes bursting](#) in residents' homes. With extreme weather events becoming the new normal, we need to be prepared for their inevitable return.

This means investing in new infrastructure throughout the country. In doing so we must take the impacts of climate change into account during planning. We also need to improve our emergency responses to these events so we do not leave poor and marginalized communities behind.

We can expect these events to continue to worsen in the coming decades. Climate change is not some singular event that will happen in the future. It is here, today. We are going to see these events continue to increase in intensity and frequency. It is our choice to be prepared and mitigate the worst of the issues, or to continue our reliance on fossil fuels and live with the devastating impacts.

A Call To Action

Missourians and Kansans are in a unique position right now. The electric utility company Evergy is beginning to develop its Sustainable Transition Plan (STP) and Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Both are likely to play a central role in when, how, and how much the utility will transition to renewable energy in the coming years. Although the plans will be finalized in the next few months, Evergy has not offered any opportunity for its customers to provide public comment.

CleanAirNow is collecting public comments from any concerned citizen. We believe that the people deserve the right to participate in the development of plans that will impact their everyday lives and the lives of future generations. We will deliver these comments to Evergy next week in hopes they will open the development of their plans to public comment. If you would like to create your own testimony, follow this link for instructions and the submission link.

<http://cankc.org/2021/02/video-testimonies-to-shut-down-lawrence-coal-plant/>

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December 18, 2020

**In the Matter of the Investigation into the Sustainability Transformation Plan of Evergy
(21-EKME-088-GIE)**

Dear Commissioners:

The Communications Workers of America (“CWA”) writes to provide information that is relevant to Kansas Corporation Commission’s investigation of Evergy’s Sustainability Transformation Plan (“STP”). We support the Commission’s work to engage the public through workshops about the potential outcomes of the STP for stakeholders, including the Evergy customers who are among the nearly 9,000 CWA members in Kansas and Missouri.

CWA believes that the Sustainability Transformation Plan is a modified restatement of the Standalone Path proposed by Elliott Management in January 2020. Although the STP points Evergy’s trajectory toward increased reliance on renewable fuels, it retains the Standalone Path’s shareholder focus and excludes interests of other stakeholders. While we support the transition to a generation mix that includes more renewable fuel resources, we believe that transition should not come at the expense of workers and customers. We recognize that Evergy has resisted the sorely needed transition to a higher renewable generation mix, but Elliott’s intervention has not led to the plan we need.

We enclose with this letter a new research report on the outcomes of Elliott Management’s recent interventions in the energy sector. This information is relevant to the STP investigation because it gives the Commission the full context for Elliott’s tack with Evergy’s management and provides an empirical assessment of Elliott’s impact on target firms similar to Evergy. As summarized below, the research finds that, compared to a control group, Elliott’s target firms see declines in stock returns, profitability, investment, employment and other measures of financial and operational health in the third year after Elliott’s intervention, which reflects Elliott’s strategy of engineering stock price increases over a two-year horizon and then exiting its position.

Although the Commission decided that Elliott was not an affiliated party, the fact remains that but for Elliott’s intervention, Evergy might not be on this particular path toward engineering financial returns for shareholders. We include at the end of this letter specific questions the Commission could ask Evergy management about its plan to protect ratepayers from costs related to rate hikes and expenses for system remediation due to planned operating and maintenance budget cuts.

The Sustainability Transformation Plan Implements Elliott’s Standalone Path

Elliott Management makes money for its investors by forcing target companies to make operational and governance changes that increase share prices in the short-term. This is the strategy it pursued when it announced its investment in Evergy in January 2020 and publicly gave it two options: the “standalone path” of pursuing 10% rate-base growth as an independent company or the “combination path,” in which Evergy would seek to be acquired.

When Evergy committed to the standalone path in August, the Strategic Review and Operations Committee (“SROC”), formed under the Elliott-Evergy agreement, presented the “Sustainability Transformation Plan.” Elliott Management publicly supported the STP and senior portfolio manager Jeff Rosenbaum said, “The new Sustainability Transformation Plan is well positioned to deliver enhanced, best-in-class rate base and earnings growth, optimize capital allocation and significantly increase operational efficiencies in Evergy’s transmission and distribution networks.”¹ A comparison of the two plans shows that the STP appears to be derivative of the standalone plan proposed by Elliott.

Comparison Of Standalone Path To Sustainability Transformation Plan		
Criteria	Elliott’s Standalone Plan	Evergy’s Sustainability Transformation Plan
<i>Time Horizon</i>	2023	2024
<i>Capital Investment</i>	\$4.5 billion in potential increased system capital investment.	\$8.9 Billion projected Capex, including additional \$1.4 billion under STP.
<i>Operating and Maintenance Cost Reductions</i>	Non-generation O&M reductions: more than \$250 million Generation fuel and non-fuel O&M: \$200 million.	Non-fuel O&M: \$330 million, representing 25 percent reduction by 2024 from 2018 levels.
<i>Base Rate Growth</i>	8%-9% CAGR (2019-2023)	5% to 6% CAGR (2019-2024)
<i>Total Shareholder Return</i>	-	9-11% through 2024.
<i>EPS Target Range</i>	8%-10%	6% to 8% through 2024.
<i>Source</i>	Elliott Letter to Board of Directors of Evergy, Inc.	Sustainability Transformation Plan

¹ Evergy, Inc., “Evergy Announces ‘Sustainability Transformation Plan,’” Evergy News Releases, [August 5, 2020](#).

Elliott abruptly reversed its support of the STP in November 2020 when it demanded that Evergy re-engage in merger talks after reports that Evergy turned down NextEra's \$15 billion bid for Evergy.² This change in position suggests Elliott has opportunistically sought the highest returns on its investment rather than committing to a plan for long-term sustainable investment that adheres to the existing merger agreement and benefits ratepayers.

Outcomes of Elliott's Past Campaigns Show Troubled Path for Evergy

Elliott's clear influence in shaping the STP warrants the Commission's examination of outcomes of Elliott's previous activist campaigns. The results of these campaigns show that Elliott's demands on Evergy put the company at risk of becoming less competitive and less financially resilient. Kansas City Business Journal editor Brian Kaberline noted in an early January 2020 briefing that "Elliott wants what every activist, every investor, wants — to buy low and sell high. If it gets Evergy to pump more money into its operations, it could increase valuation from analysts and investors."³ This is Evergy's tack under the STP. An analysis of Elliott's recent activist campaigns in the energy sector, described in detail in the attached report, show that they result in low-quality financial results and compromise the competitiveness of targeted companies.

- **Market Returns Decline.** Companies targeted by Elliott have lower stock returns, on average, in the following one- to-three years, compared to non-targeted control companies. Firm value (as evidenced by stock returns and Tobin's Q) tends to rise about two-years after an activism campaign, but then turns negative three-years out. This reversal aligns with Elliott's average investment holding period of 1.8 years, exiting shortly before the average declines in performance.
- **Lower Profitability by Year Three.** On average, companies targeted by Elliott experience lower profitability in the one- and three-years following an activism campaign. By some metrics, profitability rises in the two-years afterwards, which coincides with Elliott's average exit occurring 1.8 years after the initial targeting date. In year three, profitability clearly deteriorates, likely driven by reductions in operating costs and investment.
- **Reduced Investment Weakens Future Competitiveness.** Compared to non-targeted control companies, companies targeted by Elliott cut back significantly in their spending on new investment, including capital expenditures and acquisitions, in the one- to three-years following activism campaigns. Targeted firms also introduce fewer new products in this period compared to non-targeted firms, harming competitiveness.
- **Apparent Increased Efficiencies Are Result of Corporate Downsizing.** Companies targeted by Elliott also shrink in size following these campaigns, shown in lower total assets and employees. These reductions result in higher efficiency by some ratios but harm the long-term competitiveness of the firms.

² "Elliott Management Statement Regarding Evergy, Inc.," Elliott Management (PR Newswire), [November 10, 2020](#).

³ Brian Kaberline, "Editor's Briefing: A raider targets a KC company, but the community sleeps," Kansas City Business Journal, [January 26, 2020](#).

- **Higher Capital Costs with Excess Cash for Share Repurchases.** Despite shrinking and cutting back expenditures in almost all areas of investment, companies targeted by Elliott still spend more on share repurchases in all years following a campaign when compared to non-targeted control companies. Overall, targeted companies have higher costs of capital than non-targeted peers in years 2 and 3.

Elliott's formula is not designed to consider the long-term interests of the target firms or their stakeholders. In the case of Evergy, we believe that Elliott's involvement in developing the STP and its shareholder-centric objectives chart Evergy down a course that will ultimately cost customers, workers, and the communities in Kansas served by Evergy. In a rapidly transforming energy sector, investor owned utilities should be required to align their plans with science and the public interest, which is also the surest way to achieve sustainable long-term returns for investors.

Questions For The Commission To Ask Evergy During The December 21, 2020 Workshop

- What employee reductions are anticipated under the STP's provision to reduce operating and maintenance expenses by 25 percent from 2018 levels? What impact might these reductions have on system quality and Evergy's ability to perform system maintenance in a timely manner?
- What is Evergy's plan for sourcing new capital at competitive rates given the intense focus of the STP on increasing capex while reducing O&M?
- What assurances does Evergy give its customers that it will not pursue rate increases and will Evergy commit to subsidizing rates for low-income customers?
- How confident is Evergy that the STP will deliver 9-10% total shareholder return when so many of Elliott Management's previous interventions resulted in stock price declines post-exit? What is the basis for these projections?

Thank you for your attention and diligence in this investigation of Evergy's Sustainability Transformation Plan.

Thank you,



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Director of Research
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Enclosure: Elliott Management Campaigns (2010-2020)

ELLIOTT MANAGEMENT CAMPAIGNS (2010-2020)

This report provides thorough analyses of all activism campaigns initiated by Elliott Management against companies in the Energy and Utilities sectors between 2010–2020. The report details the range of effects that Elliott has on its targets including: Market Returns and Profitability, and Investments and Operations

Methodology

Data

All campaigns against Energy and Utilities companies led by Elliott between 2010–2020 were identified using data from regulatory filings, professional reports, third-party data providers (e.g., Activist Insight and Audit Analytics), and other sources. Financial, accounting, operational, social and other data come from a variety of other sources.

Matching

Analyses are based on matched samples using Coarsened Exact Matching (CEM), a rigorous matching methodology used to ensure reliable comparison groups. CEM helps improve the estimation of causal effects of hedge fund activism by matching all targeted companies to lookalike “control” companies that were not targeted by Elliott, but are otherwise similar to the companies that were targeted by Elliott. CEM retains *all* control companies that are considered close matches (i.e., fall into the same strata) to the targeted companies.

The term “targeted companies” refers to all companies in the analyses that were targeted by Elliott; the term “non-targeted companies” refers to all lookalike control companies that were matched to the targeted companies on the following characteristics: (1) Firm size (book value of total assets); (2) Workforce size (number of employees); (3) Profitability (return-on-assets); and Market value (Tobin’s Q).

Matching is conducted within the same industry and in t , the year when an activism campaign takes place. For example, if a company in the Energy sector was targeted in 2013 then the matched companies would be found based on their characteristics in 2013.

In total, we identified and were able to collect data for six companies targeted by Elliott: Hess Corporation, Marathon Petroleum, NRG Energy, Ocean Rig, QEP Resources, and Sempera Energy. Three companies targeted by Elliott did not match because of missing financial and accounting data (Energen, Peabody, and Roan Resources); two did not match because they were not listed on either the NYSE or NASDAQ (Energias de Portugal and Dragon Oil); and two were not retained because they were targeted in 2020 (Eversource and Noble Energy). The remaining six targeted companies were matched to 42 non-targeted companies (listed in **Appendix A**), leaving an average number of eight non-targeted companies for each targeted company.

Analyses

All analyses compare the average of each indicator variable between the targeted companies and non-targeted companies to their pre-targeting level in the year immediately preceding an activism campaign ($t - 1$).

PART I: MARKET RETURNS AND PROFITABILITY

The following graphs illustrate the effects that Elliott campaigns have on the market returns and profitability of targeted companies, including market returns, profitability, total sales and income, and operating cash flows. Market return graphs document the monthly returns following Elliott campaigns. “Change” graphs report the changes in the relevant variable from the year before an activism event ($t - 1$) to the one-, two-, and three-years after the event for non-targeted companies and companies targeted by Elliott. The remaining graphs indicate the levels of the relevant variable in the one- to three-years after activism.

Lower Market Returns Overall

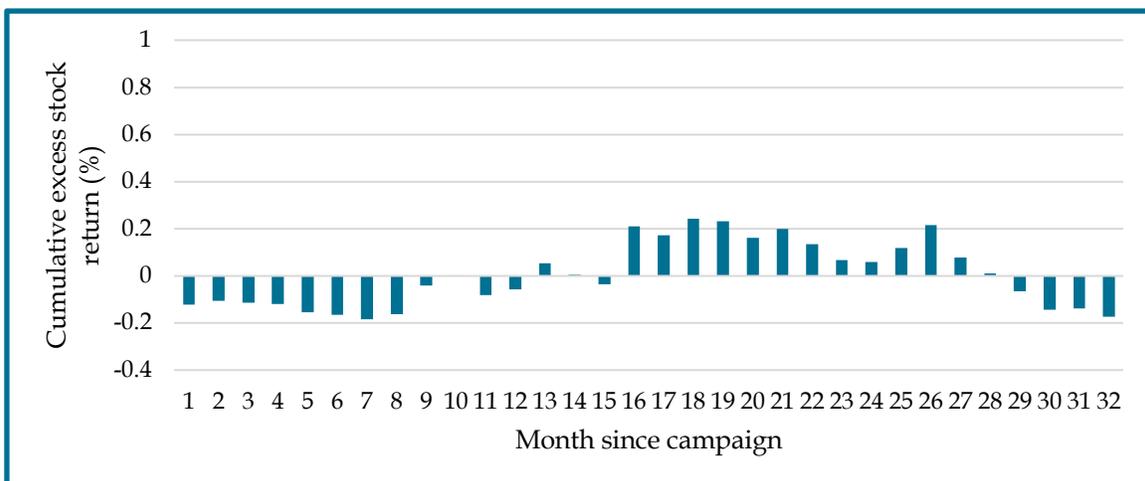
Summary of Findings

Companies targeted by Elliott have lower stock returns in the following one- to-three years, compared to non-targeted control companies. Firm value (as evidenced by stock returns and Tobin’s Q) tends to rise about two-years after an activism campaign, but then trails off again, turning negative, three-years out. This reversal at two-years compares with Elliott’s average investment holding period of 1.8 years, exiting shortly before the average declines in performance.

Cumulative Excess Monthly Returns

Intuition: This figure plots the cumulative excess monthly returns for firms targeted by Elliott. Returns are calculated by aggregating all prior monthly excess returns since the initial campaign date for which there are two or more firms in the sample. “Excess” is important as it refers to the returns the targeted companies earned over above the expected market returns.

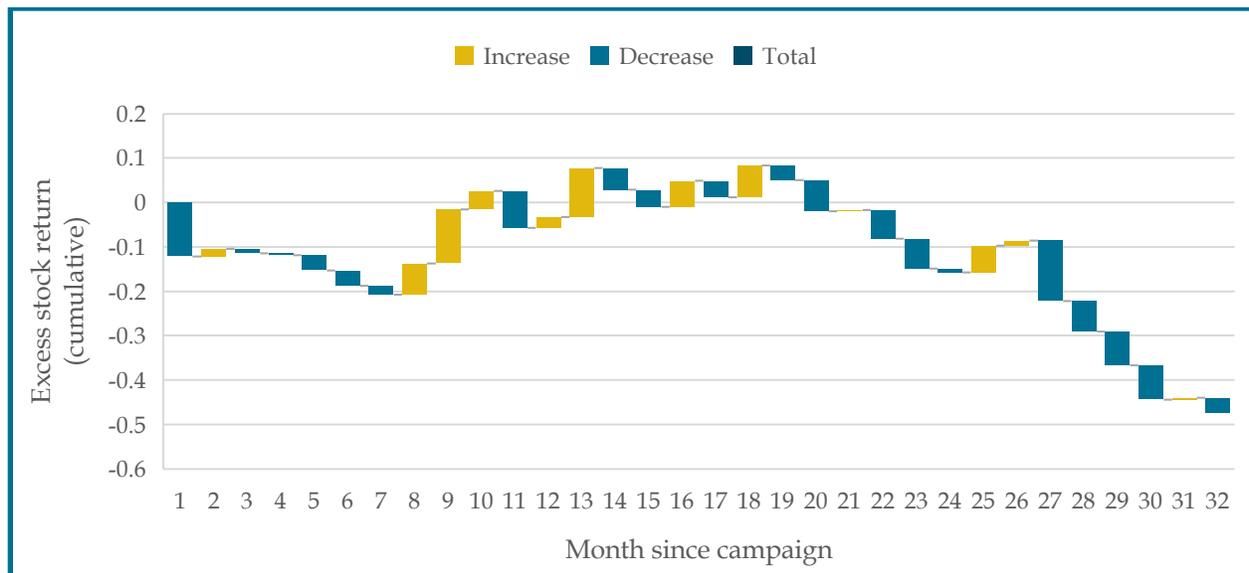
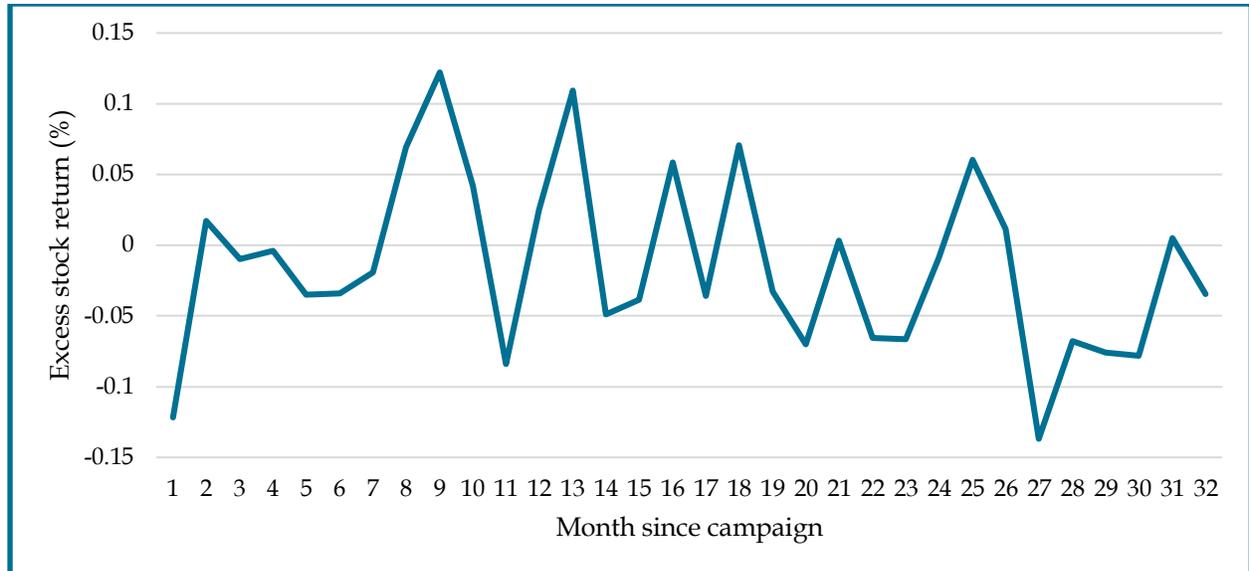
Note: The Fama-French Three Factor Model is an asset pricing model that adjusts for the outperforming tendency of small-cap stocks by including size risk and value risk factors. The number of firms included in the sample drops over the sample window.



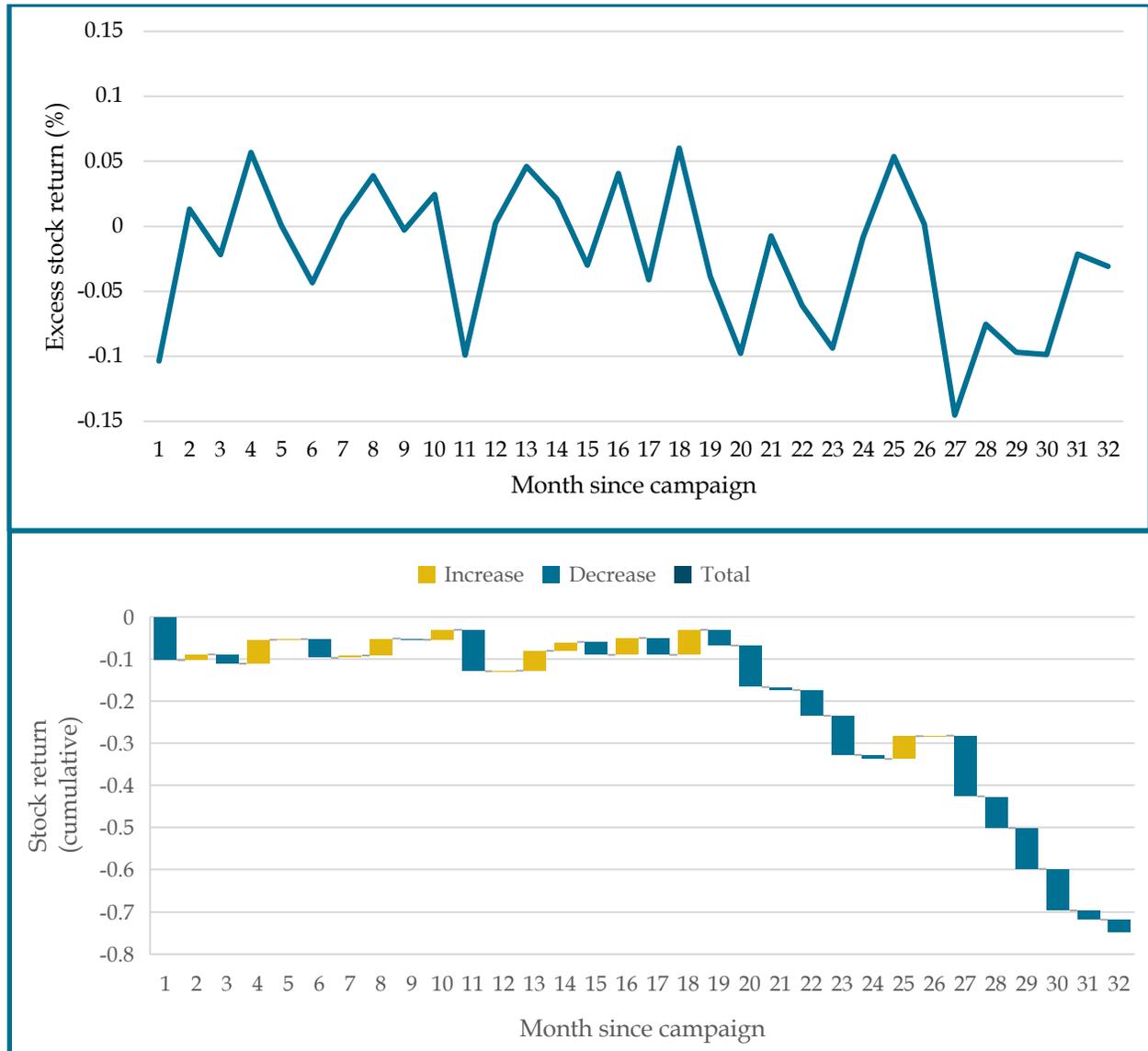
Monthly Returns

Intuition: The following figures plot the stock returns of companies targeted by Elliott on a monthly basis. The line graphs show each month's return as the difference between the stock price at the end of the month and the beginning of the month, divided by the stock price at the beginning of the month. The waterfall graphs show the cumulative returns an investor would earn over the same period by using the month-over-month percentage change in stock prices.

Fama-French Three Factor Models

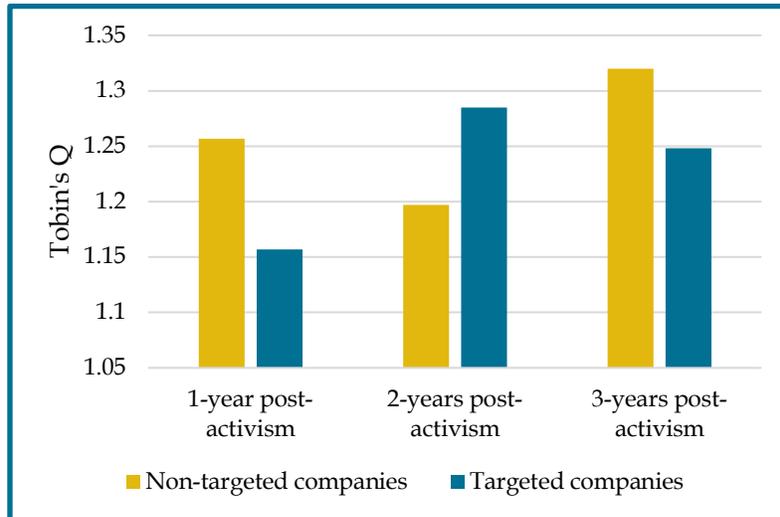


Unadjusted Market Models



Tobin's Q (Market Value)

Measure: *Tobin's Q* provide an alternative measure of firm value, calculated as the market value of assets divided by the replacement cost of assets.



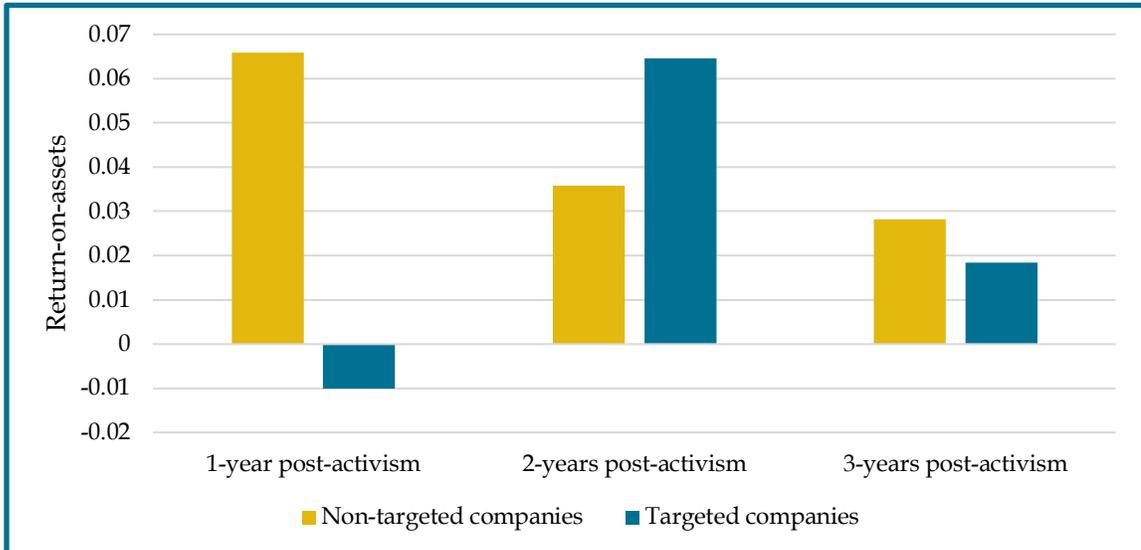
Lower Profitability by Year Three

Summary of Findings

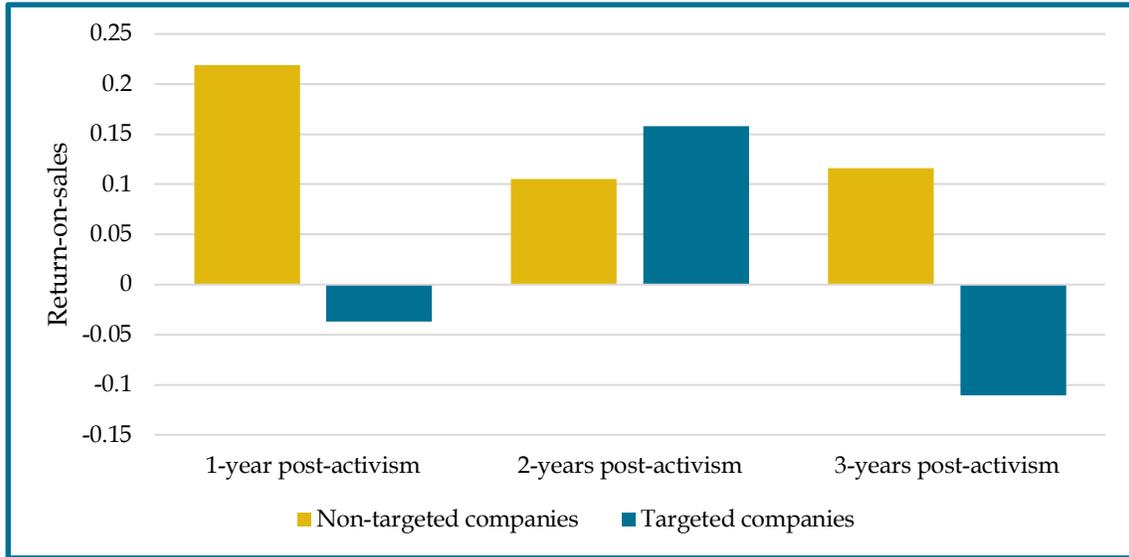
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Return-on-Assets and Return-on-Sales

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Return-on-sales is calculated as operating income after depreciation divided by total sales.

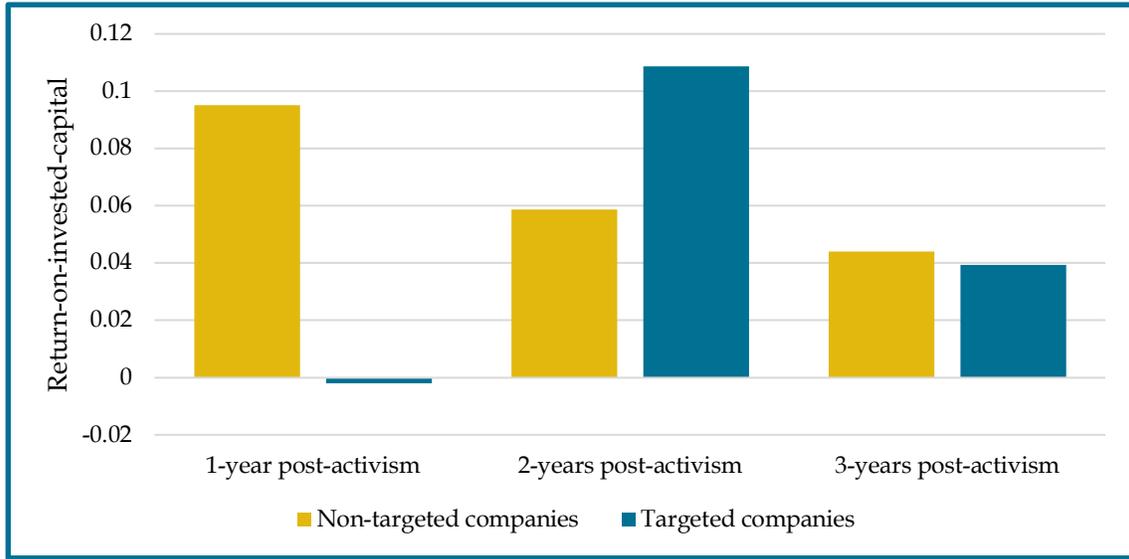


Return-on-Equity and Return-on-Invested-Capital

Return-on-equity equals income after depreciation divided by total shareholders' equity.

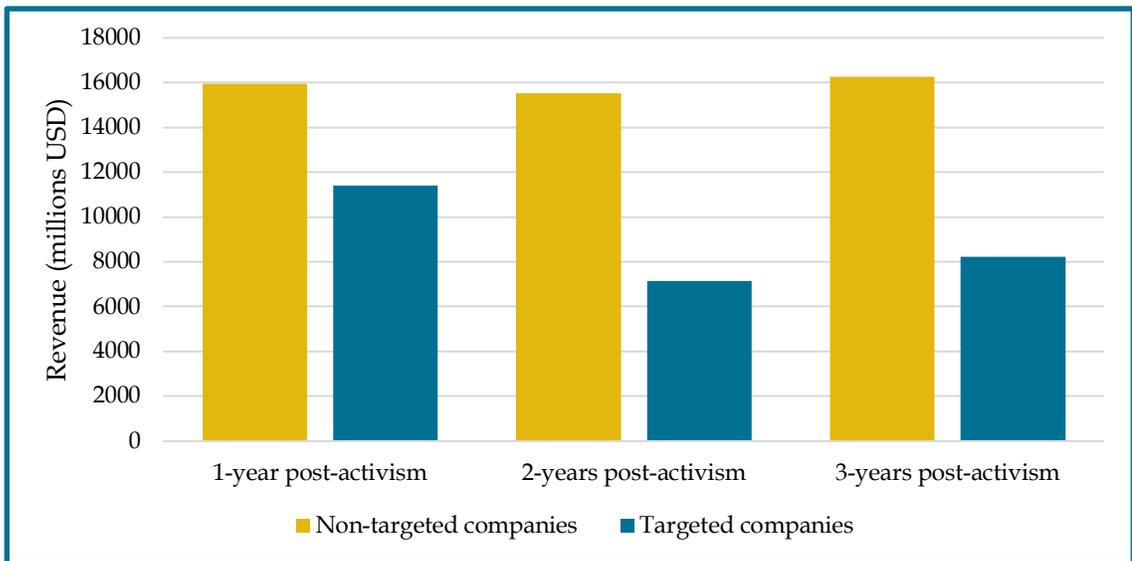


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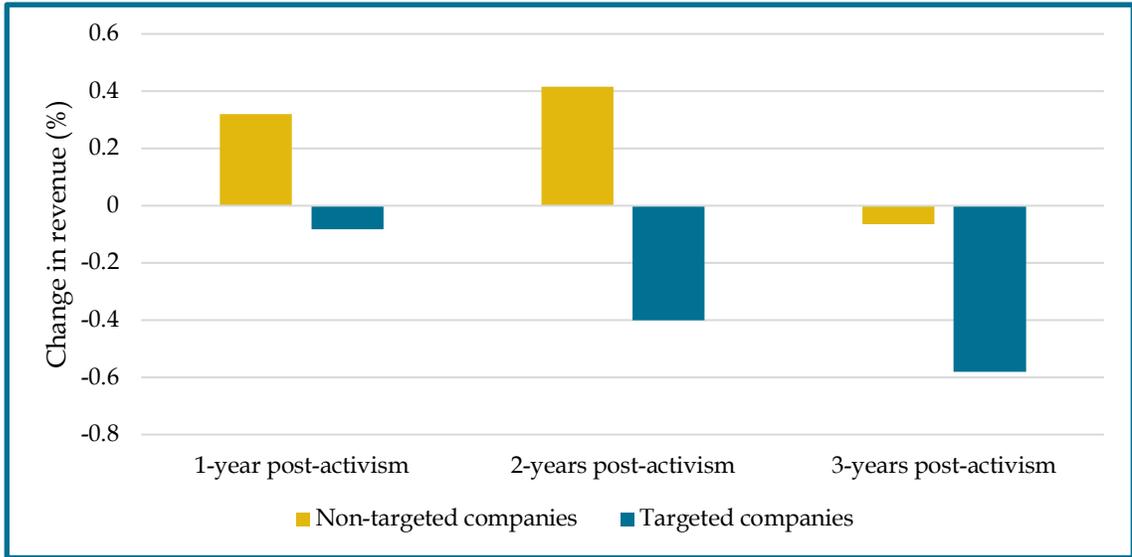


Total Revenue

Revenue is calculated as the total revenues earned in millions of USD.



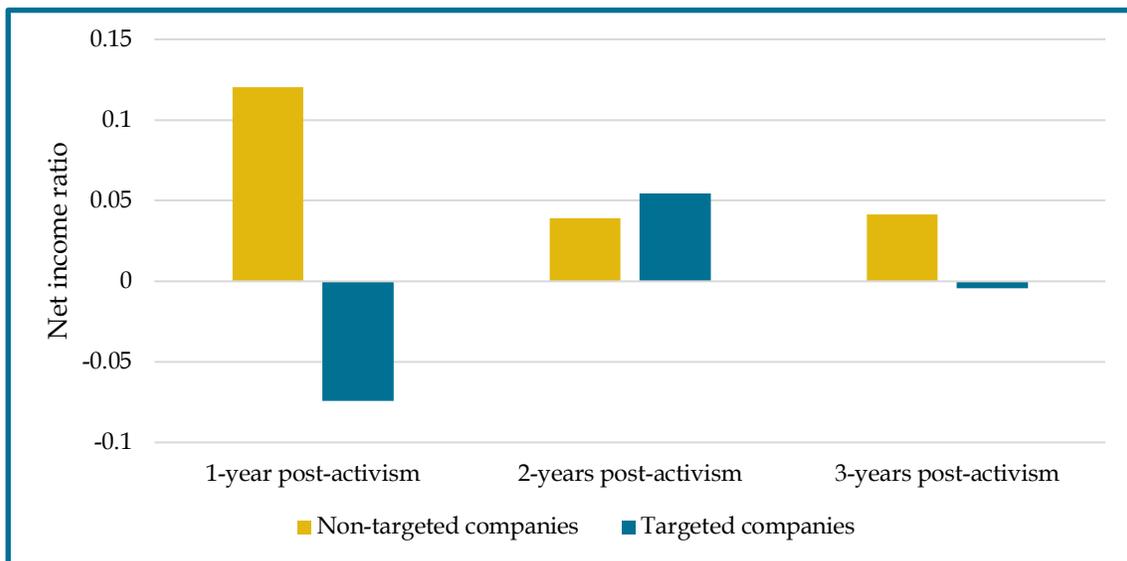
Change in revenue is calculated as the percentage change in *revenue* from $t - 1$ to $t + n$.



Net Income Ratio and Cash Flow from Operations

Measures:

Net income ratio is calculated as the ratio of net income to total revenues.



Change in cash flow from operations equals the percentage change in the money earned from ongoing, regular business activities (e.g., manufacturing and selling goods) from $t - 1$ to $t + n$.



Part II: Investments and Operations

The preceding section shows that companies targeted by Elliott, compared to lookalike control companies, experience lower stock returns and profitability in the years following intervention, especially by year three. This section provides explanation for these lower performance levels by illustrating the effects that Elliott campaigns have on the investments and operations of targeted companies, including company scale, employees, capital and acquisition spending, cash flow from investing, share repurchases, and cost of capital.

Reduced Investment Weakens Future Competitiveness

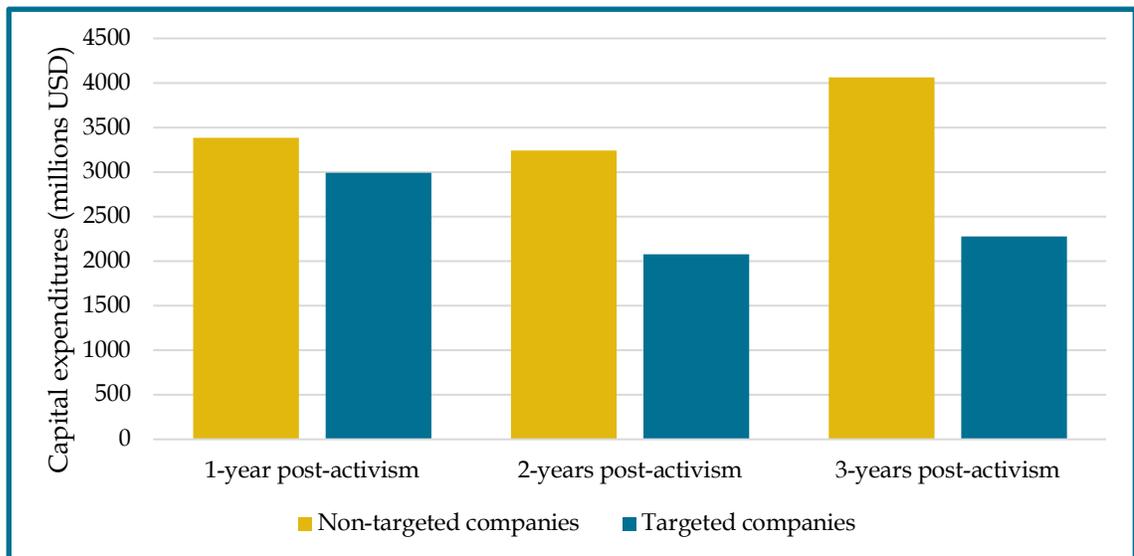
Summary of Findings

Compared to non-targeted control companies, companies targeted by Elliott cutback significantly in their spending on new investment, including capital expenditures and acquisitions, in the one-to three-years following activism campaigns. These cutbacks result in fewer new products being introduced, harming competitiveness, and higher cash flows from investing.

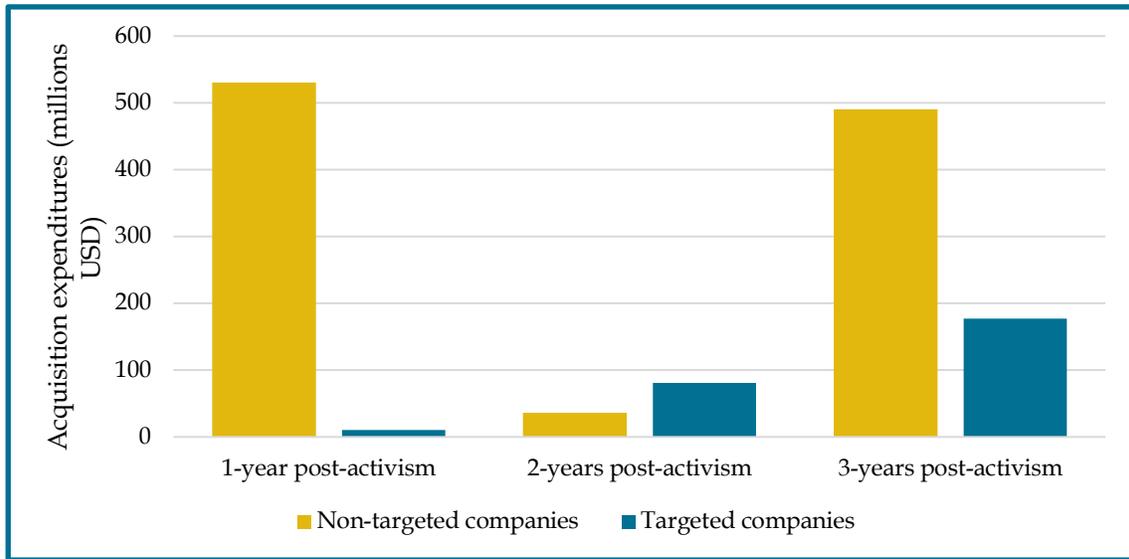
Capital Expenditures and Acquisition Expenditures

Measures:

Capital expenditures is calculated as the funds used for additions to property, plant, and equipment, excluding amounts arising from acquisitions (for example, fixed assets of purchased companies), in millions of USD.



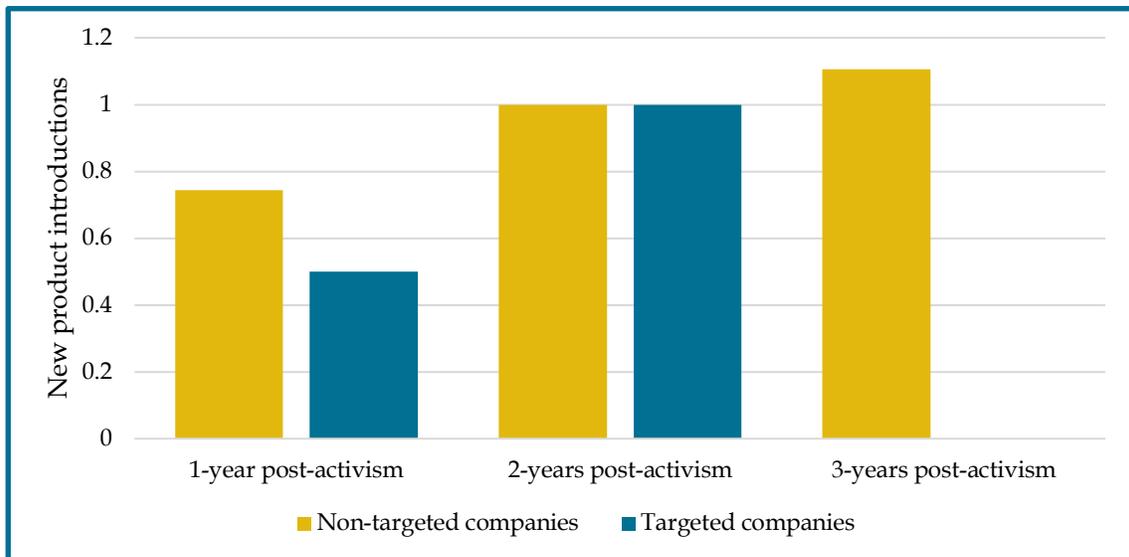
Acquisition expenditures is calculated as the cash outflow of funds used for costs relating to the acquisition of a company in the current year or effects of an acquisition in a prior year carried over to the current year.



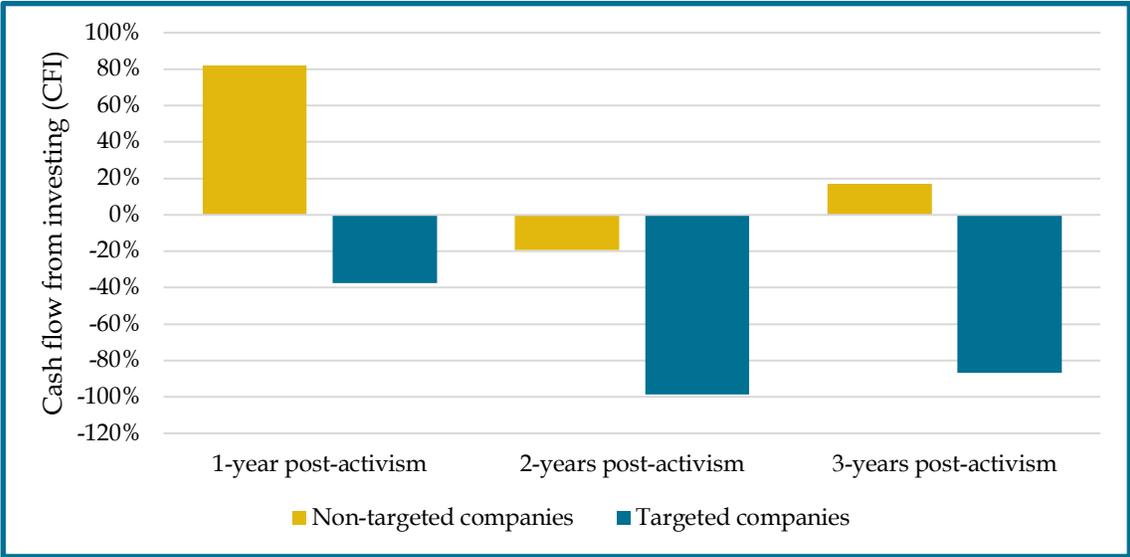
New Product Pipeline and Cash Flow from Investing

Measures:

New product introductions is calculated as the total number of new products and services announced by a firm in a year.



Change in cash flow from investing equals the percentage change in cash generated or spent from various investment-related activities (e.g., purchases of physical assets, investments in securities, or the sale of securities or assets) from $t - 1$ to $t + n$. Negative values indicate lower outflows of cash used for investment purposes.



Higher Capital Costs with Excess Cash for Share Repurchases

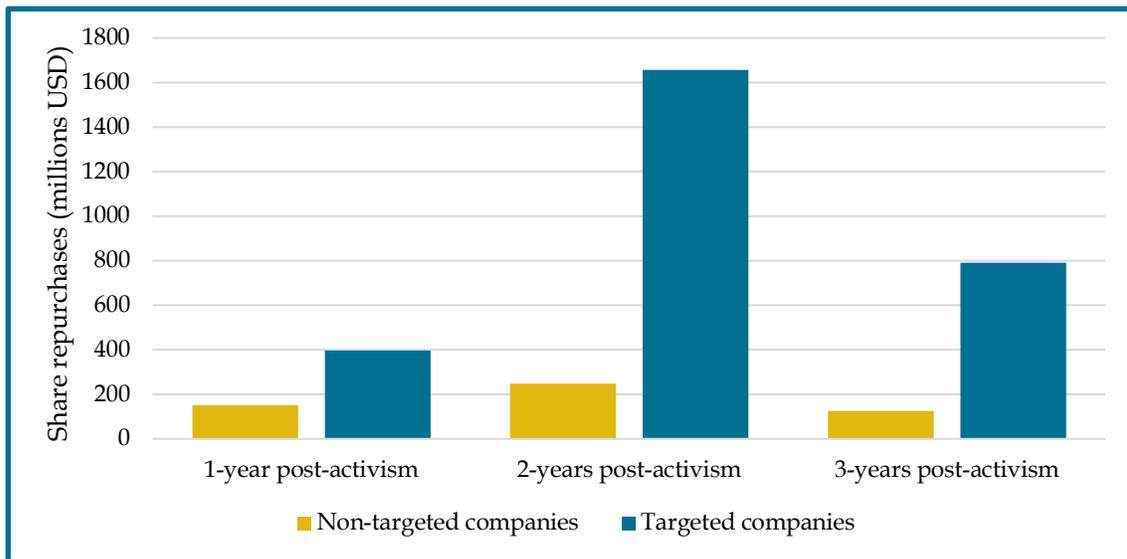
Summary of Findings

Despite shrinking, and cutting back expenditures in almost all areas of investment, companies targeted by Elliott still spend more on share repurchases in all years following a campaign when compared to non-targeted control companies. Financing changes drive up capital costs.

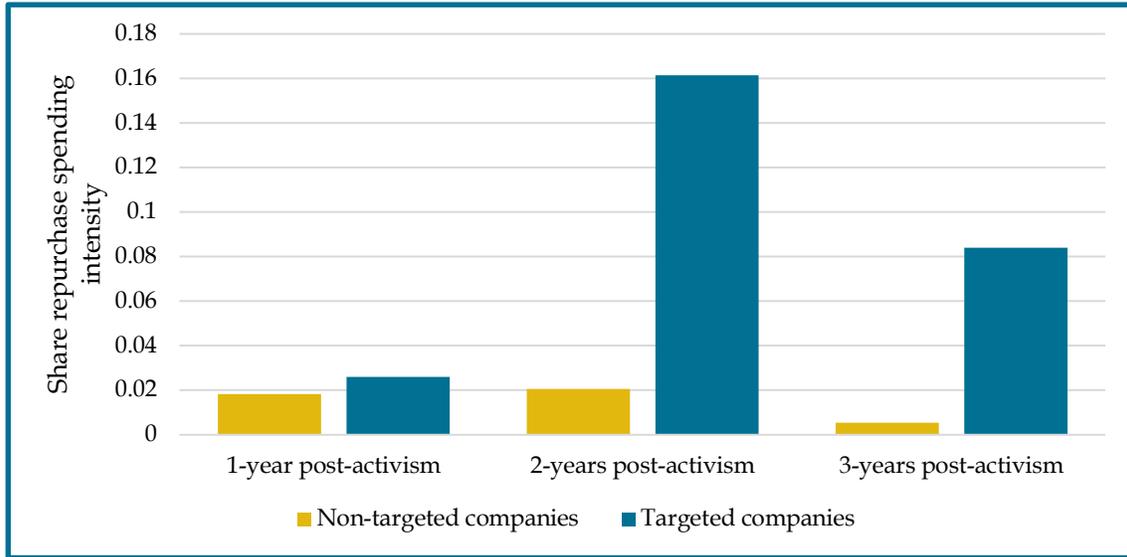
Share Repurchases

Measures:

Share repurchases represents any use of funds which decreases common and/or preferred stock in millions of USD.

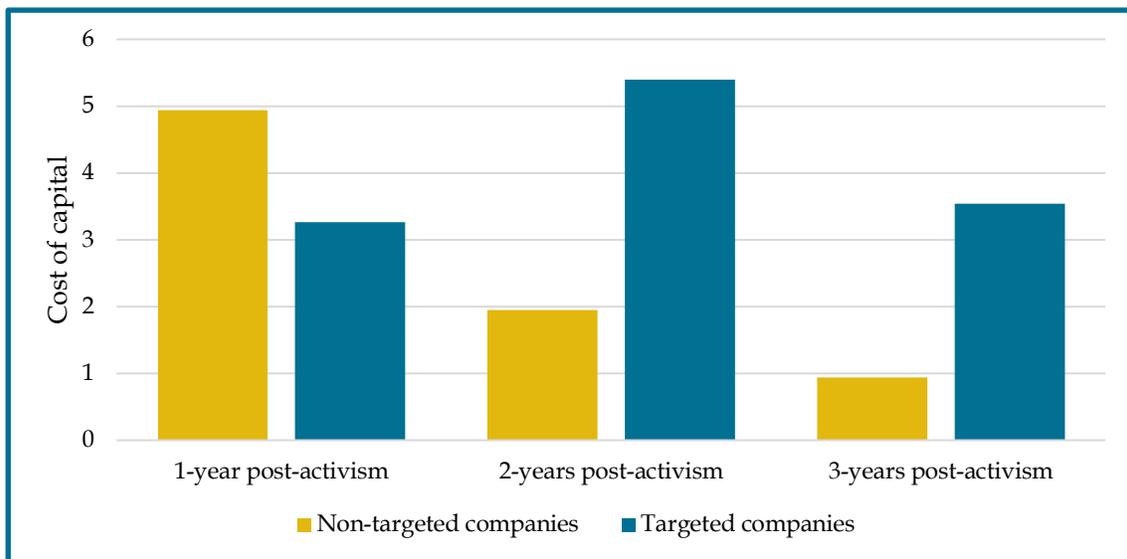


Share repurchases spending intensity is calculated as *share repurchases* divided by *revenue*.



Cost of Capital

Measure: *Cost of capital* equals the total interest and related expense (expense to the company of securing short- and long-term debt) divided by the debt in current liabilities (amount of short-term notes and the current portion of long-term debt due in one year).



Smaller Companies Result in Some Increased Efficiencies

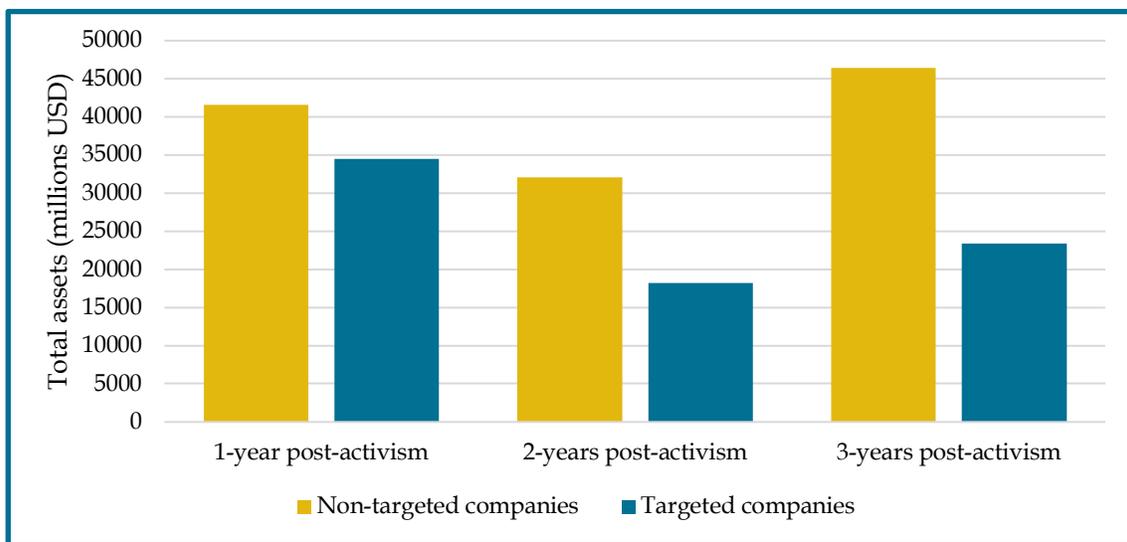
Summary of Findings

Companies targeted by Elliott also shrink in size following these campaigns, shown in lower total assets and employees. These reductions result in higher efficiency by some ratios.

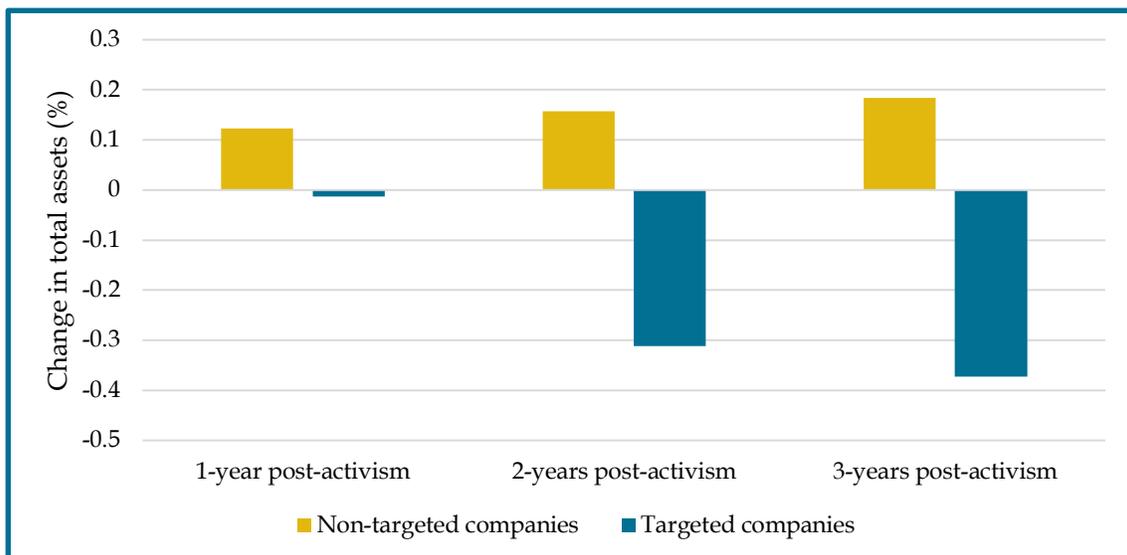
Company Size: Total Assets

Measures:

Total assets equals the total value of all assets in millions of USD.



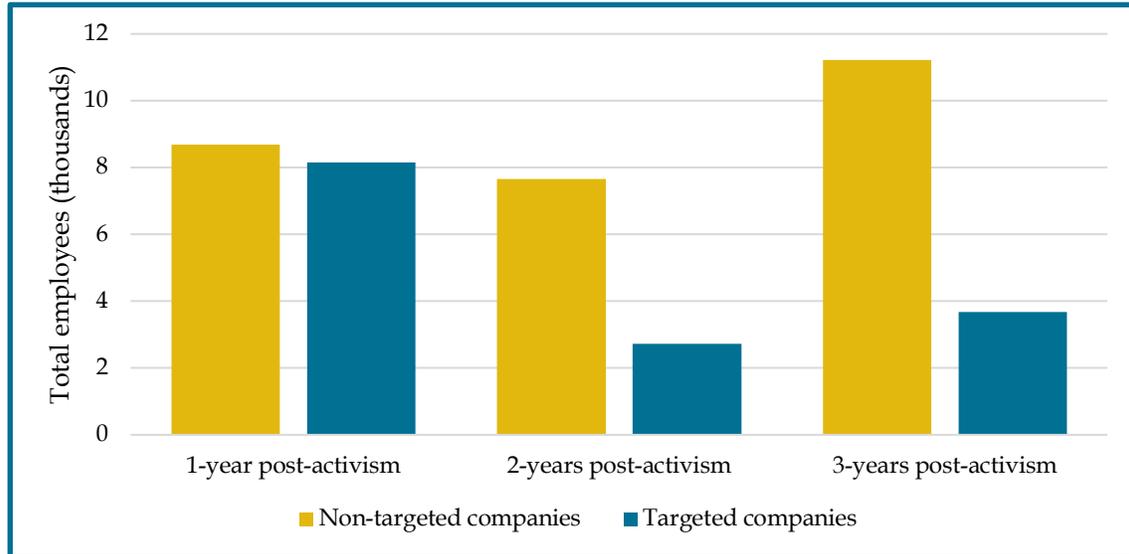
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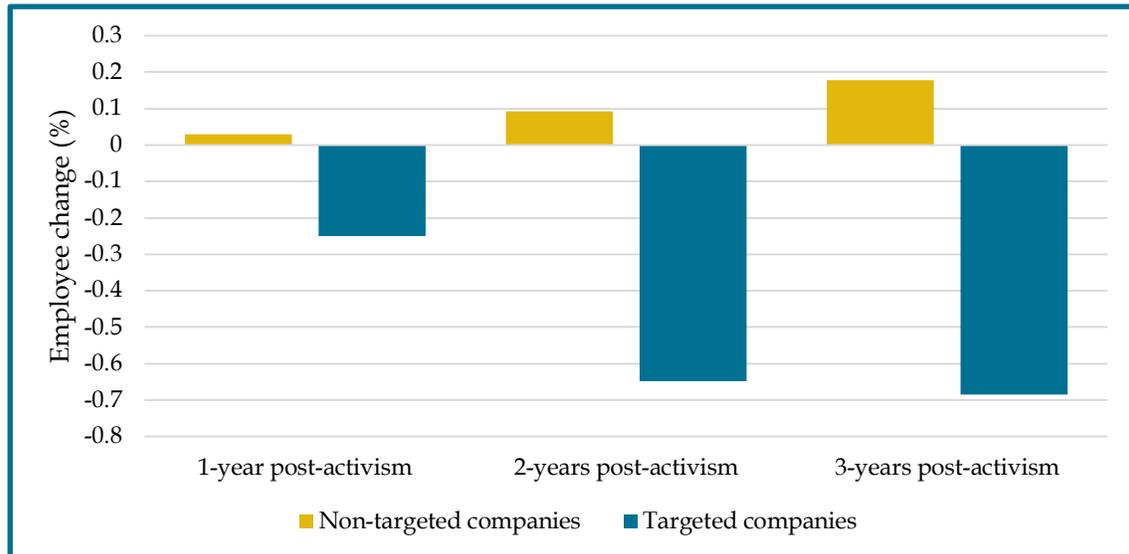
Company Size: Total Employees

Measures:

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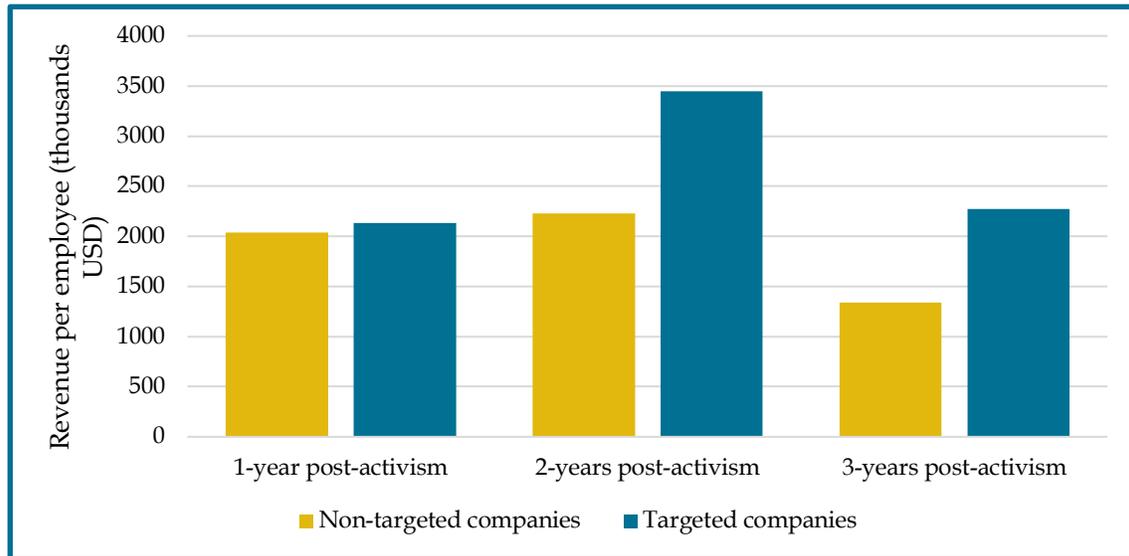
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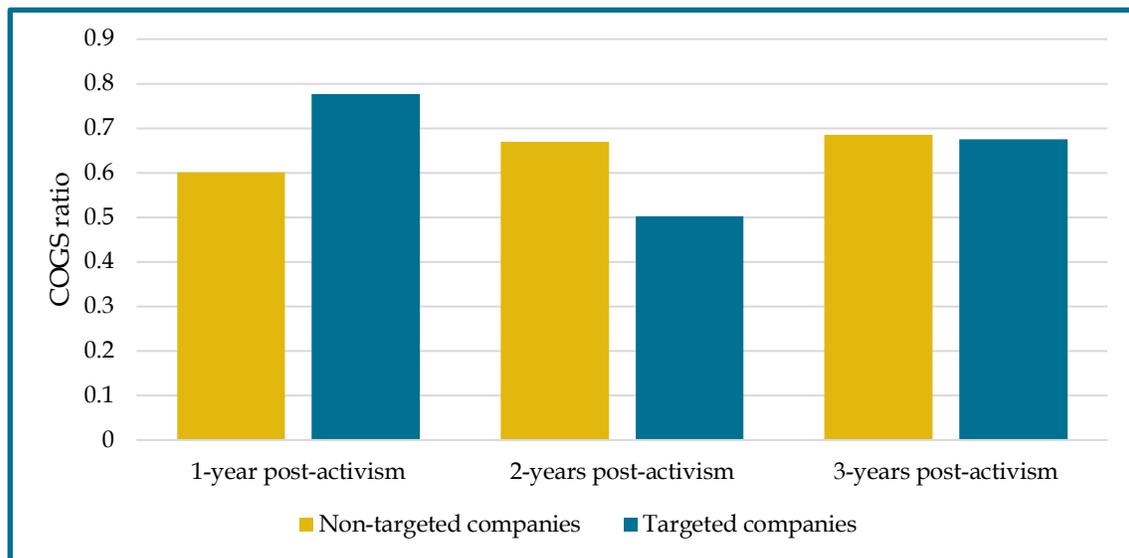
Efficiencies in Employees and COGS

Measures:

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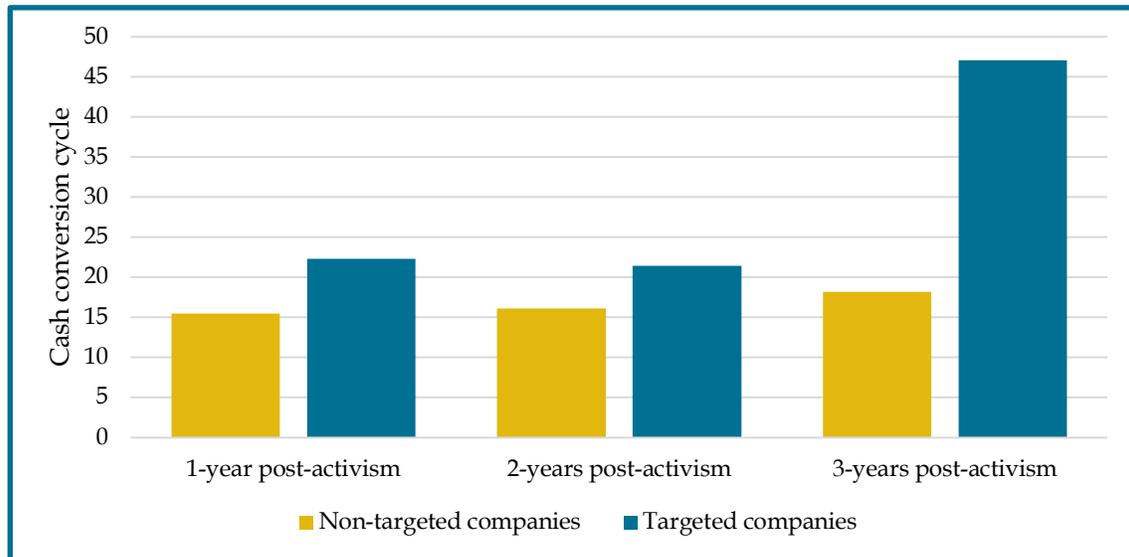
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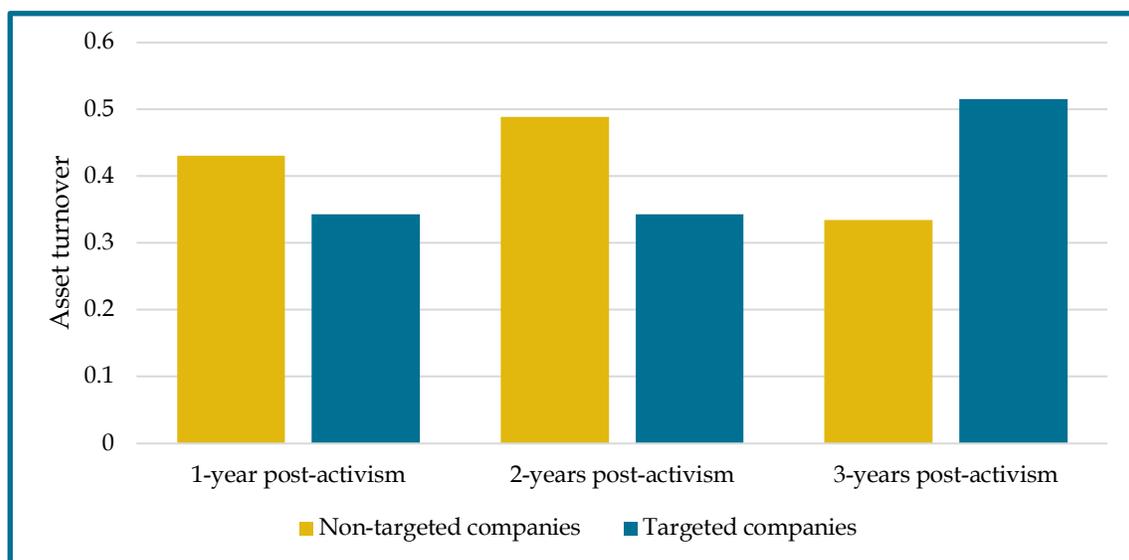
Efficiencies in Operations

Measures:

Cash conversion cycle expresses the time (measured in days) it takes for a company to convert its investments in inventory and other resources into cash flows from sales. The formula is days of inventory outstanding plus days sales outstanding less days payables outstanding. Higher values indicate greater efficiency due to faster conversions of inventory into cash.



Asset turnover equals *revenue* divided by average assets, calculated as the average of the beginning and ending assets in a year.



Appendix A: List of Non-Targeted Control Companies

Following is a complete list of all companies included in the non-targeted control group using CEM.

AMEREN CORP
AMERICAN WATER WORKS CO
INC
AVANGRID INC
BAKER HUGHES CO
CABOT OIL & GAS CORP
CALUMET SPECIALTY PRODS -LP
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC
CIMAREX ENERGY CO
CMS ENERGY CORP
CNOOC LTD
CNX RESOURCES CORPORATION
CONOCOPHILLIPS
CONSOLIDATED EDISON INC
CVR ENERGY INC
DTE ENERGY CO
ECOPETROL SA
EDISON INTERNATIONAL
ELETROBRAS-CENTR ELETR BRAS
ENEL AMERICAS SA
ENERGY TRANSFER LP
ENTERGY CORP
EVERSOURCE ENERGY
FIRSTENERGY CORP
FORTIS INC
HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS
GROUP
KINDER MORGAN INC
NEXTERA ENERGY INC
NISOURCE INC
OASIS PETROLEUM INC
OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP
PARSLEY ENERGY INC
PHILLIPS 66
PPL CORP
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTRP GRP INC
RANGE RESOURCES CORP
SCHLUMBERGER LTD
SUNCOR ENERGY INC
TC ENERGY CORP
UNIT CORP
WEC ENERGY GROUP INC
WPX ENERGY INC



Open Letter Supporting Utility Justice in Missouri and Kansas

Updated Thursday, Dec 10, 2020

An Open Letter To:

Honorable Laura Kelly, Governor of the State of Kansas
Kansas City Board of Utilities (BPU) Board of Directors and General Manager Bill Johnson

Kansas City Board of Public Utilities must help its customers in mortal danger. Kansas City is already one of the most energy burdened¹ regions in the country. Not only do low income-folks pay more for energy than wealthy households in Kansas, but Black households pay significantly more than white households.

Now is the time for utilities to prove that they are good neighbors in our community. COVID-19 is spreading at a record pace, and even with the federal money being delivered to electric utilities to pay for late bills, tens of thousands of Kansans have already had their power disconnected. Now the utilities need to follow up and reconnect that power for free to make sure their customers are safe. Essential protections have been allowed to expire on an arbitrary timeline, even though coronavirus cases are still multiplying, and families are still struggling.

While assistance programs such as LIHEAP and CARES funding are helping ease the burden, only a complete halt on utility disconnects will protect Kansans from the immediate harms of being without power in the midst of a pandemic. In 2021, utilities must lower bills for low-income

¹ Lifting the High Energy Burden in America's Largest Cities: How Energy Efficiency Can Improve Low-Income and Underserved Communities, aceee.org

customers, close coal plants to improve health and reduce risk of death from respiratory illnesses like COVID 19, and fully fund low-income energy efficiency programs that can reduce utility bills significantly.

As of November 12, Kansas had more than 112,000 cases of COVID-19 and more than 1,200 deaths, while Missouri had nearly 240,000 cases and nearly 3,500 deaths. The pandemic has exposed racial and ethnic disparities: Black Kansans are almost 3 times more likely to die of COVID-19, while latinx and Native Americans are dying of COVID-19 at approximately double the rate of white Kansans. Black Missourians account for 19% of COVID-19 cases and 27% of deaths in the state, even though they only make up 12% of the population. Similarly, Hispanic/Latinos account for 10% of the state's COVID-19 cases despite accounting for only 4% of the population. On top of that, systemic inequities mean that families of color are far more likely to have already had the power to their homes cut by utilities.

Access to lighting, electrical appliances, telecommunications services, heat and cooling, and electricity for medical equipment are critical at any time, but especially during a pandemic when families and students are required to shelter and learn at home.

To ensure that Kansans are protected throughout the pandemic and able to recover, the undersigned demand the following actions:

- 1. Reinstate the moratorium on residential utility shut-offs and evictions for all customers until the end of the COVID 19 health and economic crisis.**
- 2. Turn utilities back on for all residential customers with no fees, minimum balance, or back bill payment requirements.**
- 3. Require the utility to work with customer stakeholder groups to provide flexible Affordable Deferred Payment Arrangements with no restrictive maximum length or minimum monthly payment amounts. Utilities should continue and expand programs to waive late payment fees, eliminate external credit reporting, and provide relief from utility debt.**
- 4. Require utilities to provide data to governors, regulatory bodies, and social service organizations to create an unsafe-to-disconnect list of accounts including those with medical equipment, self-filed medical conditions, seniors, and children.**

5. Require utilities to fund a bill insert developed by regional social service organizations to ensure vulnerable customers can access assistance in their area, whether or not they have internet access or English language proficiency.

6. Require utilities to propose affordability plans in cooperation with a working group of customer advocates and the Governor's office by the end of the utility shut-off moratorium. These plans should address the need for arrearage relief, low income rates, better hot and cold weather protections, multi-year payment plans, on-bill financing, low-income weatherization, energy efficiency, and renewable energy programs that bring value to residential customers with the goal of reducing the number of households who cannot pay their bills long-term.

Respectfully yours,
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Mr. David Campbell
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Dear Mr. Campbell

I urge Evergy to commit to phasing out its coal-burning power plants by 2030 in the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP), replacing them with clean energy including wind, solar, efficiency and storage. Evergy should not invest in new gas generation, which creates significant climate impacts from fracking, pipeline leaks, and carbon emissions.

Evergy should center its IRP and STP on principles of energy justice and energy freedom. Energy justice prioritizes clean energy access for all and eliminates public health impacts and costs, especially to at-risk populations. A transition to clean energy should also prioritize job creation in vulnerable communities from efficiency, renewable energy, and storage investments in Missouri and Kansas freeing us from dependence on out-of-state coal companies.

Policy tools like securitization that allow utilities to refinance coal-plant debt and reinvest in clean energy while passing savings on to customers will be critical to Evergy's coal-to-clean transition. Evergy should reach consensus with stakeholders on securitization and work for its passage in the Missouri and Kansas legislatures this year.

This transition will reduce public health impacts while benefiting customers. A 2016 Clean Air Task Force analysis found that Evergy's coal-burning plants in Kansas and Missouri are responsible for nearly 30 premature deaths and more than 180 asthma attacks every year. A 2019 study by the University of Washington and Stanford University found that, nationwide, Black and low-income people face the highest risks for death from power plants' fine particle pollution. The COVID pandemic has exacerbated health impacts from coal plant pollution. A 2020 study by Harvard

University concluded that COVID death rates increase by 15% from exposure to even slightly elevated levels of fine particle pollution, of which coal plants are a major source.

A 2019 Sierra Club analysis found that Evergy's Kansas coal-burning plants lost \$267 million over four years compared to market energy prices. And projections for two of Evergy's coal-burning plants show them losing \$847 million over the next 20 years.

Cost savings from the clean energy transition should be passed on to customers, especially those customers most at-risk. Evergy should increase investments in programs aimed at reducing the energy burden carried by low-income customers. Evergy should improve linkages between bill payment assistance and low-income energy efficiency and weatherization programs to reduce energy burden over the long-term.

As we recently learned in extreme weather, Evergy must improve early, reliable phone, text, email, and emergency system notifications for all service interruptions including disconnections, which can be serious and life-threatening. In all communication with customers in need of bill payment assistance and facing disconnections, Evergy should link those customers with low-income energy efficiency and weatherization programs to reduce energy burden over the long-term. Evergy should also refer those customers to food, health and housing assistance programs offered by local social service organizations.

Evergy should also improve transparency in its IRP and STP processes. Much of Evergy's underlying analyses have been kept confidential. Given the importance of these plans for the energy future for much of Missouri and Kansas, openly sharing information with the public and inviting feedback is essential.

Evergy is at a critical juncture in its history. I urge Evergy to make the right choice for Missourians and Kansans and commit to phasing out coal by 2030, with no new gas generation, and phasing in clean energy to benefit the communities that Evergy serves.

Thank you,

Full Name	Address1	City	Postal Code	Personal Message
B Mccune	414 W 11th St	Newton	67114	Kansans needs their utilities' help even more during time of health difficulties and with less jobs available and illness in their household and communities
Kathleen Harned	5619 Plymouth Drive	Lawrence	66049	A pandemic is a time to demonstrate our compassion for others who are suffering. It is not right to turn off utilities for people who have lost control of their own lives. They want to be employed and pay their bills, but there are no jobs for many people who have fewer skills. Put pressure on Washington DC, to get the relief money to those who are desperate, not the top 1% that always gets the benefit.
Ken Bell	138 Ranger St	Haysville	67060	All too many of our fellow Kansans are in dire straits because of the COVID-19 virus and the devastating economic consequences of its spread - particularly the most vulnerable among us. As an Evergy shareholder, I urge you suspend the termination of service, especially during the upcoming winter months, for those who have been victimized by a pandemic beyond their control.
Lorene Layne	308 pine st.	Peabody	66866	Alot of people are having a hard time paying there rent right now with coved please dont shut off the heat...most of them have children! Please dont shut off the heat and lights ! Lorene Layne .
Melanie Cameron	4303 w 92nd ter	prairie village	66207	Are you really disconnecting people's power, for failure to pay, during this pandemic? If so, that is despicable and it needs to stop. I don't know what the answer is to this problem - but it seems there has to be a better way... offering extremely low payment plans or something..? People are worrying about how to feed their families... the last thing they need to worry about is losing electricity.
Isadora Avett	1329 N Pershing St	Wichita	67208	As a landlord, I am absorbing the rent they can not pay because they are not working. We are all in this together, and will not be any better for driving a person or family into poverty

John Shively	4200 S. 4th Street	Leavenworth	6604 8	<p>As a person of faith, I believe it is paramount for us to continue to support individuals experiencing poverty. Especially in this time of the pandemic, we must find it in our hearts to see the world with an abundance of resources that can be shared, rather than a world of resources that must be restricted or hoarded.</p> <p>Millions of people across America and many across Kansas are now struggling to pay the bills, having lost their jobs. Utilities are only one of many concerns, as families try to figure out how to pay the newly found medical debt and keep food on the table. You have in your power to instruct the utility providers to act with mercy and grace. Perhaps it is not ideal, but during this time, now more than ever we are being called to acknowledge our common bond with our neighbors. As Fr. Gregory Boyle notes, we must "disrupt the notion that it's possible there are people who are not our own, who don't belong to us."</p> <p>Sincerely thankful,</p>
Erica Bana	924 N Rutan St	Wichita	6720 8	<p>As a person that is struggling at this time in all our lives. My children and I are in need of some much needed understanding from the big businesses. I am paying what I'm able . However just keeping food on the table at this time. The stress of wondering if I'm going to even be able to keep my kids warm is overwhelming, or able to cook a hot meal. Please, please understand we are all trying !!!!</p>
Melissa Wheeler	7354 Rosewood Dr	Prairie Village	6620 8	<p>As a physician who takes care of children I see every day the impact of pollution on their precious health. We must leave this planet to them with a possibility of long term safe future.</p>
Christina Anderson	8526 Hayes Street	Overland Park	6621 2	<p>As an Evergy customer, I have seen my energy rates steadily increase, while service and sustainability practices decline. The recent rolling blackouts only underscored the desperate need our region has for a solution other than fossil fuels. We have access to multiple clean energy sources, and our portion of the grid should not be beholden to the wild west behavior of others in the same power pool when it comes to securing electric for customers. Commit to clean energy, get away from coal and natural gas, and help ensure that what occurred last week does not occur again.</p>
David Nachman	12715 Woodson St	Leawood	6620 9	<p>Be on the right side of history. Make this company the industry leader in clean energy. Keep fossil fuels in the ground. Make our</p>

				grandchildren proud.
Christal Crawford	1634 SW Harrison St Apt 2	Topeka	6661 2	Because i cant seem to get coughtup on my bill and ive been giving what i can but seem to keep falling behind
Holly Dellinger	8110 monrovia st	Lenexa	6621 5	Because I'm one of those that covid has impacted. Work has been cut , my daughter had covid in July, and is still having long haul effects. Only way this country will survive is if we all work together.
Kathy Wirtz	519 E Kansas Ave Lot 43	Arkansas City	6700 5	Because low income people can't afford to pay extremely high prices for electric. They need to think of us low income people.
Johnna Christeson	206 N MILES ST	Pittsburg	6676 2	Because you never know when it could be you or one of your family!
Elaine Volkmann	9424 E Longlake St	Wichita	6720 7	Burning coal inflicts terrible health harm on children (I saw asthma cases quadruple during 30 years teaching).
Al Frisby	10121 W 59th Ter	Merriam	6620 3	Citizensclimatelobby.org says it all.
Frederick Budden	29185 Delia Road	St. Marys	6653 6	Clean energy begins with ridding our are of dirty pollutants.
Autumn Love	4005 S Whiteside Rd	Hutchinson	6750 1	Clean energy is important to help preserve the world for my children and future generations.
Mona Kandeler	917 Rhode Island St	Lawrence	6604 4	Clean, reliable energy is a necessity as we move into more and more challenges from climate change. We also need more tightly built homes.
Susan Petersen	4009 Vintage Ct	Lawrence	6604 7	Coal continues to impact the climate. There are safer, cleaner alternatives.
Harry Frieze	805 N Springdale Dr	Wichita	6723 0	Coal fired energy plants must be phased out before long before 2035 if we are to reduce the damage to our climate caused by carbon dioxide. The increased warming of our planet is causing extreme weather events such as drought, wild fires and sea level rise. My daughter and her family such heavy smoke pollution in Bellevue, WA last year from fires that they could not leave their home for days on end. Our coal burning plants contribute to the drought in the Western US that increased the intensity of the fires.
Linda Fortune	409 Kisiwa Village Rd	Hutchinson	6750 2	Coal is a polluting fuel source. We need to be moving towards cleaner sources of producing energy. I don't support the use of coal. Please consider our environment and the need to protect it for future generations.

Linda Richter	2383 Grandview Ter	Manhattan	6650 2	Coal is dirty, unhealthy for workers and the planet! Solar and wind are our future!
Aislinn Mcgonagle	2804 W 132nd St	Leawood	6620 9	Coal is expensive. and Not just on the front end. Customers could save more than \$1,170,000,000 if Evergy retired all of its coal plants. Evergy could close Lawrence Energy Center next year and replace it with regional capacity and efficiency for a small fraction of its current annual coal plant costs. Replacing just one coal burning unit from Jeffrey Energy Center with solar capacity could save customers \$24 million in just one year, while providing \$25 million in transition assistance and low-cost financing for customers struggling to pay their bills. Coal is also expensive to our health. And even if it is just a low end worker - we all pay for it.
April Bennett	17727 W 68th Ter	Shawnee	6621 7	Coal is not clean and harms our planet. We need to move onto renewable energy to help our planet sustain human life for many years to comes
Barbara Johnston	225 King St	Baldwin City	6600 6	Coal-burning power plants should be shut down. The use of wind and solar power is cheaper than coal and does not harm the environment.
Corliss Jacobs	20745 COLLEGE BLVD	Olathe	6606 1	Covid has pushed millions into poverty..do not force them to live without heat and light too.
Francine Sutton	12490 Quivira Rd Apt 1416	Overland Park	6621 3	Distributed generation/local control
Stephen B Sprowls	1401 S 4th St	Arkansas City	6700 5	Do the right thing here!
Don Traub	20973 W 226th St	Spring Hill	6608 3	DO THE RIGHT THING!
Peggy Hebert	1127 Republic Cir	Salina	6740 1	Drastic measures are called for in the fight against climate change. It has been ignored for too long and time is running out to reverse the the course. Change MUST come NOW or our children and grandchildren will not have a future on this planet!
Barbara Grinter	4845 Black Swan Dr	Shawnee	6621 6	During this time of economic uncertainty, utility companies should not be shutting off people's utilities. It isn't ethical nor is it moral.
Ken Scheffter	12020 S Pflumm Rd Apt 6102	Olathe	6606 2	Economic benefits of renewables
Krysta Bakker	5802 w Franklin	Wichita	6721 2	Electricity a crucial part of life, especially during this pandemic when schools are closed and parents are struggling to make ends meet.

David Sargent	524 Forestglen Ln	Lansing	6604 3	Electricity is the highest source of greenhouse gases. We need clean energy to reduce harmful smog and toxic buildups in our air and water. Please act now.
Lynn Ronconi	8835 W 143rd Ter	Overland Park	6622 1	Environmental health
Marian Thomas	10512 Ensley Ln	Leawood	6620 6	Energy should encourage homeowners to install solar panels, not try to discourage them from doing so!
Kathleen Strange	3611 W 48th St	Roeland Park	6620 5	Every human being, along with all governments, all utility companies, businesses, and manufacturers, must be responsible for our world and pledge to do everything within their authority and power to save Earth and make it a healthy and livable environment for future human beings. My life, your life, and the lives of our children depend on you! Thank you!!!
Ingrid Brown	29 Lansdown	Wichita	6722 0	Families desperately need help.
Jeffrey Gorski	3900 W 91st St	Prairie Village	6620 7	Getting Covid is not necessarily related to a desire to not pay your bills but rather an unfortunate life event. Do not make this worse by shutting off power at this worst time and impede progress further.
Darcy Romondo	111 S 18th St	Leavenworth	6604 8	Green energy is the future for Kansas!
Paula Slater	4500 Overland Drive B102	Lawrence	6604 9	Having all life, people-animals-plants, surrounded by fresh air is important. We don't need burning coal to provide energy. Give people discounts to encourage natural energy sources.
Liz Koch	1800 Illinois St	Lawrence	6604 4	Having services is the right of every person especially during these trying times. As a customer and neighbor, I expect all Utilities to recognize the COVID crisis and provide basic service.
Jennifer Brown	4005 W 66th St	PRAIRIE VILLAGE	6620 8	Hey, I have little kids and the time is past for us to be making MUCH cleaner choices for their future. Climate scientists everywhere agree it is critical we become net carbon neutral by 2050. Please take this issue seriously, we cannot afford not to.
Joe Douglas	2804 Oxford Rd	Lawrence	6604 9	I am 81 and will not live to see the worst effects of climate change. My children and grandchildren will. Conditions are going to get worse, probably much worse, before we can stop the degradation of climate. We must do all we can as soon as we can. Eliminating coal fired plants is an obvious early step to take.

Vanessa Knowles	202 W 2nd St	Paola	6607 1	I am a lifetime Kansas citizen and I've struggled this year. I've been able to pay, so far, but there's no guarantee that this will last. I am single woman with one daughter who is doing the best I can. I am a massage therapist and I haven't worked since March. I've barely been able to make ends meet. I've had to dip into my retirement. I have people around me who are on fixed incomes and families with children. When Evergy took over they made promises regarding our rates. We were told the rates would be better after the merger. The rates went up then down then up. I'm on level pay and they changed the structure. It's things like that that can have big impacts on fixed or low incomes. We are paying all of their bills every month and they have a lot more money to work with than any of us. I think it would be in their best interest to keep people connected and show some care and concern. I would also think that the KCC would be there to stand up for it's citizens.
Becky Hixson	627 Sunnyslope St	Emporia	6680 1	I am a senior citizen and have high evergy bills in Kansas. I want to eat, too, please, so lower my bills, please!!
Amber Kirkland	1504 w 2nd st	Haysville	6706 0	I am a single mother of 4 who lost my job. 8 have medical.conditions that make me high risk for covid. With the government stalling on stimulus and unemployment is not even enough to pay my rent.I have ate up my entire savings and don't even know how long I can afford rent. Please stop disconnecting during the pandemic. We already have enough to worry about.
Jesse Moore	717 W 4th St.	Haysville	6706 0	I am at Westar stockholder, but keeping the lights on for Kansans who do not have money to pay the electric bill is much more important than a small bit of profit for the company. Please have Evergy stop cutting off people who get behind on their bills.
Patrice Mcghee	1603 N Poplar Ave	Wichita	6721 4	I am disabled and living on a fixed income. It is very hard for me to keep my house warmed up and pay the cost. It is a hardship for me every year
Barbara Post	4448 N Eagle Lake Dr	Bel Aire	6722 0	I am extremely concerned about Climate Change. Please help our community get to 100% clean energy ASAP . I encourage Evergy to increase Wind and Solar Energy and no longer use fossil fuels to produce our energy!! Evergy...be part of the solution rather than part of the problem! Thanks!!

Amber Bainer	2101 West Macarthur Road	Wichita	6721 7	I am on disability and have 5 children with my husband. Part of my disability is being on oxygen and every month every year the costs goes up more and more to the point people like my family and I are always behind on our bills because we struggle to pay the high costly rates. Yes there are ways that they try to help us out but it still isnt enough haft the time.
Mary Ann Beattie	2672 N Pershing St	Wichita	6722 0	I am particularly concerned about families who have small children or elderly people in their home. With winter coming on, these people need to be connected to electricity in order to maintain life. The pandemic is enough of a burden without being without power.
Susie Scott	2037 S Cypress Ct	Wichita	6720 7	I am passionate about the need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. I want to take advantage of Kansas's natural, renewable resources such as wind and sun. Please take steps this year to reduce residential electric bills by closing coal plants and investing in clean energy such as wind, solar, and efficiency programs.
Ellen Guthrie	6035 SE 101st St	Berryton	6640 9	I am volunteering at a local food pantry and have seen the anxiety of these times forced to do school from home and have lost wages. Help folks with power this school year.
Jesse Moore	717 W 4th St	Haysville	6706 0	I applaud your investments in wind and renewable energy. Please take your coal plants off-line. They are now an expensive form of energy and the biggest polluter of all the energy sources.
Margaret Foster	8532 Broadmoor Street	Overland Park	6621 2	I believe that we must do this.
Linda Mwrks	9106 west 49 terr	Merriam	6620 3	I cannot Imagine how hard it must be for some Fellow Americans that lost their jobs or cannot go to their job because of health issues in this time of crisis with family children please reconsider
Louise Lloyd	11433 S Rene St	Olathe	6621 5	I feel the science showing that climate change is happening and will progressively have more devastating impacts unless serious measures are taken to help mitigate greenhouse gases is undeniable. It is crucial that Evergy do everything it can to help those of us living in Kansas and Missouri to do what is best to help mitigate as much of the climate issues as is possible. It seems like it is so doable for Evergy to be able to do great things to help transition from fossil fuels to clean energy. And think about the future for your grandchildren and beyond. They will undoubtedly pay the ultimate price if major

				changes aren't made to move to more clean energy.
Elisa Balderas	3200 North Hood Avenue	Wichita	6720 4	I grew up poor, We never did without the essentials. We wore clothes that were hand me downs, but we were always clean, I stand with families in dire straits!!
Frances Berry	1009 n 13th st	Independence	6730 1	I have 2 kids Im raising. I make \$8.50 @ hour my water bill is over \$200.00 I need time to come up with that kind of money. I need help not my water shut off. Please help us
Chad Brunk	822 Lawrence	Emporia	6680 1	I have a household of 3. I'm the only one who is currently employed. Sixty percent of my check goes to child support. And even though my wages are high for the area, we still struggle to make our rent and utilities. Based on income, I've been denied assistance even though I don't see most of my pay. And the stress of waiting for the other shoe to drop is starting to take its toll on my health. And I am but one of many in this situation. We have no idea when this will all end. But we can't continue like this. The people of Kansas need the reassurance of some normality. The piece of mind of security and stability. A seperation from the greed and dispassionate views of big monopolies controlling our lives. It's our very well being as a whole at stake, not just the individual.
Chet Johnson	26284 west 67 street	Shawnee	6622 6	I have been an Evergy customer for many years. It is important to me that the company make good decisions not only for business but for the environment and for our future.
Iris Craver	410 Elm	Lawrence	6604 4	I have lived in Kansas for 50 years. I am sickened at the thought that during these hard times, you would turn off electricity at people?s homes. What is wrong with you people? Stop this cruelty now.
Leslie Klausen	8328 Shady Bend Rd	Lenexa	6622 7	I hope that Kansas government officials will figure out a way to keep the lights on for Covid affected families. Times are hard and families need help!

Shari Ryker	2610 Georgetown Pl	Manhattan	6650 2	I implore you to DO WHAT'S RIGHT for KANSAS. There are alternatives!
Alicia Edmunds	4420 SW 61st St	Topeka	6661 9	I know it sounds hard, but if we don't do this, the future looks harder.
Jill Kleinberg	1756 E 960 Rd	Lawrence	6604 9	I know people - adults and children - who are both food insecure and energy insecure, through no fault of their own. They deserve help.
Patrick Mcwhorter	2302 E Summerwood St	Goddard	6705 2	I live in KS. This affects me a my family moving forward. KS could be a leader is pushing renewables but Oil & Gas subsidies and bailouts stand in the way
Eric Kirkendall	714 Mississippi St	Lawrence	6604 4	I live in Lawrence KS, and think at least daily about the fact that every time I turn on a light, electricity is being generated by burning coal, sickening and killing people, and making global warming and the lives of future generations worse. My vision is of the Lawrence Energy Center as a leading center for renewable energy - perhaps solar and wind, with current Eergy employees retrained in green energy, so thy can help make the world a better place.
Jeroen Roelofs	5410 W 131st Ter	Overland Park	6620 9	I live in Overland Park, KS and Eergy is my electric provider. I think it is critical for a modern, company caring about society, customers, and environment to move towards clean energy. I find the option to choose clean energy from my provider important and not sufficient currently. Please be forward lookign and responsible and prioritize clean energy such as wind and solar energy production.
George Just Denison	2101 S Richfield St	Wichita	6720 7	I pay you bastards over \$400 a month a month, and I don't qualify for your solar program.
Judy Gossett	4480 S Meridian Ave Lot 162	Wichita	6721 7	I think it is time for people to remember that these is America and start helping our fellow Americans.It is not important if they are Republicans, Democrat, Independents, white, bl ack or any color there is we are ALL AMERICAN AND THAT IS WHAT AMERICA STANDS FOR!
Bonnie Maize	610 Griswold Ct	Rossville	6653 3	I want my kids to have a livable future. We need to move away from coal and on to clean energy sources like wind and solar as soon as possible. This would create jobs and help combat the worst effects of climate change. Kansas could be a world leader in wind energy.
Jessica Wolzen	21110 W 120th Terrace	Olathe	6606 1	I want to leave a cleaner world for my kids!

Cynthia Crum	4315 Valley View Road	Leavenworth	6604 8	I was a child of an underpaid accountant mom, and we found ourselves on food stamps over 45 years ago. However, I became a better paid professional as well as both my siblings and We pay a great deal in taxes now. So, you may be hurting some young child like who I used to be...or a grandparent of a kid like me. Please remember there are humans behind these accounts. Of course, They should be paying what they can and as long as they are sending something, please don?t shut off the electricity.
Ginger Werb	9515 Russell St	Overland Park	6621 2	I was asked to write a short message of why this is important to me; it should be important to all of us.
Kristi Christy	910 Waddington Ave	Wichita	6721 2	I work with families who are struggling to make ends meet and the last thing we would want to see are these families on the street because they are not in a position to pay their electric bill.
Cecile Mcalpine	8933 E Blake Ct	Wichita	6720 7	I work with individuals who have ongoing financial hardship.
Robert Lochner	455 S Winterset Ln	Wichita	6720 9	I would like for my Grand-kids and Great grand-kids to enjoy the kind of unpolluted earth that I was privileged to grow up in.
Clyde Schwanke	2406 SW Burnett Road	Topeka	6661 4	I would like to report that my personal \$40,000 investment in solar panels was putting over 6,000 watts of electricity into Evergy's grid while neighbors were without power this week. Zero pollution and no investment by Evergy other than a second meter
Vicky Walters	305 SE 17th	Topeka	6660 7	I?m very upset that the Evergy stockholders now have so much control that they are requiring Evergy to disconnect electric service from families being hit hard by this pandemic. People and our climate matter!
Magda Werkmeister	726 S. Central St.	Olathe	6606 1	I'm 20 years old. You're deciding my entire future right now. I urge you to let my generation live in a habitable world.
Brad Leffel	12520 S Cottonwood Dr	Olathe	6606 2	I'm an Evergy customer and care deeply for this earth
Debra Kline	14304 Russell St	Overland Park	6622 3	I'm concerned about continuing to use coal for power and hope it can be phased out for renewable energy.
Marian Rice	1078 North Bayshore Drive	Wichita	6721 2	Improving our environmental footprint is essential for everybody on the planet. Please...
Michael Folk	31675 Old Kc Rd	Paola	6607 1	In these hard times everyone needs to care for each other.

Debbie Sokoloff	3611 w 99th St Overland Park KS 66206	Leawood	6620 6	In this terribly difficult time of Covid-19, please don't cut off utilities for those who cannot afford to pay the bills! So many have lost their jobs and need grace to live until things are more normal and they can go back to work.
Kent Dorsey	108 W Lake Rd	Farlington	6673 4	It is a very poor time to place the poor at even greater peril by cutting off their electricity. It is the right time to put profits aside for the greater good.
Mrs Marshall	2211 S 1st St	Leavenworth	6604 8	It is crucial that we move away from fossil fuels and to renewable resources for our energy needs.
Justin Moss	7724 SW 26th St	Topeka	6661 4	It is immoral to shut electricity off for people who cannot afford to pay, because of circumstances outside their control, and especially when poor leadership at the federal level is responsible for the sorry situation we find ourselves in.
Debra Gamache	1719 E Cresthill Rd	Derby	6703 7	It is important that we move more quickly and in massive efforts to to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. We need to change our energy resources to renewable resources. Why, to remain alive for the next eon. Humans can lose their dominant status and become part of the scrap heap of past species that didn't make it. What I don't understand is how we can ignore the elephant in the room. We must change our ways or die.
Bharat Ratra	1809 Vaughn Dr	Manhattan	6650 2	It is important to protect all, especially now, and especially those who do not have the resources to look after themselves.
Jeanette Summers	918 N. Custer	Wichita	6720 3	It is inhumane, unchristian, and unnecessary to cut power to homes during this time of crisis.
Linda Mccaughey	7609 Hadley St	Overland Park	6620 4	It is past time to shut down coal burning power plants. There are far better options, now.
April Schultz	101 N Park Blvd	Coffeyville	6733 7	It is time to start helping people out. People are sick and dying its time to start helping and not doing anything but sitting on your hands.
Steve Miller	2425 SE. STUBBS RD	Tecumseh	6654 2	it would be irresponsible to ignore information about the contribution of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases to climate change and the potential harm to our environment and health if we do nothing. At the same time, the vast majority of Kansans know that climate change is harming us and carbon dioxide should be regulated. Clean energy is a huge opportunity for us; this year we can reach out and use that opportunity to provide jobs for all of our communities that have been hit by the economic and health crisis

Cynthia Langeluttig-Jewell	11531 S Brentwood Dr	Olathe	6606 1	It's essential for people to have utilities in the 21st century.
Kelly Hart	5400 Neosho Ave	Fairway	6620 5	It's important to transition away from polluting coal and gas burning plants, and ramp up wind and solar energy production. The technology is here, as you well know. Every please do the right thing for current and future generations. Let's make Kansas a leader in clean energy. This from a parent and grandparent.
Lynn Kirchhoff	5425 Neosho Ave	Fairway	6620 5	It's part of being a human being and caring.
Nathalie Kind	3703 Concord Circle	Manhattan	6650 3	It's absurd to be investing in outdated technology and passing on the expense to your customers!! Get with the future - go green!
Tom Kneil	6110 Edinburg	Bel Aire	6722 0	It's difficult enough to live in a home without heat when the outside temperature falls below 60 degrees (F) but now that temperatures drop below freezing it is downright dangerous ?especially for seniors and young children. Modern gas furnaces don't run without electricity and I'm quite sure that very few homes in poor communities have fireplaces that can be used for heat (as dangerous as that is.) Please show some compassion for those who have been financially impacted by the presence of the Coronavirus in Kansas.
Anthony Wilson	14911 W 70th St	Shawnee	6621 6	It's disgusting that, during a PANDEMIC, when Americans are out of work through NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN that you are cutting their power.
Joe Spease	9934 Goddard St	Overland Park	6621 4	It's time for Every to see the writing on the wall and phase out coal. Coal is simply too dirty to use and by burning it, we're releasing millions of years of sequestered co2 which is not sustainable. Please - for the sake of the generations that will follow us - phase out coal!
Teresa Boring	17543 126 Rd	Hoyt	6644 0	It's time to start doing what's right, not what's always been done, what's easiest, or what's the most profitable.
Rebecca Pantos	2019 SW McAlister Ave	Topeka	6660 4	Kansans in cities like Topeka, Lawrence and Kansas City put up with the Spring "burn" season and harmful pollution from farmers and ranchers. When you add it to bad air from coal burning plants it's just too much. We need clean energy and we need some other, natural way to enrich the soil besides the Spring Burn. Thank you for your attention.

Karen Lowder	14111 Russell St Apt 4007	Overland Park	6622 3	Kansas is expecting snow next week. Cutting off utilities at this time is unconscionable. Do the right thing to keep our Kansas families safe and keep the utilities on.
Jeffrey Gorski	3900 W 91st St	Prairie Village	6620 7	Kansas is one of the windiest states in the continental USA. This wind is free once the turbine is paid for. Kansas also has over 280 days of sunshine. This is also free once the collectors are paid for. Coal costs money to purchase continuously and emissions are problematic forever going forward. Economically there is no real question which way we should go.
Rachelle Head	19790 Broadway St	Stilwell	6608 5	Keeping all forms of life and environments healthy ensures human health. Please act accordingly as much for yourselves as anyone. Take care. Thank you.
Carole Mcfarland	8129 W 123 Ter	Overland Park KS	6621 3	KS families need the benefits that utilities can provide during this pandemic. Please provide these services uninterrupted until we have this under control.
Stacey Echerd	6126 W 54th St	Mission	6620 2	Light should not be turned off during a pandemic!! So many people are out of work. Have some pity
Ken Schefter	12020 S Pflumm Rd Apt 6102	Olathe	6606 2	Local coal pollution poisoning KS
Elinor Riley	4513 W 53rd Ter	Roeland Park	6620 5	Many of us Kansans are working toward a kinder state and state of mind. Give me one good reason people should have their electricity cut off, especially given the economic aspects of this pandemic. Please, as a corporation benefiting from us tax payers, show some compassion!
Vicki Selzer	30820 W 90th St	De Soto	6601 8	Many people have been economically impacted by COVID-19 and can't even get unemployment due to the inadequate state system. Please stop utilities from disconnecting these people's power!
Larry Davis	5425 Mastin St	Merriam	6620 3	Mike Thompson is not right!!! We need more renewable energy sources. Diversity is the answer, no coal!!!!!!
Madeline Akers	1600 N Ridgewood Dr	Wichita	6720 8	Mr. Campbell: I remember our environment when I was a child. I am 81 so it was a long time ago. I am a nature lover and I see what is happening to our environment now. It makes me want to cry for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I see the difference in the sky and the running waters. I pray for the companies like yours to see, what I see and convert to Clean Energy systems. I contribute to this each month through Evergy. Please get real serious like me and do what you can, as soon as possible. Coal workers can learn a new skill.

Michele Hall	151 S. Bonnie Brae Street	Wichita	6720 7	I urge Evergy to make the right choice for Missourians and Kansans and commit to phasing out coal by 2030, with no new gas generation, and phasing in clean energy to benefit the communities that Evergy serves. Thank you,
Margaret Storey	5141 W 75th St	Prairie Village	6620 8	Multiple
Carol Dreiling	2224 E Walnut Creek Ct	Derby	6703 7	My energy bills are becoming too high to sustain. There must be an affordable and clean energy solution for all Americans.
Karen Mauk	809 Montgomery	Longton	6735 2	My friends, family, neighbors and most of the rest of southeast Kansas has been struggling financially for the last year. Southeast Kansas is an economically deprived area with low wages and minimal benefits in most cities and towns. You are being very greedy as you make a huge profit already. I do not expect an compassion or mercy from a corporation, neither do I think of you as a person. Give us a break please.
Elaine Giessel	11705 W 101st Ter	Overland Park	6621 4	My siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins all live in Texas, which has just experienced a catastrophic failure of its energy structure/regulation, one that has literally cost people their lives and homes. Appears now that they may also have to pay exorbitant energy bills due to failure of the utilities to prepare for weather extremes. It's never been more obvious that we need to redefine our model for providing affordable, reliable and clean energy to customers, in a way that protects public health and helps reduce climate change.
Rebecca Pantos	2019 SW McAlister Ave	Topeka	6660 4	My sister has medical issues and she cannot do her usual job. She has no regular income now. Not unemployment not disability. Nothing coming in. It's because of the Trump Pandemic. You should not stop service to folks who are behind on their payments. The federal government must give states and local government funds for you to cover these losses and you should leave the utilities on. God bless.
Michelle Fell	13420 Wildridge rd	Wamego	6654 7	My son works hard and is an essential worker. However he struggles from paycheck to paycheck and I would hate to see him have his utilities cut off.
Ingrid Brown	29 Lansdown St	Wichita	6722 0	No one should be without energy in weather extremes. Switch to sustainable power sources now.
Sheila Roddy	10402 Cora St	Wichita	6720 5	Not all of us can afford utilities right now. Do the decent thing and don't turn them off.

Karen Landrum	307 Pine Ridge	Parsons	6735 7	Our bills are high and coal is dirty! Please stop polluting our country!
Jonalu Johnstone	300 N 4th St	Manhattan	6650 2	Our dependence on coal has to end. A sustainable energy plan cannot include coal, because it is not sustainable. We need to move quickly in order to save ourselves from the colossal problems we confront with climate change.
Pamela Sherer Peters	13104 Ballentine St	Overland Park	6621 3	Our future generations depend on decisions like this to continue to exist. I have children & a grandchild that this will effect. Make the wise choice today!
Jon Scheinman	5611 Cherokee Cir	Fairway	6620 5	Our future's at stake
Bryan Thompson	851 Beatrice St	Salina	6740 1	Our grandchildren will suffer from our failure to act. We must phase out fossil fuels quickly. We'll save money, improve health, and mitigate climate change by transitioning to renewables.
Heather Fernhout	15413 W 81St St	Lenexa	6621 9	Our planet is in trouble. Coal is a big part of the problem. We have great alternatives in Kansas- sun + wind. Please end coal use now.
Linda Mccaughey	7609 Hadley St	Overland Park	6620 4	Past time to get rid of all the air pollution produced by coal. Invest in wind and solar!!
Ingrid Brown	29 Lansdown St	Wichita	6722 0	People are suffering enough, don't add to their misery.
Judy Voss	7640 West 95th Street Apt. C	Overland Park	6621 2	Peoples lives are at stake. Winter is fast upon us. Everyone needs electricity to survive. This is not a political issue. It is a matter of taking care of our neighbors. Thank You.
Thomas Scott	5729 Woodward St	Merriam	6620 2	Please be more compassionate towards those who have lost jobs or income due to the COVID-19!! If you must you can get adequate income by giving others a small price increase.
Barbara Varhol	11220 Grandview Street	Kansas City	6621 0	Please close the coal plants. There are no longer a sustainable source of energy and certainly are not climate friendly. There are other methods of creating energy such as wind and solar.
Melony Short	801 S Grant Ter	Olathe	6606 1	Please consider if it was your family who would be going cold this winter!
Debra Bleam	9611 Melrose St Apt 3	Overland Park	6621 4	Please consider to move to clean green energy sources. Wind and solar are the best sources for our future. Fossil fuels are dirty and out of date. So I ask that you consider this for all of our futures.

Mary Pat Lenahan	4200 S 4th St	Leavenworth	6604 8	Please do everything you can to keep the power on for all of the folks who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own during this pandemic and economic crisis. People need power to live for themselves and their loved ones, especially during these uncertain and challenging times. Thank you!
Rachelle Head	19790 Broadway	Stilwell	6608 5	Please do this small thing to help keep communities physically and mentally healthy!
Melissa Eichman	6653 Woodson Dr	Mission	6620 2	Please exercise mercy and compassion on those who are struggling during this pandemic. Thank you.
Stephanie Pessin	6907 W 130 street	Overland Park	6620 9	Please have a heart and make sure that those who are having financial difficulties during the pandemic can keep their electricity on, pay what they can when they can. We must help our fellow man during this difficult time.
Mary Meroney	1803 N Peckham Cir	Wichita	6723 0	Please have compassion for all your fellow men and women during this unprecedented time. This is a vital part of survival here in KS.
Janet Lhuillier	13100 W 126th Ter	Overland Park	6621 3	PLEASE PHASE OUT COAL!!! Work on sustainable energy. Thank you!
Gabrielle Kocour	801 S 8th St	Atchison	6600 2	Please renewable energy. Our future is at stake.
Allie Roepe	1627 Learnard Ave	Lawrence	6604 4	Please shut down all of Kansas' coal power plants. they pollute beyond belief, harm peoples health and WE HAVE CLEAN ENERGY ALTERNATIVES. Please quit making Kansas the worst in energy awareness and use of renewables. you should be responsible to the people, not the power plant. Thank you!
Alicia Rues	1226 SW Oakley Ave	Topeka	6660 4	Please stop disconnecting Kansans' power because of the pandemic. With the US Congress unwilling to help the middle class Everyg must step up and help them. Please stop shutting off their utilities.
Dallas Ziegenhorn	5816 Cherokee Dr	Fairway	6620 5	PLEASE stop the emission of pollutants from your coal plants. These plants are no longer necessary and need to be replaced by clean energy production. I am an 80 years old man who desperately needs clean air.
Steve Miller	2425 SE Stubbs Rd	Tecumseh	6654 2	Please stop using coal and convert to 100% clean energy.
Ann Mcgah	21234 W 115th Ter	Olathe	6606 1	Please take care of the most vulnerable among us.
Jay Waxse	1015 S Wyckford St	Olathe	6606 1	Please, people need all the leeway and assistance we can get this year! Thank you, Jay Waxse

Paula Slater	4500 Overland Drive B102	Lawrence	6604 9	Pollution is a strong concern of mine, and one that I know can be changed for the better by ending coal-burning power plants. Please give customers the opportunity to see the healthier change to natural wind and solar power by offering a discount in monthly bills. It will help to start leaving coal-burning behind as preferred choice do less used.
Kaitlyn Foster	6806 Antioch Dr	Merriam	6620 4	Power shouldn't be profit-motivated - people deserve access to the resources that enable them to have safe, secure housing.
Lee Morris	8284 22nd St	Perry	6607 3	Protecting and insuring the future of our climate/planet must become our No. 1 priority NOW! We must take every step possible to make this a reality, including moving away from coal and other fossil fuels.
Ingrid Brown	29 Lansdown St	Wichita	6722 0	Protections for low income customers in the STP
Stacy Shanahan	8242 E Bluestem St	Wichita	6720 7	So many people are without jobs and income right now. They need help. The pandemic has hurt many people.
David Nachman	12715 Woodson St	Overland Park	6620 9	Stop investing in outdated and expensive coal and fossil fuels as energy sources and invest heavily in wind and solar and other clean energies that will secure the future health and welfare of all your constituents.
James Williams	5111 S Meridian Ave Lot 53	Wichita	6721 7	Stop kicking people in the ribs while they're down.
Robin Ulmer	12528 E Cherry Creek Ct	Wichita	6720 7	Stop shutting off power to people during covid pandemic!!!
Joe Spease	9934 Goddard St	Overland Park	6621 4	Switching to wind and solar power, large-scale, long-duration energy storage, and renewable hydrogen will lower prices, create thousands of jobs, and help the economies of rural Kansas.
Maggie Childs	983 E 1000 Rd	Lawrence	6604 7	The earth is in peril. The sooner we phase out coal burning power plants, the better.
Betty Phillips	3120 Humboldt	Topeka	6660 5	The future health and safety of our children depend on current decisions.
Elise Stella	1135 W Campus Rd	Lawrence	6604 4	The health of our community is the most important thing right now. Turning off the electricity is not only a danger to their health but also affects people?s ability to apply to jobs, work from home, attend virtual school, order groceries and more. This is a time where we all must sacrifice for the good of the community. Do the right thing and stop shutting off peoples electricity during this pandemic.

Lori Lawrence	321 N Lorraine Ave	Wichita	6721 4	The Kansas Corporation Commission generally chooses to do only what is best for the industries in our state. You, the KCC Commissioners, have the ability to not allow any utilities to disconnect services now during a pandemic. Utility companies should not be for-profit agencies. They must do what is in the best interest of the public they serve. You can make that difference and you should do it now.
Terry Rhoades	5609 W 99th Street	Overland Park	6620 7	The poor are the most adversely affected by the recent economic downturn. With schools being all or partly virtual how are these school children supposed to charge their devices to continue the learning process virtually? How can they study if they are hungry and have no electricity to cook/cool their food and heat their homes Please think about this and put people first.
Dirk Durant	214 Pine Ct	Lindsborg	6745 6	The reasons for faster movement to more reliance on renewable energy sources keep stacking up. Be a leader.
Kent Rowe	3353 N 159th St E	Wichita	6722 8	The recent Texas experience should reveal that the Carnot Cycle is outmoded and dangerous.
Linda Huggins	601 S 3rd St	Leavenworth	6604 8	The science on the climate is clear. We must change to clean energy and do it now. Failure to shut down coal plants and change to wind and solar means you don't care about the health of our children. If you fail to make the change immediately, I will do every thing in my power to have Kansas fire Evergy and go with a different company. On the other hand, if you make the changes that science requires, then I would be a supporter of Evergy and it's prompt move to clean energy for our climate. Do it for our children!
Carolyn Chambers	1430 W Nottingham Cir	Wichita	6720 4	The unfairness of a "public utility" cutting service during a pandemic and with winter approaching is unconscionable! With the Administration and Senate acting like people no longer need help, despite our service economy desperation and decimation, it's clear that money is in short supply yet human needs continue unabated, A "public utility" must summon some humanity and empathy in dealing with its PUBLIC.

Daniel Barton	1147 E Sheridan Bridge Ln	Olathe	6606 2	There are 2 simple reasons I support phasing out coal immediately: 1. It's cheaper to use renewables. 2. I want my kids to be able to experience the same wonderful world that I have. Unless we end our reliance on coal, my kids and grandkids won't be able to enjoy the natural beauty of places like Alaska. Instead, they will be experiencing increased extreme weather activity. We need to do better for our kids.
Regina Deitchman	4200 S 4th St	Leavenworth	6604 8	There are many people in our country, our state that are barely able to keep food on the table. Please do not cutoff their electricity . Thank you. Sister Regina Deitchman.
Harry Bognich	8258 W 117th St	Overland Park	6621 0	There have been so many Kansans laid off from work or are unable to find jobs due to COVID-19. Please do not cut off their electric service. Many utilities have "Share Warmth" or other similar things to encourage the customers who can donate money to help others; you need to have the utilities place more emphasis on this and try to increase these donations, not just from individuals but also encourage large businesses to do so.
Alfred Hormell	826 Oak St	Lawrence	6604 4	There is absolutely no excuse for this. Especially for such a financially successful company. They have no need to shut anybody off.
Justin Moss	7724 SW 26th St	Topeka	6661 4	There is no reason to continue subsidizing an uneconomical and dirty energy source like coal. The market has spoken, and the only reason to continue using coal is to keep the fossil fuel industry happy. But why should their interests take precedence over everything else? They are dinosaurs, trying to require the rest of us to use their old and busted product. It's not a smart choice! Coal is all about Republican identity politics right now, but running an energy business has to be about the bottom line. Coal is an expensive and dirty (and, as the case of Texas has shown us, unreliable) energy source that is the past. Renewables, energy storage, and smart grids are the future. This is very important to me, and because of this, I have opted for Evergy's wind energy subscription at 100% of my home's power. Embrace the future, Evergy! Stop losing money on your own coal plants! Time to phase out coal!
Carol Schmidt	1811 Olive St	Leavenworth	6604 8	These are extraordinary times and we must implement extraordinary measures in order to protect our citizens.

Julie Whitley	10503 S Highland Ln	Olathe	6606 1	Think of the children!
Ralph Earles	1780 N 300th Rd	Baldwin City	6600 6	This is an ideal time to show that your corporation is made up of real people who care about their neighbors. Cutting services to the poor may cause deaths.
Jamini Arcell	8070 W 295th St	Louisburg	6605 3	This is another example of wealthy companies taking advantage of vulnerable consumers & many of these companies accepted Government provided funds assuring they wouldn't adversely affect consumers at this time. Electricity is a mandatory utility and this company, which is a newly combined company, is wealthy enough to STOP supporting Wealthy Commercial Ball teams and other useless wastes of their money and instead take care of their customer base now. AND THEY ARE A MONOPOLY !!!! Thus their customers can't go to another electricity provider this is unconscionable behavior by a monopoly!!!
Victoria Murt	4226 W 94th Ter Apt 111	Prairie Village	6620 7	This is horrible. Utility companies shutting off gas/electric/water during the pandemic. This should be outlawed. Many people are struggling financially thru no fault of their own. People need the basic necessities to survive. People should be above corporate profit and dividends paid to shareholders. I sincerely hope KCC does the right thing and requires all utility companies to keep their utilities on during the pandemic until we get thru this virus and come out on the other side.
Walter Ramsey	1815 Lakeland Dr	El Dorado	6704 2	This is the most Inhumane thing you could do to your customers having financial problems at this time in particular. Additionally, these customers have no alternative for the source of Power because of your monopoly in the State of Kansas.I once owned a Auto and Truck Repair Business in the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York. The region can be difficult for local people to maintain a regular income. As the owner of my Business I worked with customers who had financial problems at times. As any caring Business Owner understands this is part of understanding And providing for your Customers Needs.There were times I had to absorb a loss now and then but this was understandable And allowed my Business to be a part of the Community.For Every to be this way about some delayed or lost income certainly shows You don't care about the Community you serve.Appallingly,Walter Ramsey

Elizabeth Chao	3807 Brush Creek Dr	Lawrence	6604 7	This is unconscionable.
D Weamer	4803 Knox St	Shawnee Mission	6620 3	This is your earth too and what is money worth when there are fires and storms that destroy your community and kill your family. Stop now and live!
Kirsten Barger	1770 S Rock Rd	Wichita	6720 7	This matters to me because I am a customer of Evergy and when I was desperately trying to lower my monthly bill, your customer service representative shrugged off my needs by telling me my bill was not that high. But then, when you were having issues providing power to your customers, you were all like "CONSERVE ENERGY" and requesting that we do certain things to save power--which tells me that when it's convenient for you, you want us to have high bills and waste power, but we need to "save power" when you want us to. Certainly not a fair double standard Evergy practices.
Melissa Woolsey	2382 Juniper Rd	Fort Scott	6670 1	This matters to me because I am currently struggling with paying my bills because I got laid off from work for 2 weeks and my roommate had to move home due to covid. I have an electrical bill due that I can't pay and it would be nice if they wouldn't turn my electric off due to not working for uncontrolled reasons.
Mike Sexton	114 S Walnut St	White City	6687 2	This pandemic has turned everyone's life upside down & some simply can't get everything paid the way they'd do during more normal times. Especially those who are elderly, who have families; they shouldn't have to worry about basic utilities when they have enough to worry about just to keep food on their tables.
Seth Heronemus	17532 W 111th Ct	Olathe	6606 1	This should be obvious. Don't leave people out in the cold (literally) because life dealt them a bad hand. Can you imagine one day without electricity? What about a Christmas?
Joan Nickum	1838 Freeman Ave	Kansas City	6610 2	This should matter to everyone. Compassion is supposed to be a hallmark of America. How about it, KCC -
Bernard Baker	102 N Eastborough Rd	Salina	6740 1	This will have no impact on me but I know it will have an impact on a lot of people, please have a heart and put people first!!
Peggy Hebert	1127 Republic Cir	Salina	6740 1	Times of crisis should bring out the best in us, our willingness to take care of each other. This is such a time.

Robert Barnes	1063 N 1172 Rd	Lawrence	6604 7	To turn off the heat in coming cold weather on people who simply lost their jobs due to a pandemic is simply and totally unconscionable! Please have some semblance of humanity and give them some time to recover.
Melissa Gettinger	1004 N Lewellen St	Wichita	6720 3	Utility companies have been compensated very well over the years. I'm not entirely sure of the details of the merger between Westar and the Missouri electric utility company that formed Evergy, but it would seem that Westar kept their company from going bankrupt. Evergy as the state's utility provider has a responsibility to keep the power on in this unprecedented time. People need to be able to stay home, especially now that the cold season is upon us. There needs to be a way for this company to keep people safe and supplied with power because of our current pandemic. At the very least a way for people to pay off their utility debt over time needs to be offered. Kansans should not have to pick up the slack for the Missouri merger.
Stacy Franklin	8607 W 84th St	Overland Park	6621 2	We all hit hard times, sadly we are all in hard times right now. Give families a break please.
Melissa Gettinger	1004 N Lewellen St	Wichita	6720 3	We all need affordable energy. The most direct route to that is greener methods of collection and storage. Please consider shifting from the fossil fuels which are finite to more infinite sources of energy such as wind and solar energy. Continuing on the path we're currently on will only cost customers more and more people will not be able to pay their bills. This is going to create problems for the company, and potentially drive consumers to develop their own networks and leave grid energy utilities in the dust. Serve us now or suffer some loss later on, either way it's a much better plan to develop more sources of clean energy. It seems the wind turbines were the only source that didn't freeze up during our recent arctic freeze. The energies from coal burning have reached economic parity with cleaner sources so now is the time to begin your transition.
Alfalia Price	1416 S Ellis St	Wichita	6721 1	We all should stand together in this time of crisis! Please, help the people with keeping our Electricity and Gas on. Making reasonable arrangements.
Pat Benabe	1600 Haskell Ave Apt 106	Lawrence	6604 4	We are in a climate crisis and we must stop using fossil fuels now. We already have the technologies to replace these deadly forms of energy. The survival of the planet depends on it...remember that without earth there is no heaven.

Kevin Carril	7416 W 57th St	OVERLAND PARK	6620 2	We can't live in the past. Coal's time has passed. It is too costly to our health and the health of the planet. And, it is too costly financially for the consumer. I say this as both a share holder of Evergy stock and as a citizen of Kansas.
C. Fred Schoell	4215 W 104th Ter	Overland Park	6620 7	We created this situation, we can correct it. We need a change of power generation. You are part of we and you can. Please do.
Alan Sheinker	13253 Delmar Ct	Leawood	6620 9	We don't have a long time to waste if we are going to slow down climate change. It is time to be the future instead of waiting for it to happen. Time is of the essence.
Annr Fowler	1016 Sunset Dr	Lawrence	6604 4	We give money every year to Warm Hearts to help people pay their bills. But, in these times, the usual donations are not nearly enough. You must find a way to help people in these desperate times. Their inability to pay their bills is NOT their fault. We must pull together. That includes corporations and businesses such as yours. Sincerely, Anne Fowler
Harry Frieze	805 N Springdale Dr	Wichita	6723 0	We have to make solving climate change our first priority . Evergy needs to retire it's coal fired power plants!
Don Miller	327 Woodlawn Ct	Lawrence	6604 9	We have too many people who are out of work and unable to pay their bills. As minister and a person of faith, I believe we can do better!
Diane & Rick Budden	29185 Delia Rd.	St. Marys	6653 6	We live about 7 miles across the hills from the St. Marys coal plant. Breathing issues abound and cancer is highly prevalent in this area.
Levi Dermeyer	63 s coy st	Kansas city	6610 1	We live in a vulnerable time and area!
Janet Super	10261 S Northlake Ave	Olathe	6606 1	We must act now to ensure that our grandchildren have clean, healthy and sustainable energy that is affordable. Reliance on coal is not the answer going forward.
Brenda Schewe	913 Twin Oaks Dr	Salina	6740 1	We must assist those struggling now with economic toll of the pandemic. There must be options for reduced payments and some ways we can help insulate and keep families warm this winter. This pandemic has not played fair and those that can afford to help need to stand up and do so.
David Davis	15216 Sweetbriar Dr	Basehor	6600 7	We must help each other to make it through this deadly virus, not make it even harder and more dangerous. Please leave the power on for every one so that we can get through this together and safe.

Linda Huggins	206 E Connie St	Lansing	6604 3	We MUST listen to the science and act now for the future of our children!
Susan Willits	5981 Wellman Road	McLouth	6605 4	We must move forward with developing new, clean energy sources. Innovation is necessary. Coal is outdated and dangerous. We can't lead the world in innovation if we stubbornly cling to outdated ways of doing things.
Susan Dobbelaere	13850 Metcalf Ave Apt 14125	Overland Park	6622 3	We must stop the cruelty. The pandemic is devastating , do not add to the suffering.
M Horowitz	1619 Delaware Street	Lawrence	6604 4	We need less expensive, renewable energy and cleaner air.
Harry Soyster	17808 W. 69th St.	Shawnee	6621 7	We need long-term, climate friendly energy planning.
rebecca littleton	2908 w 43rd ave.	Kansas City	6610 3	We need to began using clean energy yesterday, Your profits won't matter much without an earth to live in!!!!
Kathleen Hanlon	5618 W 78th Ter	Prairie Village	6620 8	We need to care about the quality of life for all,
Harriet McAnerney	11719 W 54th St	Shawnee	6620 3	We need to go from coal fueled plants to more climate conscious projects such as windmills.
James David Childers	3109 Trail Rd	Lawrence	6604 9	We need to lean into the development and deployment of renewable green energy and move away from limited fossil fuels for energy production. Please move our communities forward rather than backwards.
Melissa Wheeler	7354 Rosewood Dr	Prairie Village	6620 8	We need to make decisions now which will improve not only current energy systems but will preserve and protect our precious resources for future generations.
Janice Zimmer	11287 Hemlock Street	Overland Park	6621 0	We need to make wind and solar power the key stone elements of our power program. Please reduce with the intention of eliminating the use of coal.
Megan Langford	7816 Park Street	LENEXA	6621 6	We need to move to renewables to give us any chance of a livable future.
Margaret and Tad Kramar	1966 E 100 RD	Lecompton	6605 0	We need to take action to reduce climate change NOW to stop its horrible effects. You can play a major role in combating climate change AND save customers hundreds of millions of dollars at the same time by promptly retiring polluting coal-burning plants. Please stop being part of the problem and become part of the solution!
Marian Thomas	10512 Ensley Ln	Leawood	6620 6	We need to transition to renewable energy resources as soon as possible, before we reach the tipping point in climate change. We love our residential solar panels, and wish more of our neighbors had them.

Lorna Habegger Harder	PO Box 746	Hesston	6706 2	We've been generating 99% of our electrical energy via solar for the past 9 + years. It was an environmental and economic decision. It is the right thing to do - reducing CO2 emissions, maintaining cleaner water and cleaner air. Instead of having to be dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st c of renewable energy, Evergy should be at the forefront in investing in renewables. That should be a centerpiece of your economic and environmental strategy NOW. Fossil fuels must be declared dead and gone. (And yes, we have joined the growing number of individuals, businesses and banks who have divested from all fossil fuel-related entities . That should be a sobering thought for Evergy to ponder.)
Barbara Fox	6409 E Abbotsford Dr	Wichita	6720 6	Why continue to pollute our air with coal? Why wait until 2030? Do it now!
Anne Sherwood	14318 Manor Ct	Overland Park	6622 4	With the wealth this country has it is ridiculuss that anyone one should go hungry or have no safe place to sleep ! Shame on all of us!!!!
Janet Hopkins	209 N Cedarwood Dr	Rose Hill	6713 3	You are a for profit company but in these Covid times that needs to be set aside and compassion, doing the right thing, need to take precedence.
George Puckett	8539 E BROOKHOLLO W ST	WICHITA	6720 6	You are showing NO EMPATHY as a giant corporation. DO NOT SHUT OFF PEOPLE'S ELECTRICITY DURING THIS TIME OF SEVERE PROBLEMS WITH MANY KANSANS! This is not right during a pandemic!
Cassandra Kimber	23355 West 123rd Street	Olathe	6606 1	You cannot be serious. If this is true and you are turning off electricity for people who are not paying their bills now due to loss of job or financial hardship in the middle of an unprecedented crisis in our country it is beyond disturbing. Kids are depending on online learning for their education. We have had cold temperatures and are headed towards winter. There are so many people just trying to survive. How could this company do this? Why? It is not forgivable. Turn the electricity back on!
Linda Huggins, Trustee	206 E Connie St	Lansing	6604 3	You MUST listen to science and immediately move toward clean energy or the citizens will demand the government take control. This could lead to the end of Evergy - as it should for any company that refuses to act for a better climate and clean energy. Your profit mongering is an attempt to murder our children and grandchildren and is unconscionable. ACT NOW FOR OUR

				CHILDREN!
Richard Sumpter	10015 Monrovia	Lenexa	6621 5	Your job is to protect the people, not the utilities.
Krista Comly	1104 SW Fleming Ct	Topeka	6660 4	Coal is expensive. Evergy could retire its coal plants and save customers hundreds of millions of dollars. Instead, they plan to keep all coal plants running for years. According to a 2019 Sierra Club analysis, Evergy's Kansas coal-burning plants lost \$267 million over four years compared to market energy prices, and projections for just two of those coal-burning plants show them losing \$847 million over the next 20 years.
Supporter Unknown	11908 W 101st Ter	Lenexa	6621 5	
Cindy Fine	505 Parma Way	Gardner	6603 0	
Frances Rove	3404 W 93rd St	Leawood	6620 6	
Shawna Paulin	5135 S Hydraulic St Lot 147	Wichita	6721 6	
Sidney Storey	9419 SW 61st St	Topeka	6661 0	
Aislinn Mcgonagle	2804 W 132nd St	Leawood	6620 9	
Rob Loftin Jr	1206 Pennsylvania St	Lawrence	6604 4	
Karen Hummel	635 Elm Street	Lawrence	6604 4	
Mark Herman	9855 Ash Dr	Overland Park	6620 7	
Carol Shankel	217 Bramble Bend Ct	Lawrence	6604 9	
Alison Pearse	11105 W 99th Pl	Overland Park	6621 4	
Jennifer Pierce	8778 Findley St	Lenexa	6622 7	

Jill Kleinberg	1756 E 960 Rd	Lawrence	6604 9
Mary Pat Lenahan	4200 S 4th St	Leavenworth	6604 8
Letitia Dace	2217 Stone Post Rd	Manhattan	6650 2
John Mortensen	4022 W 69th St	Prairie Village	6620 8
Kent Taylor	1033 E Millview Cir	Olathe	6606 1
John Palmer	11920 W 103rd Ter	Overland Park	6621 5
Charlene Sims	22760 Earnest Rd	Parker	6607 2
Gordon Houser	416 Woodside Ct	North Newton	6711 7
Shelley Anderson	1210 Central Ave Leavenworth, Ks	Leavenworth	6604 8
Bruce Burkhart	PO Box 85	Virgil	6687 0
Kathe Garbrick	2944 Keats Ave	Manhattan	6650 3
Avis Deck	10200 W Maple St Apt A206	Wichita	6720 9
Timothy Post	4870 Skyline Drive	Roeland Park	6620 5
Belete Fikru	20904 W 48th St	Shawnee	6621 8
Shane Mccune	1935 College Heights Rd	Manhattan	6650 2
Manuela Gonzalez-Bueno	12305 S. Shannan Ct.	Olathe	6606 2
Ronald Rosales	2349 N Market St	Wichita	6721 9
Regina Nicol	2250 Lake Pointe Dr Unit 701	Lawrence	6604 9
Cindy Forsberg	9006 Mastin St	Overland Park	6621 2

Nancy Clark	9028 Cottonwood St	Lenexa	6621 5
M. Kirk	1524 W Forest Dr	Olathe	6606 1
Teresa Wilke	3221 Yellowstone Dr	Lawrence	6604 7
Anna Dresner	720 S Chestnut St	Pittsburg	6676 2
Elizabeth Chao	3807 Brush Creek Dr	Lawrence	6604 7
Jon Koeller	7933 Acuff Ln	Lenexa	6621 5
Janet Carmichael	5920 Widmer Rd	Shawnee	6621 6
Jenny Lillis	14417 Meadow Ct	Leawood	6622 4
Shirley Mcnulty	223 N Cherry St	Gardner	6603 0
Elizabeth Henry	14723 S Arapaho Dr	Olathe	6606 2
Kevin Deatrick	1920 SW High Ave	Topeka	6660 4
Cammy Colton	15282 Newton Dr	Overland Park	6622 3
Patsy Duncan	13959 Kenneth Ct	Overland Park	6622 4
Debra Gamache	1719 E Cresthill Rd	Derby	6703 7
Stephen B Sprowls	1401 S 4th St	Arkansas City	6700 5
Eileen Battles	13927 W 76th Cir	Lenexa	6621 6
Jeremy Baptist	8700 Lamar Ave	Overland Park	6620 7
Stephanie Gesink	10004 Juniper Lane	Overland Park	6620 7
Paula Bandt	16120 Rosewood St	Stilwell	6608 5

M Wire	1701 Dover Cir	Salina	6740 1	
Brett Walling	744 S Chautauqua Ave	Wichita	6721 1	
Kristi Hibschan	8334 W 120th Terrace	Overland Park	6621 3	
Nancy Breth	5455 S Minneapolis St	Wichita	6721 6	
Julia Sandow	27095 W 143rd St	Olathe	6606 1	
Anita Hanson	8724 Noland rd	Lenexa	6621 5	
Phillip Crown	4323 SE Horseshoe Bend Dr	Topeka	6660 9	
Lori Lawrence	321 N Lorraine Ave	Wichita	6721 4	
Mary Ann Harmon	801 N Main St	Garden Plain	6705 0	
Elizabeth Walker-Gingerich	543 N Doris St	Wichita	6721 2	
Pat Findeiss	847 N Litchfield Ave	Wichita	6720 3	
Leola Russell	8224 Bekemeyer	Wichita	6721 2	
Liliane Pintar	11911 W 101st St	Lenexa	6621 5	
Nancy Eckert	3219 SW Twilight Dr	Topeka	6661 4	
Meredith Sayers	1529 Colorado Rd	Pomona	6607 6	
Stephen McGuire	7813 Canterbury St	Prairie Village	6620 8	
Kathie Rasmussen	1729 Charise Ct	Lawrence	6604 6	
Kathy Kaberlein	18540 W 117th St	Olathe	6606 1	
Tobias Fritz	3109 W 71st St	Prairie Village	6620 8	

Michael & Evie Rapport	3010 Harvard Rd	Lawrence	6604 9	
Emily Garrett	2177 Kensington Rd	Salina	6740 1	
Sharon Geppert	15212 Fontana St	Leawood	6622 4	
Michael Bayouth	401 N Crestway St	Wichita	6720 8	
Kaera Utsumi	3100 Ousdahl Rd	Lawrence	6604 6	
Bharat Ratra	1809 Vaughn Dr	Manhattan	6650 2	
Jenny Sanders	5552 Stone Crest Ct	Manhattan	6650 3	
Martha Pint	914 W Jewell St	Wichita	6721 3	
Jill Ridley	6503 Pflumm Rd	Shawnee	6621 6	
George Clement	5200 Fox Chase Dr	Lawrence	6604 9	
Stanley Butts	4722 Monrovia St	Shawnee	6621 6	
Becky Poetker	818 W 53rd St N	Wichita	6720 4	
Marie Hernandez	12225 Westgate St	Overland Park	6621 3	
Kay Hawley	1459 S Greenwood Ave	Wichita	6721 1	
Ruth Stuckel	4010 W 68th Ter	Prairie Village	6620 8	
Cheryl Hewitt	5002 Jeffries Ct	Lawrence	6604 7	
Jene Radcliffe-birch	3600 sw Gage Blvd	Topeka	6661 4	
Karen Laforce	PO Box 8816	Wichita	6720 8	
Diane Mcluen	4937 N Bison St	Wichita	6720 4	
Heidi Savoy	1057 N Logan St	Olathe	6606 1	

Diane Meinke	9601 Windsor St	Overland Park	6620 6
Vera Scott	3400 S 24th St	Manhattan	6650 2
Alan Sheinker	13253 Delmar Ct	Leawood	6620 9
Roland Cook	213 S Riley	Riley	6653 1
Stacy Schrader	178 14th St	Osawatomie	6606 4
Dale Fromm	1900 Cypress Ln	Newton	6711 4
Kurt Kiebler	9816 Outlook Dr	Overland Park	6620 7
D Schlotzhauser	6454 West 89th Street	Overland Park	6621 2
Ryan Hessman	2045 Learnard Ave	Lawrence	6604 6
Henry Clark	2229 W 73rd Ter	Prairie Village	6620 8
Andrew Henderson	4809 W 96th Ter	Overland Park	6620 7
Genie Park	4985 Widmer Rd	Shawnee	6621 6
Lori Lawrence	321 N Lorraine Ave	Wichita	6721 4
John Palmer	11920 W 103rd Ter	Overland Park	6621 5
Danny Morton	14850 Oak Valley Dr	Gardner	6603 0
Billie Knighton	7 Lansdown St	Wichita	6722 0
Jerry Rees	2016 W 92nd St	Leawood	6620 6
Mark Chertoff	4148 Booth Pl Apt 21	Kansas City	6610 3
Connie Stoker	6339 Serenade Dr	Lawrence	6604 9
Marcy Fatout	20277 122nd Rd	Burden	6701 9

Jenny Bickford	12814 W 65th St	Shawnee	6621 6	
Ashley Valdez	3701 NW Stinson Rd	Topeka	6661 8	
Clyde Schwanke	2406 SW Burnett Rd	Topeka	6661 4	
Joe Spease	9934 Goddard St	Overland Park	6621 4	
Kent Rowe	3353 N 159th St E	Wichita	6722 8	
G. Dale Mathey	109 S Tremont St	Kansas City	6610 1	
George Clement	5200 Fox Chase Dr	Lawrence	6604 9	
Heather Clotfelter	320 S Clifton Ave	Wichita	6721 8	
Catherine Mcleod	15323 W 91st Pl	Lenexa	6621 9	
Gerald Henry.	1160 south terrace	Wichita	6721 8	
Laura Glenn	11421 W 106th St	Overland Park	6621 4	
Teresa Miller	1820 NW Polk St	Topeka	6660 8	
D Weamer	4803 Knox St	Shawnee Mission	6620 3	
Carol Carley	1831 N 19th St	Kansas City	6610 4	
Richard Forehand	1908 W 6th St	Coffeyville	6733 7	
Dirk Durant	214 Pine Ct	Lindsborg	6745 6	
Stephen Keener	8834 Noland Rd	Lenexa	6621 5	
Joy Lee Burns	36770 Osawatomie Rd	Osawatomie	6606 4	
Timothy Post	4870 Skyline Drive	Roeland Park	6620 5	
Francine Sutton	12490 Quivira Rd Apt 1416	Overland Park	6621 3	
Mark Kozubowski	311 N Main St	Lindsborg	6745 6	

Jose Bejar	3930 SW Chelmsford Rd	Topeka	6661 0	
Anne Haflich	6723 SW Swonthold Rd	Topeka	6661 4	
Kristin Arioli	10412 W 52nd Ter	Shawnee	6620 3	
Bill Kitchen	3414 E Kinkaid St	Wichita	6721 8	
Magda Werkmeister	726 S Central St	Olathe	6606 1	
David Schenk	11806 W 51st St	Shawnee	6620 3	
Macie Rouse	4316 Silverheel St	Shawnee	6622 6	
David Schenk	11806 w 51st Street	Shawnee	6620 3	
John Kelley	11908 W 101 Terr	Lenexa	6621 5	
Mona Kandeler	917 Rhode Island St	Lawrence	6604 4	
Irene Mauer	1616 NW Lower Silver Lake Rd	TOPEKA	6660 8	
Marcie Whinery	11501 W 101st St	Overland Park	6621 4	
Susan Heimann	6572 Charles St	Shawnee	6621 6	
Patsy Duncan	13959 KENNETH CT	Leawood	6622 4	
M Horowitz	1619 Delaware Street	Lawrence	6604 4	
Kristin Arioli	10412 W 52nd Ter	Shawnee	6620 3	
Amber Paz	3637 SE 6th Street Lot W12	Topeka	6660 7	
Carol Dreiling	2224 E Walnut Creek Ct	Derby	6703 7	
Tamalyn Fraleay	13410 E Mustang Cir	Wichita	6723 0	

Brian Wolfe	2020 Emerald Dr	Lawrence	6604 6
Emily Wolfe	4449 Booth St.	Kansas City	6610 3
Michael Rebne	5128 CLARK DR	ROELAND PARK	6620 5
Kristopher Haney	1839 W ELM TER	OLATHE	6606 1
Bharat Ratra	1809 Vaughn Dr	MANHATTA N	6650 2
Austin Turney	1501 Pennsylvania St	Lawrence	6604 4
Robert Sloan	5030 Indian Creek pkwy	Overland park	6620 7
Steve Wurtz	2017 S. Apache St.	Olathe	6606 2
Steve Reiner	113 S. Logan	Newton	6711 4
Sylvia Forte	4072 n. Harding	Bel Aire	6722 0
Becky Poetker	818 W 53rd St N	Wichita	6720 4
Martha Pint	914 W Jewell St	Wichita	6721 3
Kirsten Barger	1770 S Rock Rd	Wichita	6720 7
Yazmin Bruno-Valdez	2723 N 34th St.	Kansas City	6610 4
Chilton Mclaughlin	33975 Quivira	Paola	6607 1
Virgil Pauls	417 W 11th St	Newton	6711 4
Mary Ann Harmon	801 N Main St	Garden Plain	6705 0
Bethanie Ramsey	300 N 5th St	Manhattan	6650 2
Leti Vale	3100 Ousdahl Rd	Lawrence	6604 6
Susan Evans	5341 SW 15th Ct	Topeka	6660 4

Stephen B Sprowls	1401 S 4th St	Arkansas City	6700 5
Michele Barbian	609 E 10th St	Chanute	6672 0
Randy Harmon	5222 SW 10th Ave	Topeka	6660 4
Jon Gwartney	11591 H Rd	Delia	6641 8
C B	7414 SE Croco Rd	Berryton	6640 9
Janet Barnett	15965 S Gardner Pl	Gardner	6603 0
Elizabeth Henry	14723 S Arapaho Dr	Olathe	6606 2
Louis Menard	1509 Rural St	Emporia	6680 1
Sharon Nelson	14201 190th St	Linwood	6605 2
Michele Hall	151 S Bonnie Brae St	Wichita	6720 7
Avis Deck	10200 W Maple St Apt A206	Wichita	6720 9
Shelby Mohar	8451 Renner Blvd	Lenexa	6621 9
Morgan Barrett	1836 N 900th Rd	Baldwin City	6600 6
Beverly Buckley	419 S Harrison St # 1	Olathe	6606 1
Cammy Colton	15282 Newton Dr	Overland Park	6622 3
Deborah Carbery	4206 W 68th St	Prairie Village	6620 8
C.D. Rinck Sr.	6022 Nall Ave	Mission	6620 2
Brad Badger	2806 University Dr	Lawrence	6604 9
Mary Stover	1127 N 135th Rd	Minneapolis	6746 7
Angela Esslinger	1314 S Emporia Ave	Wichita	6721 1

Jude LaClaire	8202 W 57th St	Merriam	6620 2	
Bruce Olson	12527 Connell Dr	Overland Park	6621 3	
Ken Schefter	13876 S Mullen Ct	Olathe	6606 2	
deann pucci	9540 Rosewood Dr Apt 211	Overland Park	6620 7	
Nancy Breth	5455 S Minneapolis St	Wichita	6721 6	
Tamara Lucas	2395 N Somerset Ave Apt 716	Wichita	6720 4	
Gwendolyn Claassen	2913 Bluestem Ct	North Newton	6711 7	
Glenda Staats	730 Nebraska Ave Apt 109	Kansas City	6610 1	
Pamela Sexton	218 N 22nd St	Kansas City	6610 2	
Kimberly Harvey	14221 S Cottonwood Dr	Olathe	6606 2	
Sharon Wisdom	3102 Marcella Dr	Salina	6740 1	
Mary Dubinski	9812 Mohawk Lane	Leawood	6620 6	
Timothy Post	4870 Skyline Drive	Roeland Park	6620 5	
Ronald Calogeras	4616 Muirfield Dr	Lawrence	6604 7	
Kathy Goetz	201 S Millwood St	Wichita	6721 3	
Patricia Blake	1321 S Oliver Ave	Wichita	6721 8	
Vanessa Chasm	6526 BURNHAM DR	MERRIAM	6620 2	

Ty Gorman	4728 Canterbury Rd	Roeland Park	6620 5	
R Grieshaber	PO Box 14068	Lenexa	6628 5	
Adele Racker	7844 SE US Highway 40	Tecumseh	6654 2	
Cindy Fine	505 Parma Way	Gardner	6603 0	
Lauretta Hendricks Backus	1082 east 1157 road	Lawrence	6604 7	
Anita Sullivan	4200 S 4th St	Leavenworth	6604 8	
Luke Metzger	3934 E Elm St	Wichita	6720 8	
Jeremy Baptist	8700 Lamar Ave	Overland Park	6620 7	
Pat Findeiss	847 N Litchfield Ave	Wichita	6720 3	
Mary Stone	13740 Mohawk Rd Apt 1004	Overland Park	6622 4	
Ty Gorman	4728 Canterbury Rd	Roeland Park	6620 5	
Eileen Battles	13927 W 76th Cir	Lenexa	6621 6	
Elisabeth Kasckow	537 Lake of the Frst # 1120	Bonner Springs	6601 2	
Stephanie Campbell	26312 w 110th Terrace	Olathe	6606 1	
Shane Mccune	1935 College Heights Rd	Manhattan	6650 2	
Katrina Matthews	4917 Canterbury Rd	Roeland Park	6620 5	
Larry Davis	5425 Mastin St	Merriam	6620 3	
Stephen Keener	8834 Noland Rd	Lenexa	6621 5	

Irene Mauer	1616 NW Lower Silver Lake Rd	TOPEKA	6660 8	
Nancy Empson	11860 S Sunset Dr Apt 106	Olathe	6606 1	
Tyler Krentz	1533 sw McAlister Avenue	Topeka	6660 4	
Linda Huggins	601 S 3rd St	Leavenworth	6604 8	
Linda Huggins	206 E Connie St	Lansing	6604 3	
C. Fred Schoell	4215 W 104th Ter	Overland Park	6620 7	
Roger Holden	1145 New York St	Lawrence	6604 4	
Mary Geraldine Yelich	4200 S 4th St	Leavenworth	6604 8	
Gerald Weins	1308 W 5th St	Newton	6711 4	
Kevin Deatrick	1920 SW High Ave	Topeka	6660 4	
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In Support of an Evergy Integrated Resource Plan Centered on Energy Freedom and Justice

An Open Letter To:

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Mr. Campbell,

Congratulations on becoming the new President and CEO of Evergy, Inc. We welcome you and your leadership at this critical moment for Evergy and the communities it serves in Missouri and Kansas.

This April, Evergy will submit its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in Missouri, followed soon after by the filing of its first-ever Kansas IRP. This comes as we all work to recover from the pandemic, and its unprecedented impact on our health, economies, and communities. The pandemic revealed racial inequities and energy insecurity, particularly for our most vulnerable populations. [A 2020 study by Harvard University concluded](#) that COVID death rates increase by 15% from exposure to even slightly elevated levels of fine particle pollution, of which coal plants are a major source. These challenges are more difficult as we endure the perils of the climate crisis in the Midwest and across the country.

Our frontline communities are burdened with the impacts of fossil fuel industries. 23% of Evergy customers are below the poverty line in Kansas, and even more are burdened by energy insecurity amid a respiratory pandemic while breathing the pollution of utilities' dirty fossil fuels. Over the course of the COVID-19 health and economic crisis, utilities all over the country have allowed families to be displaced by utility costs and shut-offs, exacerbating community suffering while increasing utility profits.

In the spirit of freeing our communities from fossil fuel in a manner we can be proud of, we, the undersigned organizations, call upon Evergy to honor its stated goal to put customers first. Evergy can put customers first by eliminating high energy burdens on low-income customers, opening the IRP to the public for meaningful input, and advancing a carbon-free-by-2030 scenario in the IRP. Evergy can and should retire expensive and polluting coal-burning plants in the next few years and use those savings to invest in affordable clean energy, appropriate transmission and distribution, and cost reductions for struggling customers, especially low-income customers.

Evergy should use the IRP process to chart a path toward a carbon free future that will allow the utility to be a true leader in meeting climate goals. Rapidly transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy will benefit the company in the long-term, help mitigate the worst impacts of the climate crisis, and protect the health and well-being of Missourians and Kansans, freeing us from an expensive, unhealthy, and unjust status quo.

In 2020, Evergy made an important step towards a clean energy future by recognizing the need for a Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP). Evergy acknowledged they have “the potential” to reduce greenhouse gas pollution 85% by 2030 to avoid the most catastrophic consequences of the climate crisis. However, Evergy has, to date, made [no commitment to replace](#) its remaining coal-burning plants with cheaper renewable sources like wind and solar on a reasonable timeline. Instead, Evergy appears to be prioritizing a price-increasing investment in IT and distribution to maximize short term returns for shareholders. Evergy can’t miss the opportunity that policy tools like securitization provide to invest in a resilient, renewable grid while providing a just transition for coal workers and eliminating energy burden. The utility must work to reach consensus with stakeholders on securitization legislation in Missouri and Kansas this session.

The decisions Evergy makes this year will be crucial to ensuring we can achieve a better future for the company and the people it serves. In order to address the challenges we face as Missourians and Kansans, we must seize the opportunities we have right now to protect the health and well-being of our communities and work collaboratively to move toward a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable future.

To honor its commitment to customers and communities, and ensure a future where Missourians and Kansans are free of the health and economic burdens of fossil fuels, Evergy must commit to the following in its 2021 Integrated Resource Plan:

- 1. Closing the door on uneconomic, polluting fossil fuels by closing Lawrence coal plant by 2023, the Hawthorn and Jeffrey coal plants by 2025, and all remaining coal plants by 2030.**
 - a. Every year a coal plant stays online is another year that local communities - frequently Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), or low-income communities in the U.S., suffer from elevated rates of asthma, heart disease, and

premature deaths. The pandemic has exacerbated these harms on our communities.

- b. To provide least-cost reliable energy and maximize customer benefits, Evergy should commit to retire all of its coal plants and replace them with pollution-free efficiency, renewable energy and storage.
 - c. Studies continue to find that investment in new fossil fuel infrastructure like methane gas and coal make no financial sense in the near- or long-term. Evergy should not invest in any new methane gas energy sources to avoid saddling customers with stranded assets that threaten public health and the climate.
- 2. Transitioning to renewable energy, storage, and efficiency creates a more resilient grid for Missouri and Kansas communities: reducing negative health impacts and electricity costs for low-income customers.**
- a. A transition to clean, renewable energy like wind and solar can offer tangible economic and public health benefits, creating thousands of jobs in the renewable energy, storage, and energy efficiency fields while eliminating public health impacts.
 - b. As a key element of this transition, Evergy should commit to providing transitional plans that support employees, including training for skills necessary in renewable energy jobs.
 - c. Evergy must improve programs to support low-income communities that experience a disproportionate energy and health burden. Evergy should improve linkages between bill-paying assistance, weatherization and energy efficiency programs. Evergy should support low-income communities by hiring local community organizations to implement these programs.
- 3. Taking steps to increase transparency and collaboration between Evergy and the communities it serves.**
- a. As a regulated investor-owned utility in Missouri and Kansas, Evergy must act in the public interest, and it owes opportunities to the public to influence their own future. Evergy should be transparent in its IRP and STP processes, release assumptions and data, and empower community members to receive value from distributed generation and efficiency, including support of job training programs in Missouri and Kansas communities facing disproportionately high energy burdens.
 - b. Evergy should fund greater opportunities for public engagement and assistance to community organizations, especially those led by the most impacted Evergy customers, BIPOC and low-income communities.
 - c. Hold public meetings and hearings with adequate notice and reasonable times for customers to attend. Create a community advisory board led by members of overburdened and low-income communities, with membership from community-led organizations that work in these communities. Evergy must also provide compensation for advisory board participation.
 - d. Evergy should ensure that its programs and policies do not further disadvantage BIPOC customers and low-income communities, but rather benefit and advance their priorities. Ensure that environmental justice and equity considerations are

centered in policies and programs to prevent future harm, with environmental justice concerns guided by the community, not Evergy.

- e. Evergy must give communities control over shaping their own energy culture by financing resilient distributed efficiency and renewable energy sources.

We all must work together to address the challenges before us. We must ensure a future where Missourians and Kansans are freed of the health and economic impacts of fossil fuel sources. As we recently learned in extreme weather where fossil generation failed Kansans, Evergy must improve early, reliable phone, text, email, and emergency system notifications for all service interruptions including disconnections, which can be serious and life-threatening. In all communication with customers in need of bill payment assistance and facing disconnections, Evergy should link those customers with low-income energy efficiency and weatherization programs to reduce energy burden over the long-term. Evergy should also refer those customers to food, health and housing assistance programs offered by local social service organizations.

Evergy has an important opportunity to become a leader in the transition to a just, clean, and prosperous energy economy. By making real, binding commitments in its 2021 IRPs to close coal-burning plants, eliminate climate pollution within science-based timelines, invest the savings in clean energy, and reduce the burden on low-income customers, Evergy can bring better health and prosperity to customers. Doing so will also add value to the company, benefiting its shareholders. Evergy's IRP must be a moment where we free ourselves of the burdens of the past, and reshape the status quo for the benefit of all Missourians and Kansans. Grassroots organizations like Build Power MoKan's members who represent diverse, struggling communities must be allowed a seat at the table outside of expensive, legalistic processes before state regulatory boards. We call on you to create transparent planning processes between our community organizers and your office directly where we can work together towards shared goals. These are the types of solutions that can make our communities more resilient.

Respectfully,

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Verbal (transcribed) Comments from Kansas Ratepayers and Representatives That Submitted Video Testimony to Sierra Club Because They Wanted a Way to Engage Directly in the STP Process - includes some auto and some hand typed transcripts of video testimonies, and meetings.

Emery Cashen:

The Lawrence coal plant poses a major threat to the health and safety of our community. Coal plants are a filthy and outdated method of energy production that put profit above clean water, clean air and the survival of our species. It is egregious to allow such horrific pollution to be dumped right beside our beloved Kaw. Our drinking water is contaminated by cadmium, arsenic, lead, chromium and mercury. The fine particulates are blown into the poorer neighborhoods surrounding the factory district and aggravate asthma, COPD and everyone suffering from respiratory conditions. It is long overdue for the county and city to invest in our future and renewable energy such as wind and solar. How much trash and poison will you allow in our city? How many people will you let die in order to save money and maintain contacts with the wealthy mass murderers of the coal industry? Your inaction is directly responsible for the destruction of our public lands, our groundwater, wildlife, and farming economy. I am aware of the long term plans to move away from coal, but this is the most urgent issue facing our city. We need to divest from coal and all fossil fuels as soon as possible.

The people of Kansas are not blind to the destruction caused by coal all across america. How long until we are the next Harrimen, TN? Eden, NC? Kingston, VA? The list of cities and families destroyed by the coal industries' greed is seemingly endless. How many students would still come to Lawrence if they knew the health risks of our disgusting water? You are undermining the future of our entire watershed by allowing the heaps of ash to keep piling up. This pollution will drive out anyone looking to start a family or business. Kansas is currently one of the most moved away from states in the country. How can you expect continued economic growth when our physical environment is so full of your toxic waste? People want to swim in their rivers. People want to live without asthma. People want to live without cancer. People want fertile fields and irrigation systems that are not contaminated with the dangerous

by products of technology that is completely outdated. We can see how burning coal and petroleum has affected every corner of our planet. We will no longer accept excuses from you psychopathic mass murderers who leech our tax dollars, destroy lives and actively work to make our agricultural paradise a wasteland of deadly water and toxic smog. We have some of the most productive farmland on the planet. It is a sacred place that has the potential to feed millions.

We will never accept the continued violence against our land and future. You are responsible for protecting our water, soil and economy from your greed and destruction. The future will bring refugees and famine as our coastal and southern farmlands are made barren by rising sea levels and desertification. Will Kansas be primed to feed the future? Will you allow us to capitalize on clean rivers, aquifers and fields? Or will we be forced to replay the horrors of the dust bowl and flee a toxic wasteland with billions of other unhoused climate refugees. This is your choice. You are responsible for our safety. You are responsible for making the finances work or whatever the fuck it is that has been holding you back. Our blood is on your hands. It is only a matter of time before the people get tired of writing letters. I promise our next initiatives will be far more uncomfortable for you and your families. You better get your fucking shit together and do your fucking jobs. You work for us. You work for our futures. Your time is running out.

Beto Martinez:

Our organization, CleanAirNow, is a grassroots environmental justice organization, and it was initiated by community concerns around fossil fuel-related air pollution, climate change, and environmental health disparities. We work together with frontline communities to develop sustainable, community-led solutions to address the injustices and inequities that exist in our frontline communities. Many of our low-income community partners and low-income communities of color that bear the brunt of pollution from the energy generating sector also spend a large percentage of their income on utility bills. A lot of their income goes not just to utility bills, but as my colleagues mentioned, they also have rent and food and a lot of other insecurities happening at the same time.

Now, I wanted to add that the health sector refers to energy insecurity as a social determinant of health. We call this a pattern known as environmental racism. While utility shutouts are happening, utilities are dumping billions of dollars into expensive, dirty coal and gas plants, or simultaneously nickel and diming our most vulnerable amongst us. And what I mean by nickel and diming is that they're greedily and unfairly charging us, and then reaping the benefits of us. Our community is suffering from the COVID impacts, and them reaping the benefits in the sense of monetary value. We have seen that there's increased salary rates happening within these industries, within the utilities, even government, as the pandemic ravages our communities.

Access to electricity is another point that we are trying to make here, that access to electricity is a critical component of safety and in face of the pandemic, a critical lifeline for residents to work, attend schools, and stay in touch with loved ones. As the nation faces the highest unemployment rates in decades, thousands die every day from COVID-19, and families are being asked to stay at home. It is essential that families are able to stay in their homes and turn on their lights as we move towards a just recovery.

Families are still having to choose between rent, groceries or their rising utility bills. And parents have an added responsibility of running a school or daycare for their own children. Then there are the additional social stressors of isolation and loneliness from a global pandemic, daily life-changing events and choices that are taking an emotional toll on everyone and destroying families along the way, and adding more to the stressors from cutting the utilities that provide the heat, lighting and essential needs, to provide basic human needs. This conversation, as someone else mentioned in this panel, should not be centered around profit, but rather on supporting the thousands of families as they shelter in place, teach and care for their children, and work together for a just recovery.

Our organization, CleanAirNow demands that Evergy and the governor of Missouri, the governor of Kansas to institute a freeze on utility bills and to immediately develop a program to prohibit increase on utility bills over and above electric charges paid during the previous year.

Our organization demands Evergy to implement a moratorium on the utilities shut off and issuing of penalties, late fees, or other costs due to nonpayment, and will provide utility customers up to 12 or more months following the end of the pandemic, which at this point none of us know when that will be, so then they can be able to repay unpaid bills with assistance.

And just to close out, this press conference is being put together by MoKan Build Power, it's a new coalition. And I want to lay out the specific asks and demands from this coalition and that we demand the governor of Kansas, Missouri, and Evergy to reinstate the moratorium on residential utility shutoffs and evictions for our customers until the end of the COVID-19 health and economic crisis; turn utilities back on for all residential customers with no fees, minimum balance, or back bill payment requirements; require utilities to work with customer stakeholder groups to provide relief for their utility debt; require utilities to provide data to create an "unsafe to disconnect" list of accounts, including those with medical equipment, self-filed medical conditions, seniors, and children; require utilities to fund the bill insert develop to insert vulnerable customers can access assistance in their area, whether or not they have internet access or English language proficiency.

Another point require utilities to propose affordability plans in cooperation with a working group of customer advocates, a community-based organization with the governor's office, before the utilities shut off moratoria and work together for adjust recovery. These plans should address the need to rearrange relief, low income rates, better hot and cold weather protections, multi-year payment plans on bill financing, low income weatherization, energy efficiency, and renewable energy programs that bring value to residential customers with a goal of reducing the number of households who cannot pay their bills long-term. And once again, I want to reiterate that we are, as a coalition, willing to create or work with the governor's office and form a working group, to be able to figure a way for a just recovery. Thank you.

Brandy Granados:

Hi, my name's Brandy Granados. I'm a leader with KC Tenants, but more importantly, I'm a single mom whose been impacted every way you can imagine by the pandemic, and our leaders lack of response. I'm here today with organizations across the region, demanding that a comprehensive and retroactive ban on utility disconnects goes into effect immediately.

Back in March, I was laid off from UPS in Kansas as a temp worker, my life and my family's life turned upside down, like so many others. I went from making 1500 a month to less than 800 with unemployment, and because I live in Missouri and worked in Kansas, the unemployment process is virtually impossible to deal with. There have been times that I've gone up to six weeks without any kind of income while unemployment resolved my issues. COVID has been hard on everyone, but my family and I will see a lasting economic devastation.

My son Jude has special needs, so when school started virtually, I have to be home with him to make sure he gets what he needs to succeed. How can he learn remotely without electricity? How can I feed him without a working refrigerator or stove to cook it on? How can I make sure that we have a home to shelter safe from the exposure to the coronavirus if rent is due, and the money just isn't there? You see, to add to the already cruel policy of allowing utilities to be shut off in the middle of a pandemic, it can also be used as a justification to evict tenants. Landlords are able to get past the CDC eviction moratorium by filling out evictions on the basis that the tenant has failed to keep their utilities on. I've received disconnect notices from utility companies. It's scary. It's stressful.

I'll be honest. When facing eviction, rent comes first, before electricity, gas or water. You give up lights, so you can have a roof over your head. You hope that your landlord doesn't use this as an excuse to evict you. You heat your house with a stove, and you sleep on the kitchen floor. You do everything you can to protect your family, but when the people in power don't do the same, people suffer. When putting profit over people is policy, people die. You start to ask yourself, where are the leaders? Why aren't they making sure their constituents have what they need to safely shelter at home? They just keep failing us. Is cruelty just the point?

KC Tenants has been calling for utility shut off band since March. Now, we're facing winter in the middle of the pandemic, and the CDC eviction moratorium that's about to expire. That ain't right. Governor Parsons, Governor Kelly, CEO of Evergy, Terry Bassham, you know that's not right. Why are you standing by, and just doing nothing? 68,000 Evergy customers are behind on special payment plans, while another 21,000 have had their power disconnected involuntarily. I could be one of the 21,000. My son, Jude, could be one of those kids. We need a comprehensive and retroactive ban on utility disconnects immediately. This will keep people in their homes, and it'll help stop the spread of the virus, and it's simply the right thing to do.

Eric Kirkendall:

Hi Evergy, my name's Eric Kirkendall. I live in Lawrence, Kansas, and I'm sending this videotape to you to talk about the Lawrence Energy Center.

I love Lawrence, but I'm really embarrassed that we generate our electricity from coal here. I hate seeing those stacks. I really don't like thinking about what we're doing to the climate and to future generations. You know, we all know, we need to stop burning fossil fuels, and coal is one of the dirtiest. So please, please, please convert the Lawrence Energy Center to renewable energy.

I want to ask two other things too. Please involve the public in the development of your IRP and SIP. We've been paying for your company forever, and we deserve to have a voice in what's being said.

The second thing I want to ask is for a just transition. There are good people working at your plant that are working with coal. Please train them for renewable energy and give them a good job here. Put solar, wind, battery storage, kinetic storage, whatever you can. Put what we need at the Lawrence Energy Center so we can be proud to be customers of Evergy and users of your electricity. Thank you for listening.

Hannah Baird:

My name's Hannah Baird. I live in Lawrence, Kansas, and this is a public comment to Evergy. Moving to Lawrence was one of the best decisions in my life. I love the community, the people, and especially the natural spaces that this area has to offer. Even with the beautiful view, however, the land and skies are often polluted both visually and physically by smoke stacks coming from the Lawrence coal plant. The thing that makes this eyesore truly terrible is that I know, and we all know, the consequences that come with it. Along with the environmental desecration, the people, largely Black and Brown and disadvantaged who our systemically placed near these plants, suffer the most.

The fact that air pollution directly from Evergy's Kansas coal plants is responsible for nearly 20 premature deaths and more than 100 asthma attacks every year should be enough to understand that something needs to change, especially in a state like Kansas, when we have some of the highest potential in the country to generate sufficient wind and solar energy. Refusing to leave coal in the past is costing us money, but more importantly, the health and safety of our community. It's time for Evergy to invest in our future by switching to renewable resources, shutting down the Lawrence Energy Center, and being transparent in their work as well. Thank you.

Kamryn Trusler:

This is a public comment to Evergy. Let the people have a say. Begin the transition to renewable energy. Invest in low income communities most effected. Air pollution from Kansas coal plants are responsible for deaths and asthma attacks. Black and low-income face the highest risk for death from power plants' fine particle pollution. To meet basic climate targets, electricity must be free of coal. I know you care about money, so let's talk dollars. Kansans pay the highest electricity prices in the Midwest, and yet we have the greatest potential for cheap wind and solar. Existing coal is more expensive than cleaner alternatives. Stop refitting the coal plants, please. Thank you.

Raymond Forstater:

This is a public comment for Evergy. Evergy must begin a just transition to renewable energy. This means investing in wind and solar and shutting down coal plants, starting with the Lawrence coal plant. By keeping the coal plant running, Evergy continues to show a complete disregard for the safety of our communities. Evergy has shown time and time again that it will always put profits over the wellbeing of the people the company serves. This is why the public must have input on the development of the IRP

and STP. Until these actions are taken, Evergy executives will continue to have blood on their hands as they line their pockets.

Ryan Dickey:

Hi, my name is Ryan and what I really want to see from Evergy is commitment and accountability.

First off, I want Evergy to commit to shutting down all of its coal plants by 2025. And to using 100% renewable energy by 2030. The critical first step in this process will be shutting down the Lawrence coal plant immediately and properly by ensuring all hazardous material onsite are safely disposed of pollution of its grounds in the Kansas River are minimized.

I realize investing money in renewables will cost Evergy money up front, but it's just that, an investment. Moving from coal and natural gas renewables will only save Evergy money in recurring costs of purchasing coal and natural gas and using outdated plants. Coal lost you \$287 million from 2015 to 2018 alone, and yet you continue to help prop up an industry that should be obsolete.

Kansans are tired of having to bear the costs of coal for a company that can't even keep the lights on in single digit temperatures. And I'm sure Missourians are too in a state that produces 73% of its energy from coal.

Kansas has unique access to a wealth of wind power, just waiting to be tapped in its full potential. And the sooner Evergy makes the switch over the more money you will save. Evergy make renewables and sustainability the focus of your integrated resource plan. It's beyond time to move on.

Haley Sirokman:

This is a public comment to Evergy regarding the Lawrence Energy Coal Plant. The Lawrence Coal Plant owned and operated by Evergy has long admitted pollutants into the air, produced toxic coal ash, and negatively impacted the health of our communities. Over the last decade, Evergy has chosen to retrofit its coal plants with expensive pollution control equipment, rather than investing in renewable energy sources like wind and solar. To meet basic climate targets, electricity across the nation must be free of coal within the next 10 years.

Evergy you should do the following four things. First, Evergy must let the people of Kansas have a say in the development of the integrated resource plan and sustainable transformation plan by providing the opportunity for public comment. Second, Evergy needs to begin a just transition to renewable energy. This means investing in wind and solar and beginning to shut down their coal plants, starting with the Lawrence Coal Plant. Third, Evergy must provide funding for programs accessible to all its employees with options for occupational training to work in the renewable energy sector. Fourth, Evergy needs to invest in low income communities that have been most impacted by the Lawrence Coal

Plant and its other coal plants. This includes local, renewable energy and efficiency businesses to bring value from the transition to clean energy. Thank you.

Claire Chadwick: I'm a volunteer organizer with the Kansas Poor People's Campaign, a national call for moral revival, and a low wage and essential worker in Johnson County, Kansas. I'm also a COVID-19 survivor and long hauler. While working in a big box retailer in March I was diagnosed with COVID-19. I suffered from shortness of breath, incredible fatigue, coughing, and other debilitating symptoms. Even after returning to work, my medical bills have piled up as I continue to suffer from the aftereffects of COVID. From CT scans, to heart monitors, asthma inhalers, and a multitude of doctors appointment, the bills have multiplied. While struggling to pay off these medical bills and having to work fewer hours because of continued sickness other bills accumulated, including my utility bills. After missing only two months worth of payments to Evergy They showed up at my door to tell me that my electric was being shut off.

I was forced into a payment plan of larger payments each month in order to catch up on what I owed. I was not offered relief, or help, or empathy, but instead was told that if I was even a day late moving forward, not only would my electric be shut off, but I would owe the entire amount due plus penalties before it would be turned on again. Living in a low income neighborhood, there is not a week that goes by when I do not see the Evergy truck making its way into my apartment complex to force another family into an impossible financial situation. It is wrong and immoral in any society, but especially during a pandemic to threaten utility shutoffs and evictions to those of us who are already suffering from the pre-existing conditions of poverty and economic instability.

It is wrong that CEOs of online retailers, big box stores, utility companies, and others continue to make record breaking profits while we are being kicked out of our homes or threatened with not having electricity. It is wrong for companies to treat workers as expendable instead of as essential. It is wrong for our country and the state of Kansas to say that they are founded on Christian principles, then turn their backs on the teachings of Jesus and kick the poor further down instead of lifting from the bottom. It is vital for those of us who are directly affected by the threat of eviction, of utility shutoffs, of food insecurity, of working essential jobs in the midst of a pandemic, it is vital for us to come together, to rise up and say, "Enough is enough."

We must demand a rent freeze and mortgage moratorium. We must demand a moratorium on utility shutoffs without credit penalties. We must demand adequate income, free and accessible COVID tests and vaccinations, and adequate and affordable health care. These are the basic necessities to live and thrive in any community. And they represent the demands of the Jubilee Platform of the Poor People's Campaign. It is only greed and the lack of will of legislative leaders keeping us from taking care of one another in our communities during an unprecedented pandemic. That is why we must rise up and demand what is necessary, what is moral, and what is right. Thank you.

Dustin Ohare: My job basically consists of finding people who have needs and then finding creative community led ways to address those needs. For the last three weeks, the number of requests we have seen has skyrocketed, and the majority of those requests have been for utility assistance. On Monday of this week, we put out a call to gather stories from folks in Kansas who are afraid that they won't be able to pay their utility bill this month. From one single post, we generated over 40 responses in less than 48 hours. This highlights the level of economic uncertainty in our community. So far, we've been pretty successful at directing those people to resources that can help, but that all changes on January one when the Cares Act money is no longer available. I want to reemphasize a point that we've all been making here time and again today.

Folks are really hurting right now. Every single day I hear from another customer who doesn't know what they're going to do. When their electricity shuts off, they lose the heat in their house and the food in their fridge goes bad. This week, I heard from a lady who had a baby three weeks ago and is on a flex pay account. She thought her account was current, but then her electricity got shut off. On top of navigating caring for a newborn without electricity, she now has to come up with a reconnection fee on top of everything else. I also talked to a woman this week who is actually getting back on her feet after a bout of unemployment caused by COVID-19. Despite her positive momentum, she fell \$57 short on her bill and her power got shut off. She then had to make the difficult decision to send her son to stay with his unfit father because her house was not a safe place for a child without electricity.

And then there was this message that I received yesterday from a KCK resident, which read, "I've been bombarded with bad luck this year, trying to keep myself, my kids and my mom positive and motivated at life has been rough. It seems like everyone here just wants to sleep. It's hard to ask for things as a man. I got Salvation Army getting presents for my kids and I got my mom's something. But today my mom is in tears, worried about our bill. They shut us off last month and we lost all of our food and spent up all of our resources, keeping everyone warm over that weekend. My mom and I are both signed up for the seminar next week that gives a hundred dollars, but I can't get her to worry any less about it. That's where the depression kicks into the whole house. She worries about the bill."

"I worry about her mental status. The kids worry about me. And then the holiday spirit is all gone. My child support is not being provided to me. I'm not receiving any unemployment and not working because I have three kids to homeschool every day. I'm \$600 short for my bill, but still have until the end of the month. I'm super handy and confident that if something is broken, I can fix it. If something as big or heavy and needs moved, I can move it. If something is out of reach, I can reach it, but I can't just leave my kids to homeschool themselves. They're six, 10, and 13 years old. Overnight when everyone is sleeping and my mom is home, I can work. That's why I'm trying so hard to get on at the overnight job I just applied for. I don't feel like I should ask for help with my bill.

Louise Lynch:

Hello. My name is Louise Lynch, and I'm coming to you in regards to speaking to you about a very serious issue in stopping utility companies from shutting off people's service. I am here to ask you to stop that. Stop cutting off people's service. Stop giving them no choice but to not live. On both sides of the Missouri/Kansas line, people are struggling daily throughout the day to try and survive. This is a worldwide pandemic that we have going on that affects not just our community, but everyone in this world. This is not a usual circumstance. Nobody wakes up one day wanting to deal with not having enough money to pay your bills, not having a job, not having enough money to eat, not having enough

money for medical visits, and trying to survive a pandemic that is deadly. We have hundreds of thousands of people dead in this country. And then, we have the utility companies having their knee on our necks trying to have us come up with monies that we just don't have.

You all have made many a dollar in profit off of us, off the backs of us consumers for your services. Now, we need your help in enabling us to live. Without electricity, my family would die. You would be the murderer. My husband, a 67 year old man, has multiple medical conditions that require him to have electricity. Without that, he would not be able to breathe at night, he would not be able to manage his heart condition, he would not be able to communicate with his medical physicians, and he would not be able to survive, nor have heat. We are hitting the worst part of the year, and just having the cold weather rule is not enough. To not turn off our servers and have the bills rack up when the cold weather is over and we would owe thousands of dollars with no way to pay it is not acceptable.

We know that everyone in corporate America has benefited from some kind of money from the federal government for COVID. We are begging you to stop doing this. Nobody wakes up one day and says, "I think today will be the day that I wouldn't like to get COVID or I would like to not be able to provide for my family." This situation is also forcing people to commit suicide. The Kansas City area has one of the higher rates of COVID suicide. People who are not able to support their families and become depressed cannot bear that they cannot provide. You, the utility companies, are in the position to stop this.

I ask governor Parsons and Governor Kelly to come to some kind of legislation to not shut off our utilities and not let our bills rack up. You all have the power and the ability to do this. I've gone to my Congress people. I've gone to Sharice Davids' office on the phone. I've gone to many people to get assistance.

Please stop taking away our dignity and making us beg for your assistance, making us beg for the ability to live. If you truly are into legislation to assist the people, now would be the time. Those of you at the utility companies, now would be the time to have compassion and give assistance to your consumers, enable us to continue to live, enable us to be able to support our families in some form or fashion. Have a heart. Dig deep in that wallet, and enable us to do these things.

Just stopping cutting off our utilities is not enough. Do not let our utilities amount up to such an enormous amount of money that we cannot pay, once this cold weather is over. I'm not used to begging, but I am begging you right now, right this minute, do not turn off anybody's utilities. Do not rack up a bill that will make it impossible for us to pay. Do not make somebody else homeless again, as we have to eat out of food lines because there is no money and we are strapped.

You have the ability to help your fellow Americans. This is America. We are supposed to be responsible for the next person. Now is the time for you to partake in that sentiment, be an American, be an American company that assists your community. Help us to live with dignity. Do not take that away from us. Nobody deserves that, whether you have an education or not, whether you're black, brown, white, yellow, polka dot, striped, doesn't. What gender you are doesn't matter. What religion you are doesn't matter. We are human beings and we are Americans. I beg you to please stop us from being in this situation, and enable us to live. Thank you.

Dawson Sims:

This video is public comment for Evergy. Hello. My name is Dawson Sims. I'm a leader with Sunrise Movement Kansas City. I was born and raised right here in the Kansas City area. Evergy must immediately begin a just transition to 100% renewable energy, starting with a commitment to shut down the coal plant at the Lawrence Energy Center as rapidly as possible. For too long, Evergy's fossil fuel plants have negatively impacted the health of our communities. According to a recent study by the Sierra Club, Evergy's coal-powered plants in Kansas are responsible for 20 premature deaths and more than 100 asthma attacks every single year. Low income people, particularly Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, face the greatest risk from this air pollution. This is environmental injustice and environmental racism. Vulnerable communities need healing and reparation from bad actors like Evergy, not more pollution in the air. We demand that Evergy put people's lives before shareholder profits by shutting down the Lawrence Coal Plant, increasing wind and solar capacity, and investing directly in energy efficiency and electrification programs in low income communities of color that have been most impacted by Evergy's polluting practices. Thank you.

Joel Campbell:

Hello, my name is Joel Campbell, and this is my public comment to Evergy. Evergy really needs to transition to renewable energy very quickly. This means getting rid of coal plants and investing in wind and solar. It's estimated that the coal plant in Lawrence alone will lose Evergy \$847 million in the next 20 years, which will be paid only by Evergy's customers. This just doesn't make sense, as Kansas is one of the best spots in the country to take advantage of wind and solar energy, which will end up being cheaper in the long run. This doesn't even mention the fact that pollution from the coal plant causes numerous deaths and asthma attacks every year, a disproportionate amount of whom are black and/or low-income people. One last thing, Evergy also must fund a program for its employees that allow them to transition to jobs in their renewable sector once they do make this decision to move away from the coal plants. Workers really shouldn't lose their jobs because of this choice, as it's really not their fault. Thank you.

Kate Haefele:

Hi, my name is Kate and this is a public comment to Evergy regarding their Lawrence coal plant. I'm currently a senior studying ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Kansas and I've lived in the Kansas City area my whole life. I'm quite concerned about this growing climate and environmental crisis in our world, our country, our state. Because of this, I believe Evergy needs to begin adjust transition to renewable energy. This means investing in wind and solar power and shutting down their coal plants like the coal plant in Lawrence. Young Kansans like me have a lot to lose from continued investment in fossil fuels that poison our lungs and pollute our water. There's nothing much good about them, but we all have something to gain from transitioning to renewable energy sources. Thank you.

Kate Lorenz:

My name is Kate Lorenz. I live in Lawrence and this is a public comment to Evergy. I've lived in Lawrence for almost my whole life. I used to love coming back from a trip, seeing Frazier Hall in the distance and knowing I was close to home. One of the most recognizable sites though was the coal plant puffing out smoke on the edge of town. I would watch the smoke mingling with the clouds and feel so scared to be actually seeing this pollution.

But then I would think we're learning about global warming in school so the adults must be working on this. Well, now I'm an adult and I'm asking Evergy to begin an adjust transition to renewable energy. This means investing in wind solar, and beginning to shut down their coal plants, starting with the Lawrence coal plant.

Coal plants no longer make sense for our health, our economy, or our future. Air pollution from Evergy's coal plant is responsible for nearly 20 premature deaths and more than a hundred asthma attacks every year, affecting black and low-income people the most. Existing coal is increasingly more expensive than cleaner alternatives, and to meet basic climate targets, electricity across the nation must be free of coal within the next 10 years.

Now I'm an adult and now I have a daughter. When she looks up at the Kansas sky, I don't want clouds of coal ash getting in her way. I want her to know that her community, including the businesses and energy suppliers, including Evergy, care about her and her future.

Marc Veloz:

This is a public comment to Evergy. My name is Marc Veloz and I'm a resident of Douglas County.

I want to say that you have an obligation to let the people of Kansas have a say in the development of your IRP and STP plans by providing opportunity for public comment. Especially as these plans are going to go on to impact the everyday lives of Kansas. We already know that your La Cygne and Jeffrey power plants together are going to lose \$847 million over the next 20 years. Which is once again, going to be paid for by working class Kansan's. We also know that climate change is going to be felt locally in Kansas through disruptions to our infrastructure, our community, our ecosystems, as well as our agricultural and our food systems. We also know that climate change can not be adequately addressed at any one scale. It's going to require greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and adaptation to climate change impacts here at the local level, as well as our state, federal and international levels. That's why you, Evergy, have an obligation to be free of coal within the next 10 years so that we can meet very necessary and basic climate targets in order to avoid catastrophic climate change.

Megan Rush:

Hi, my name is Megan Rush, and I live in Lawrence, Kansas. This is a public comment to Evergy regarding the Energy Center coal plant in Lawrence.

This has always been an important issue and this week's energy demand has even highlighted that issue further. To meet basic climate targets, electricity across the nation must be coal free within the next 10 years. Evergy continues to operate on costly coal plants even when we know it's cheaper and more sustainable to run on renewable energy like wind and solar. I would like to ask that they also include the public, us the community that lives here in Lawrence, in the sustainable transformation plan and the integrated resource plan. I would also like to ask that they provide occupational training options to current employees at the Energy Center, they also deserve a just transition. I would like to be proud of the Energy Center in my community. Thank you for listening.

Nancy Muma:

Hi, Nancy Muma. I'm a resident of Lawrence, Kansas. And I'm writing this as a public comment to Evergy. I would like to make a comment on the sustainable transformation plan, and I feel that it's important that you get public comment and allow public comment before you finalize your plans.

I'm here to urge you to please close all of the coal plants that you have in Kansas, and please start with the one in Lawrence. This coal plant, and all your coal plants, cause air pollution. That air pollution increases the likelihood of people having premature deaths from the pollution and asthma attacks. We need to transition to renewable resources like wind and solar. These are cheaper in the long run and will cause less pollution and will play a big role in helping to reduce the climate change that we're all experiencing and beginning to see the detrimental effects of.

So, I'm here to please urge you to close the coal plant in Lawrence as soon as possible, and to get other people's input so that you know how strongly we all feel about closing these coal plants. Thank you.

Michael Wolfe:

In my early career after college, the climate crisis was evacuating from wildfires that gave me a respiratory infection that worsened my asthma. Last week, the climate crisis was when the temperature in my apartment dropped five degrees because Evergy shut off my power to accommodate strain on the fossil fuel energy grid. But it doesn't have to be this way. Evergy can prevent this crisis from worsening and begin adjust transition to renewable energy.

This means investing in wind and solar and beginning to shut down their coal plants, starting with the Lawrence coal plant. How much worse do things have to get before Evergy decides to act? Why should their profits matter more than my health, safety and future? Evergy, shut down your Lauren's coal plant. My future depends on it.

Sheila Thomas: On March 17th, I went to the hospital because I had a stroke, seizure, and contracted pneumonia. When I got out of the hospital, I was behind on my rent and utilities and faced homelessness because I was fired from my job. Stopping utility disconnection is important to me because [inaudible 00:00:22] is not enough to pay what I owe. It's also been difficult to seek help to make up the difference from non-profit organizations because I do not have the internet in my house. I also have limited access to transportation. Stopping disconnection is important because nobody should have to face the challenges that I faced in the middle of a pandemic. I'm not the only person in my community facing disconnections and evictions. Other people I know are facing the same problems I'm facing. Governor Parson should stop utility disconnections so families can remain in their homes for the holidays and beyond, at least until the pandemic is under control.

Ty Gorman:

STP processes are not designed to be accessible to the public or stakeholders, requiring organizations like Sierra Club to seek approval to intervene. If granted approval to intervene, the regulatory process often requires nondisclosure agreements because proprietary information is used to inform a utility's long-range planning process. That's why a coalition of groups that form Build Power Mo-Kan hosted a People's Hearing in order to elevate customer concerns and demands in Evergy's resource planning before it's too late.

The Kansas Sierra Club and other members of Build Power MoKan have few resources compared to some interveners, but we do have an impassioned and informed membership to organize and litigate to protect the health of Kansas folks that would be most affected by climate change. Organizations that participated in the People's Hearing include Mothers Out Front KC, Clean Air Now, Reale Justice Network, Poor People's Campaign, Citizens Climate Lobby, Environment Missouri, Communication Workers of America, Sunrise Movement Kansas City, Empower Missouri, Rent Zero, and Sierra Club.

Our rallies, letter-writing campaigns and meetings to raise public awareness tell officials what the people want - and not all of them can be bought by industry if they want to win in the next election. Meanwhile, we will look for justice in the state and federal courts, which have found that carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases are harmful and should be controlled.

Evergy customers in Missouri and Kansas came together to provide public testimony on the utility's long-range energy plans for each state. Evergy customers and organizations that operate in its service territory were clear in their call for a quick and just transition from fossil fuels to clean energy in order to mitigate the worst impacts of our changing climate.

Brian Schath:

"Evergy needs to retire its Lawrence coal plant because it has long emitted pollutants into the air we breathe and produced toxic coal ash that threatens the water we drink, A justice-centered transition means decommissioning the Lawrence coal plant in a way that is environmentally responsible while investing in low-income communities that have been most affected by pollution from the facility."

Billy Davies:

“Eversource is lucky to be geographically positioned near the best wind energy resources in North America, yet the utility is doubling down on burning coal when it could save customers money by expanding its investments in renewable energy. Retiring coal plants and moving to renewable energy is critical in Eversource’s forthcoming energy plans that it will submit to Missouri and Kansas regulators.”

Representative Gail Finney: "I would love to see Eversource publicly share what it is planning before decisions are made because it has no consideration for communities impacted by its expensive and ugly projects; Eversource says it puts its clients first, but if they're putting people first, then the public would have a more meaningful role in the planning and decision making process."

Hudson Munoz

“Elliot Management, which owns \$760 million of Eversource stock and more than a quarter of the outstanding stock Peabody Energy, is pushing the so-called Sustainability Transformation Plan, which may leave contracts in place for the coal to be sourced by Peabody Energy and puts shareholder interests above ratepayers through short-sighted cost cuts and misguided investments. The Sustainability Transformation Plan needs to be significantly reworked to include provisions for the just transition of workers for the plan to be consistent with its name.”

Speaker (15:25)

This people's hearing is an opportunity for energy customers and community groups and any, and all stakeholders who are interested in the matter to provide verbal testimony to electric, utility energy and regulators in Kansas and Missouri on the company's energy plans. Everybody's in the process of working with state regulators on a five-year plan, which they call the sustainability transformation plan or STP, and the 20 year plan or IRP written comments on the sustainability transformation plan are due by April 2nd, from organizations with legal resources to intervene in a Kansas corporation commission proceeding and ever jeez IRP or 20 year plan. , that must be updated every three years. And each state, , will be filed with the Missouri public service commission by May 1st with the Kansas corporation commission, , getting the similar version of the same later this summer, all details of both of these plans are confidential tonight.

The people's hearing will be recorded so that everyone's comments can be transcribed and submitted to the Kansas corporation commission. The Missouri public service commission and energy energy is energy plans will have an impact on Kansas and Missouri communities for years to come. The Kansas corporation commissions formal docket comment period for every use five-year plan is still open, but there is no opportunity for formal public comments before ever GS plans and Kansas or Missouri are submitted, which is why we are here tonight. Everybody's plans, , for how long it will be allowed to profit from expensive fossil fuel plants will impact our prices and our efforts by cities in the region to reduce pollution and limit the worst impact of our changing climate. This hearing is an opportunity for the public and interested parties to give testimony on the energy plan before it's submitted to state regulators and all who attend.

They're welcome to provide verbal testimony, even if you didn't register for the session in advance. Additionally, attendees are welcome to just listen if they don't wish to provide testimony. So let's go over a few ground rules for the hearing this evening, and then we'll get started. As I go over the instructions. My colleague Billy will demonstrate how it will be using some of the zoom features to help you and ask for any assistance should the need arise. I will also periodically reiterate the instructions in the zoom chat comments are limited to three minutes per person. The people's hearing will continue until all people interested in speaking has given comment and to help you save time, we'll make use of the zoom chat feature to share the order of speakers. I'll call the speakers up three at a time, so that speakers will be alerted before they're turned and get ready.

And after three people have given a comment, we'll call the next three speakers on the list. So that attendees joining by phone, we'll also be able to keep track of the order and hear their name. For those of you joining by computer, you can access the chat by hovering your mouse over the bottom middle of your screen, and clicking chat to open up the discussion on the right side of your screen. We're now sharing the most updated list of speakers in the order that we'll call them in that chat. And this list of folks who registered ahead of time is to help us organize. But again, if you are not able to register, you can sign up by using, by typing your name in the chat at any time and noting that you'd like to speak. And if you don't have access to the chat, when we've run out of folks on the list, we'll open up the meeting to anyone left who cannot.

At that point, you can come off mute and share testimony by telling your name first and last name and the town

Gail Finney, Kansas state representative, then Michael Rebne city, counselor of Roland park. Fourth word, please feel free to go ahead.

Speaker 5: (21:42)

Good evening, everyone. My name is Gail Finney, a representative Gail Finney from Wichita, Kansas. , my district is the 84th district, which is a Northeast Wichita. And I'm glad to be a part this evening, especially because I've had some experience with average year over the last three years, , within the last three years, the fall and the summer of 2018 ever G had placed over 50 large, 105 foot transmission power lines and the front yards and 3.1 miles through our neighborhood. , when they did this, they really didn't give a formal notification throughout the whole community. They just basically notified them, the residents that were the property owners. And if you were to look at these transmission lines, we call them big a poles because they're just humongous. They look like, I mean, it just really devastates the community. It looks terrible. I just hate to say the word ugly, where they really look ugly in our community and it was directly through the middle of the community community. But when we reached out to Evergy, they seem like they weren't, , listening and their response was not very, , what I call responses. So we kinda like took to the streets. We protested, , their stockholders meeting. One time sent letters. I've introduced legislation since three years ago. , but I am happy to say recently I did introduce some legislation that will require everybody to go through our city council and provide their plans six months in advance. So that was recently passed in the house, , unanimously, except for one book for two votes. And on the Senate passed 40 to zero. And now the bill is onto the governor, but what it took, it was took a lot of patients, , consistency, and actually trying to negotiate with the company. Um, the company did contribute a million dollars to the community for it to the nonprofits, help out with some of the, um, the issues in our predominantly poor urban African-American community. But it just really wasn't enough because those calls that they put in there, they're going to be there for five, I mean, for generations to come another 50 years. And so some of those, what is really, , terrible about this is some of those poles were placed directly in the front yards of one house. It was just 12.

That, that they have to be open and transparent with the community, letting them know in advance, you know, have visuals of actually what's going to happen and just give people an insight on how it's going to impact them. Because without that, it just, it makes people angry with them makes, , overdo the bed. And I think that if nothing else, this will be a lesson for them. But with this big project that's coming up, I'm hoping that the same lesson that they will be much more responsive and the cases that they're paying attention to, , during our, , experiment with the KCC, it, they didn't turn out to be very helpful. They came out and looked at the polls and they said, Oh yeah, this is bad, but that's about the extent of it. So I'm hoping that this time around with this larger project

Michael Speaker 7: (26:01)

Thank you. Um, good evening, everyone. My name is Michael Rodney. I use he him pronouns. I'm a city counselor in Roland park and a teacher at wideout high school in Kansas city, Kansas. I want to give some feedback to the leaders and shareholders of energy, energy, um, for some background like you, um, living and working on stolen lands of the Kansas nation who have been environmental stewards of this territory that we call Kansas for hundreds, even thousands of years, to be clear, a massive environmental degradation was not a thing in Kansas before the taking of these lands, , by the federal government and white settlers and the explosion of the population of Europeans with violent takeover came the idea to profit off the very things that are necessary to our lives, whatever the cost of the land

environment and people fast forward. We find ourselves in the middle of a pandemic. My students and fellow teachers are grappling with coming back to work. When there's still many unknowns about what is safe. Many people have seen hours cut or have been laid off entirely. This is difficult for all of us, but those communities that include mainly black indigenous and other people of color continue to get hit, especially hard. My students and my own children are a hundred percent dependent on having electricity to go to school and learn every time power is shut off. That student falls further behind in the city of Rome, Rowan park that I represent. We have one of the highest poverty rates in Johnson County. That means our residents are especially vulnerable to any power shutoffs. Our local government has been installing solar panels on larger buildings and giving residents information on their own contribution to climate change. That's a start, but I'm worried by doing so.

We provide an out for one of the largest single contributors to climate change in our region and energy in the area of Wyandotte County, where I teach the vulnerability to these shutoffs is much more severe. And this is a community of people that is majority people of color and will be the most adversely affected. This is systemic racism, and it is a choice I'm demanding today that every leadership and ownership continue the moratorium on power shutoffs. The pandemic is not over some signs show. We could face a resurgence cutting people's power, literally cuts their lifeline. It is cruelty on a large scale, further on demanding that everybody closed the coal burning power plants that are one of the single biggest contributors to the destruction of our natural Kansas environment. Long-term incremental steps to prevent near term climate catastrophe. Won't cut it as an organization that has commodified our natural resources. That is your job. You literally have people's lives in your hands, keeping the moratorium in place in closing, polluting coal plants, which show that matters to you. I appreciate everybody for, for giving me the time and, and, , I also would take any questions.

Hi, this is Andrew Franch. I didn't get off mute quick enough. This is Andrew French with the KCC. Just, You all know I am here listening, making any substantive comments or, or know interacting Do have an open docket, but I did want to let you all know I am listening. So thank you. Thank you so much, commissioner French. Appreciate that. Is there any other elected official before I, , recall the press?

Kathy Downing speak first from the poor people's campaign, and then we'll move to Brian Schatz from clean air now and justice. Gatson from the real justice network. Are you, , available to speak Kathy?

Speaker 9: (31:19)

Hi everyone. I'm Kathy Downing and I'm a mother of two and an ever do customer in Kansas city, Missouri. Um, I work in the nonprofit sector and I serve on the state coordinating committee of the Kansas poor people's campaign. I'm here today with my daughter to tell averages, to put its customers first in both its short. And long-term planning to tell everybody that the people of Missouri are hurting even before the pandemic 258,000 children, nearly 20% of all children in Missouri lived in food insecure

households where families choose between paying electric bills, paying the rent or buying quality, nutritious food ever. You simply cannot continue to place an ever higher share of the energy burden onto the most vulnerable who are already suffering the worst financial and health impacts from the climate crises. This simply isn't a sustainable or profitable in the long-term much less humane. When my family lost power for 58 hours after the snow and ice storm in January of 2019, we needed to replace nearly all of our perishable food. We opted to leave our powerless home and for a hotel room it's my son was ill at the time that this left us in an economic crises and it took me well over six months to pay off credit card debt while being charged at a higher rate of interest, we were certainly not alone and certainly expect more of these types of storms in the future. We want everybody to show that it understands what it stated on its website, which is average is only as healthy as the communities in which we live and work. And we can look for innovative solutions that address root causes while we have some solutions everyday should open the integrated resource plan to the public from meaningful input with black indigenous people of color or low-income customers at the forefront.

Every should advance a carbon free by 2030 scenario in the IRP, should retire expensive and polluting coal burning plants in the next few years and use those savings to invest in affordable, clean energy, appropriate transmission and distribution and cost reductions for struggling customers. And lastly create a permanent community advisory board and add low-income energy burden customers to the ed reduce board of directors and board committees. The poor people's campaign, a national call for moral revival is calling for a national moratorium on utility shutoffs without credit penalties relief of utility debt and an end to the expansion or construction of fossil fuel infrastructure. Our leaders have been affected by unjust threats of utility shutoffs by averaging in the middle of a global pandemic without receiving proper notice. Not because they are unwise with their money, but because we all live within a system that cares more about profits than people we want. And we need everybody to do better. There is entirely too much at stake. Thank you for your time.

Speaker 10: (34:49)

My name is Brian Shath. I'm in Lawrence, Kansas, and I'm with clean air now. And we're an organization that works to build community power through environmental health education, equitable community-based research projects and people driven solutions. Um, so I don't think it's really any secret that fossil fuels have been polluting our earth and poisoning our people for over a century. This happens all across the country and it even happens in my hometown of Lawrence, Kansas. The Lawrence coal plant has released toxic pollutants into the water air in our communities. Since the 1950s, these pollutants have devastated or have a devastating impact on our environment with dramatic implement implications to manmade climate change, even worse pollutants from coal plants and living in close proximity to them has been linked to cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, asthma, and even premature death. All too often, marginalized communities must deal with the worst of these burdens across the country. Black and Brown communities are forced to live in the shadow of coal plants because of this. They face the highest risk for death from power plants, fine particulate pollution. A question that I have for every GE is why aren't we building more renewable energy sources in Kansas. We have some of the greatest potential for cheaper noble energy and renewable energy is now cheaper than energy produced with fossil fuels. It is far past due for us to make a complete and just transition to renewable energy. I, in my

organization, clean air now want to ask energy to include steps for the following objectives in their IRP. Number one is begin to just transition to renewable energy by rapidly expanding everybody's investment in renewable energy sources, irresponsibly shutting down their energy centers, starting with the Lawrence energy center. This includes environmentally responsible cleanup of the coal Ash pits remaining leachate and any other hazards hazardous waste that's on the site. We also want them to provide workers of their coal plants with funding for occupational training to work in the renewable energy sector. Third is invest in low income communities that have been most impacted by their coal plants, specifically businesses that are going to benefit from their new renewable energy sources. It is imperative that we transition away from burning coal and begin investing in renewable energy generation, our lives, and those of future generations depend on it. So let's stop burning coal in Kansas, choose people over profits and keep fossil fuels in the ground. Thanks.

Speaker 11: (38:49)

Good evening everyone. My name is Justice Gatson. I use she/her pronouns. I am the founder of, , Reale Justice network. I'm a social justice and the community organizer in Kansas city, Missouri. I'm also a community health worker supervisor. And so I am deeply concerned with the trajectory that Evergy is taking as it relates to the future of energy in both Kansas and Missouri. I serve clients on both sides in Kansas and Missouri, and you all know we are living right now in unprecedented times. , families are suffering amidst this global pandemic, but even before the pandemic, my clients, um, and the people in my neighborhood, , on the East side of Kansas city were already having a hard time grappling with the increasing energy costs. Um, not to mention, um, the heat report that really outlines health inequities, um, that, um, have been documented in Wyandotte County.

And so we have data that shows that communities of color, black, indigenous people of color, our communities have been dramatically impacted by, , pollution and, um, by this unsustainable, um, , grid. And so, , the monies, , and from what I understand, energy plants has been billions of dollars over the next few years on equipment, um, for, for this unsustainable grid. And so we believe that these monies would be better spent by investing in clean energy, by getting rid of coal plants, um, by investing in education, um, so that people can come into this new economy, this, , clean energy, um, and this investment would reduce pollution in already heavily polluted communities, such as those mentioned in the heat report. And so we're asking that the people have a voice in this process. , this cannot be guided by those who only stand to profit financially.

We must remember as was stated earlier that we are on lands stolen and violently ripped away from natives people like my own indigenous relatives who were violently displaced. So as more and more American companies acknowledged the impact, um, and the racial inequities that have, , that are in every industry, including industry energy. This is a really important time for everybody to stand up and stand out as a leader to begin to intentionally implement policies and procedures that are rooted in equitable practices ever G must listen to the people like anything else is disrespectful and continues in the path of that supremacy culture, that prioritizes profits over people. And so we've at three fully

support the demands that have been laid out by the Sierra club and we plan to hold everybody accountable. Thank you very much.

Speaker 4: (41:06)

Hudson Munoz. I am a senior strategic research associate at the communication workers of America. CWA represents about 8,000 working people and Kansas and Missouri. Um, many of whom may be ever GE customers. CWA has been critical of the energy sustainability transformation plan for its negative impact on rate pairs and the lack of worker protections during the sorely needed transition to the renewable energy future. We call on Everett G to go back to the table and engage stakeholders to develop a strategic plan that provides for adjust transition to renewable energy sources. I want to address two specific concerns with the STP. Tonight. First, the sustainability transformation plan was developed at the behest of hedge fund Elliot management, and it prioritizes the financial interests of a few shareholders. Other stakeholders in Kansas and Missouri, the STPs misguided investments are designed to benefit hedge fund managers by cutting costs that could hurt the quality of service that customers expect. And by directing investment to base rate assets, in order to maximize electricity rates in 2024, according to the Wichita Eagle electricity rates could increase by 11% over the next five years. That's almost three times as high as annual nominal wage growth since 2009 second, the sustainability transformation plan is not sustainable. , the STP touts a renewed commitment to renewable energy sources, but does not begin to make those investments until the fourth year of the plan. And then that investment is only for a small fraction of Everett is too expensive. Coal fleet. Meanwhile, the plan calls for significant investment in transmission and distribution assets, which goes directly towards everybody's rate base and for the companies next petition to increase the cost of electricity, this timeline delays, decommissioning of coal plant, several of which have supply contracts with Peabody energy. Take a minute to let this sink in Elliot management owns more than a quarter of Peabody Energy's outstanding stock. That means that a wall street hedge fund came to Kansas and Missouri pushed the so-called sustainability transformation plan in order to profit from increased electricity rates, a burden that as we've heard tonight, falls hardest on working family. Well, all the while the fund owned more than a quarter of the outstanding stock of one of the largest and dirtiest coal companies.

The STP is a disingenuous effort to prioritize the financial interest of a few investors over the interest of working families concerned about paying bills and recovering from COVID. So thank you to the Sierra club for hosting this event. I'm glad to participate. Um, and if there are any questions, I'm happy to take them otherwise I can pass on the mic. Thank you very much for your time by this one block to , to speak next.

Speaker 13: (44:57)

Hi, thank you; my name's Elisa block. I live in Kansas city, Missouri, and I'm a mother of two young girls, um, because of the growing climate crisis. I co-founded the Missouri chapter of mothers out front. We are a nonprofit organization that is giving the voice to millions of moms who feel they are not being heard, but collectively, we hope to tell those in charge that we are worried about climate change and the environment our children will have to live through in the future. I am speaking today because it is

very important for energy to listen to the community. It serves and be a responsible partner in stopping climate change. I'm unsure why the public is kept away from averaging meetings and discussing its energy mix. You are allowed a monopoly and in exchange for an obligation to serve the public interest, not just the interest of your shareholders, we should not be forced without choice to pay for something that compromises our health and harms our children.

Speaker 13: (45:59)

Missouri is actually one of the worst States when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions and the use of coal. Our energy mix consists of almost three quarters from coal. As we know, we have a critical 10 years to try to stop this catastrophic effects of climate change. In 10 years, my kids will be only 16 and 18. I am terrified for the world. They will inherit. That is why it is important. Energy closes the Hawthorne and Laurens coal plants by 2025 and all remaining coal plants by 2030, it is also important to invest in clean energy, such as solar and wind, let our state and country be the visionaries and leaders for the future. If we don't, we will suffer the consequences. Our economy and jobs will lag and suffer as well. If we let other nations profit and succeed with what will be the feature industries, our public and private leaders have a moral obligation to do what is best for the public and not the profiteers of the coal and gas industries. Everage his current plan to keep dirty expensive coal plants running through 2050, or even longer is unacceptable and shows a complete disregard for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our community. We want the 20, 21 IRP to lay out good faith options for achieving 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030. Thank you. Thanks for your time.

Speaker 14: (49:07)

My name is Michael Wolf. I use he him pronouns. I live in Kansas city, Missouri, and I am speaking to you today as a member of sunrise movement, Kansas city, we support a green new deal. That includes a rapid just transition away from fossil fuels. By 2030, my entire life. I've seen the impacts of the climate crisis firsthand. I grew up in Overland park, Kansas in middle and high school. The climate crisis was me missing out on my education to spend time in doctor's offices, treating sinus infections, sinus infections from allergies caused by worsening warming temperatures. This affected my parents because my dad was frequently unemployed and we did not have health insurance in my early career. After college, the climate crisis was me evacuating from wildfires that gave me a respiratory infection. Didn't worsen my asthma. I was fresh out of school and working my first part-time paid internship for \$12 an hour.

Speaker 14: (49:55)

I was trying to make that income work to cover my California rent check utilities and my student loans. After I got the respiratory infection, I lost all of my income for two months and added medical bills to be expenses instead. And just this past February of the climate crisis was when the temperature dropped in my apartment five degrees, because energy shut off my power without warning to accommodate the strain on a deregulated fossil fuel energy grid, time and time again, I have been pushed one climate

crisis and one climate disaster away from the American dream of life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And it is because of this that I stand here today, advocating fiercely for immediately immediate climate action through a green new deal for myself and the Kansas city community average. He wants to burn coal through 2070, that's wrong, but unless you are a fossil fuel billionaire or a wealthy politician, you were being harmed by energy.

Speaker 14: (50:45)

As we speak, they will tell you that their new plan is meant to tackle the crime, the climate crisis, but it is not. In fact, not only is everybody opposed to the green new deal, but they refuse to shut down their coal plants. They denied the public access to their plans. And even though we have no choice, but to pay ever G money to heat our homes and cook our food, they turn around and use our money to oppress us and contribute to the campaigns of Democrats and Republicans at every level of government. These politicians block action on the climate crisis allow billionaires to exploit us foment racism and subvert democracy altogether. Past contributions from ever G have been to Josh Holly, Roger Marshall and Ted Cruz, who are outright white supremacists. And there are other contributions. Contributions have been two Sharice, Davids, Emanuel Cleaver, and Casey Mo mayor Quintin, Lucas, all of whom opposed the green new deal and immediate climate action, but everybody's misuse of our money.

Speaker 14: (51:38)

Doesn't stop there. They also shut off our neighbor's utilities and trap them in debt, giving slumlords another excuse to evict our neighbors. Even though there is enough energy to go around and worse ever G directly funds the Kansas city police foundation, and works in concert with the Kansas city police department to terrorize our black and Brown communities and criminalize homelessness in the words of Aurora Levins. Miralis another world is possible, but we won't get that world of ever G doesn't change its practices ever G the people of Kansas city demand, a fossil free future that centers racial and economic justice back at, or get out of our way. We're more important than your profits.

Speaker 15: (52:48)

Hi, my name is bill Griffith. I'm a Kansas city, Missouri resident, and I use he him pronouns. I am the energy chair of the Thomas heartbeat and group of , the Missouri chapter of the Sierra club. Now I've been involved in energy issues for over 30 years. Climate change is upon us now, as we all witnessed by the polar vortex is just one example. Um, you know, about a month ago and more hurricanes, , more hail damage drought. , these aren't things just in some third world country. Um, they're getting here as well. Um, they are even more relevant, I think in third world countries because they don't have the infrastructure, , to support, , the folks who are, who are hit by that as much as they are here. Um, but it's a very, , tenuous situation we're getting ourselves into and it's going to be worse for our children and grandchildren.

I have two grandchildren and another on the way, and it makes me wonder what kind of world they will live in considering the celebration of climate change that we're seeing now, , you know, getting on to energy here. , I was, , very should grand, , about ever G publicly stating that their climate goal for 30 years out was, , you know, to cut down their fossil fuel usage just a little bit. Um, that was a very anemic and disappointed, disappointed, and also the lack of transparency and an IRP, , your what's going on with it, no citizen input. It really shows their distain, , for the public that they're supposed to take care of here. Um, so I really want to urge average EG to ditch all of their coal plants. By 2030, we cannot wait until 2040 or 2050 or even 2035. it will only help in exacerbating drought, , increased force migration, , food insecurity, international tension. You know, the list can go on here. , we have world-class wind in the area with good solar viability in the region. And to take advantage of both are at lower costs than coal or natural gas. And we also have battery technology as backup storage for energy to use, and also be used in their, , region, which is, , the Southwest power pool. So, , I want there a Jabber G to shutter, again, all their coal plants by 2030, moved to renewable and storage, and, , really turned around on what they're doing here. It's very disappointing. I yield back the rest of my time.

Speaker 16: (56:05)

My name is Sara Robbins, and I am a resident of Lenexa, Kansas.

I am here to represent Rent Zero Kansas, an organization that believes housing is a human right, and that all people deserve safe, affordable homes, with access to affordable, clean energy, which is a necessity for survival.

The accumulation of energy debt that has grown over this past year has created a revolving door of problems that will only push families further into turmoil as we move into yet another hotter than normal summer in Kansas and Missouri.

I demand that you institute an immediate energy debt forgiveness program for low and middle income residents in your service area, regardless of account status that will remain in place indefinitely until a viable percentage of sustainable energy use is reached.

I also ask that Evergy works to close coal plants as quickly as possible in a safe and efficient manner, and begin the necessary transition to clean and sustainable energy, such as wind and solar power, with an emphasis on upgrading infrastructure the most poverty-stricken communities, often BIPOC communities, as they have been continuously and disproportionately affected by the effects of pollution and climate change and the continued dependency on archaic means of energy that have plundered and devastated this stolen land.

Hello. My name is Eric Kirkendall. I use he him pronouns. I'm addressing my comments to average day. And the subject is your coal plants. I live in Lawrence, Kansas at seven 14, Mississippi street, less than three miles by air from the Lawrence energy center, which means that your plan is dumping toxic mercury on my garden. As I speak where's she at many people in Lawrence and downstream from Lawrence fish in the Kansas river, and there they're eating, many of them are eating them and feeding them to their families. Why they do that? They're eating your mercury, they're poisoning themselves and they're poisoning their children. But the worst thing the Lawrence energy center is doing is making the world a more miserable and less livable place for untold future generations. The damage you're doing today will be hurting people in hundreds and hundreds of years. The money you make means nothing compared to what you're doing as you know, the only way for the human race to avoid a very miserable future and a horrible planet. And almost a little bit place is to reduce our burning of fossil fuels. We need to do that by 2030, certainly for electricity generation, where, where renewable is expensive than burning fossil fuels everyday. I think about your coal plant. When I walked by my light switch and I think, Oh, I want to turn a light on in this room. I think, Oh, I turned the lights on. I'm burning a little more cold. I'm ruining somebody's life. Dozens of years, hundreds of years around the globe. I cringe. When I think about that, I asked that you use your money, power, and intelligence to right that wrong and to make energy generation and Lawrence something we can be proud of.

I see a proud future. For average, if you make that decision, you can do it. I see the Lawrence energy center is a world-class center for renewable energy. Maybe solar wind, renewable storage enough to get us through the cloudy days. The days when it's not windy, the cold snaps. I see a future for your employees. People who've worked so hard to make your company successful. I want to see them rewarded with quality green energy training and the opportunity to make the world a better place. Think how proud they would be. Think I'm proud of you with, I want to turn on my lights and I want to, I want to know that's renewable energy. That's shining on me right now. Not coal. That's putting dust right outside my windows. Please open your hearts, open your minds. Think about your rate payers. Think about the other human beings on this planet. Make plans to accomplish great things. Involve us in this planning. And in this decision-making involve the rate payers. You have choices to make. Please make the right ones for us, your rate payers and for you and for your descendants.

Speaker 17: (01:01:32)

My name is Mary Kate McGinty. I use she her pronouns. I live in Kansas city, Missouri and M a mother worried for her daughter's future. A few years ago, I found myself waking in the middle of the night, anxious thoughts, turning in my head about the state of the planet. The climate crisis was growing, and no one seemed to be doing anything about it. What kind of future was my daughter going to inherit? I could no longer sit by and wait for someone else to take action. And I began working with organizations like mothers out front and the Sierra club to tell our public officials that it is well past time. We end our reliance on dirty fossil fuels. Relying on fossil fuels for energy has exacted an enormous toll on humanity and the environment. I find it appalling that energy is not willing to meet with organizations or residents to hear their concerns and their desires for clean, renewable, , equitable energy future.

The fact that ever G intends to allow any of their coal plants to continue operating until as late as 2070 is unacceptable. That means 50 more years of pumping greenhouse gases into our atmosphere. 50 more years of polluted air, soil and water, and 50 more years of higher infant mortality rates. That is not the aggressive energy plan. Kansas city residents need to ensure a livable future for our children. I urge everybody to close the Hawthorne and Lawrence coal plants by 2025 and all remaining coal plants by 2030, they should replace those with cheaper, clean wind and solar and include equitable solutions like rooftops, neighborhoods

That have suffered most from coal pollution and for customers to conserve in times of high demand. The climate is changing right now. We don't have time to wait for what's convenient forever. Gee, we need all. We need to all be in this together. I call on every G to be a responsible partner in Kansas city's effort to stop climate change by committing to 100% renewable carbon free energy by 2030. Thank you.

Speaker 18: (01:03:48) Hello, my name is Stan slaughter. I use he him pronouns and I live in Lee's summit, Missouri, and I've been in the energy scene for a lot of years around here, built a solar house in 1975, the dark ages solar. And in 1976, I read an amazing book called the soft energy paths and a leader called Amer named Amory Lovins was facing the projection that the United States needed to build hundreds of nuclear plants to beat our ever-growing demand. And he realized the cost of those and projected an energy future for the United States. That was much less in energy and predicted how it would work. And his Rocky mountain Institute newsletter for utilities was sold all around the world for \$35,000 a month. And utilities paid that money because he saved them money, his direction and guidance to those utilities was extremely valuable. In 1981, I worked for the Carter 80 and 81. I worked for the Carter administration as the lead instructor. We trained people in five States to weatherize houses, make people more comfortable, save energy, improve the local economy and get green jobs. And my nonprofit was killed by president Reagan on April 14th, 1981. I continued in that business through 1987 and I personally, weatherized my family, my crew, weatherized 120 houses in Kansas city. I've seen the high energy stock, the housing stock in Kansas city, and we have amazing possibilities for green jobs for local security, for energy conservation and reductions. And we don't need those fossil fuel plants based on what we can do ourselves in our own town. So this is a really important thing because Rocky mountain Institute has gone further and is now leading the world in energy conservation projections that talk about micro grids about, um, just radical make-overs of office buildings, how this all pencils out and folks, we have heard this a million times from people that want to do it the hard mean energy way. And there is a soft energy path again today for all of us. And it's very simply simple. And all the people on this broadcast have laid that out very carefully about what we need to do with the, , energy policies, but this is nothing new. We just have to continue to stand up and make our voices known and heard. Thank you very much for my chance to speak today. Thank you for your testimony stamp. Um, move on to Joe Speece then we'll go to Ken Rowe and Bridget Sanderson. , please feel free to go ahead and Joe,

Speaker 20: (01:07:22)

Joe Speas. I'm the CEO of a company called Winsell high. I've developed a new long duration, energy storage technology called compressor energy storage. Um, recently, , former secretary of energy, Dr.

Ernest monies, um, has called it the most important technology in the energy industry, because it will allow for the affordable integration of, , wind and solar power, , unlimited use of those clean energies into the energy system. I've also recently been appointed by the federal energy regulatory commission to serve on a 10 member task force that worked to, , advise the Southwest power pool at 14 state region managed by a FERC on how to integrate energy storage into the grid. And just recently I've been working, I've been asked to consult with the department of energy on how best to use the funds set aside by the Biden administration to rebuild energy infrastructure and what infrastructure would be best served with those funds. massive changes are taking place in the energy industry, and I'm concerned about Evergy's lack of a demonstrated use of these new technologies, the high voltage DC transmission inter-regional transmission, , energy storage, hydrogen, greater use of wind and solar power combined with long duration, energy storage. So people don't have to be concerned about the reliable delivery of electricity or the resilient to delivery of electricity. This change is coming ever GE needs to be prepared just in the last couple of weeks for our canals, that they're now going to be assigning costs to any, , fossil fuel projects, including natural gas and pipelines. This is going to price fossil fuels out of the market, just in the last couple of days, the federal reserve chairman Powell announced that similar climate change assessments are going to be used for any funding working toward, , fossil fuel projects.

We need to see ever G demonstrate an awareness of the changes that are about to take place in the energy industry. This is going to require a greater transparency. They're going to have to allow greater involvement from the public. And we've seen as bill Griffith mentioned a little bit ago, we've seen what happens down in Texas when utilities and the energy industry ignore the advice from the government, from energy industry experts and the public. They had at least 57 people dead from that climate change related experience. And \$100 billion in damage to their infrastructure ever GE needs to wake up. Things are changing, bad things can happen if you're not listening to the experts and the advice that's coming from, people in the industry. So ever G please change the prices will actually lower if you work with the people giving you this advice. And that concludes my comments.

Speaker 21: (01:11:14)

Kent Rowe: minimum offer price rule for utilities. This just came out yes. And, , energy dive, , which, , I subscribed to. And this means that a lot of, , the, , East coast PJM interconnection, which is the East coast, , Southwest power pool, , to us carbon price is the most efficient way to ensure the low cost cleaner resources that are dispatched into the grid. You have to demand this, , and utilities are beginning to do that. , I guess with the exception of a fruit strangely ever cheat, um, the way that we can accomplish this is with our own behaviors and our own, , habits in that we can build a model similar to that of the citizens. Utility board of Chicago is, , low income communities can be able to participate with, , behind the meter DC coupling, , for, , heating and ventilation, air conditioning, water heating, , the thermal and electrical storage, and E V charging they're even making, , the, the lower cost, , EVs, the Nissan leaf, , available at lower, , used ones, but that has to have, , an infrastructure to rebuild, um, , batteries on, on these vehicles.

Now, the lithium batteries that you see today are not going to be the same ones that we see in even five years, they're getting cleaner, less, , expensive as far as the, , , cost and, and the, the, , the mining extraction, , from the earth, , for lithium and exploiting, , indigenous populations that we have seen in

the fossil fuel industry. , this is being addressed. I'd like to think that we're going to evolve in that market, , very nicely. And when I say behind the meter DC coupling, this means you're separated from utilities. You are, there's an air gap. You can run your home, , and, and the, and the most energy, , costs, , for those aforementioned heating and HVAC, water heating and Evie charging and so forth on your own behind the meter, doesn't go through average. He doesn't go through a utility company, , and this is, , the approach that micro grid knowledge, , which are having their annual webinar in may, in June, , will be, , demonstrating, , tag onto some of that, these real solutions. That's why, I guess Joe and I are very frustrated because we see a lot of the solutions here, but it's not being addressed. And no, one's, there's no initiative here. , as far as the power poles in the six seven two, one four, , we measure the, , non-ionizing radiation that comes off of those, and it's consistently higher than world health promotions and the, , regulatory guidelines. , thanks very much and stay tuned for these, the great low cost, low energy innovation. Thank you.

Speaker 22: (01:15:24)

Um, hi everyone. My name is Bridget Sanderson. , she, her pronouns and I'm the director of environment, Missouri, a citizen based environmental advocacy organization based out of Kansas city, Missouri. I am here today as an energy customer and on behalf of our members within the energy service area. Well, I am here to discuss, of course, the environmental impact that this IRP has on the Kansas city metropolitan area. I want to first dive into the consumer protection aspect of not allowing a public hearing from ever G a monopolized investor owned utility company, not allowing their users to provide feedback on the resources we need is a direct attack on our democratic values in the United States, the lack of options and utility providers in the metropolitan area ever G should take the time to hear their customer's input on any type of long-term planning process. Now onto the environmental impact of our energy sector, it has become increasingly clear that our energy sector in the United States is a rigid antiquated system after what has already been brought up multiple times after the freezing temperatures last month, ever, ever G's customers were painfully aware how fragile our energy sector can truly be, especially when up against extreme temperatures with 73% of Missouri's electrical grid currently dependent on coal, how do we prevent another disaster from happening and ensure that all Missourians are healthy and safe?

Speaker 22: (01:16:56)

For starters, we would produce more of our power locally rooftop, solar energy storage technologies, such as batteries, electric vehicles and community micro grids, all have a role to play. We must the state's energy supply and reduce financial risks posed by volatile fuel sources. Rooftop, solar panels can make a difference at extreme weather and add value to Missouri's grid because they produce energy very close to where we use it. So their users help limit the need to generate power at centralized fossil fuel plants and reduce the need for costly investments in power distribution and transmission wind energy also is incredibly abundant in the Midwest and also provides a renewable resource of clean energy. We must encourage renewable energy adoption. If we're to prevent another energy crisis, the best way every GE can protect their customers is by cleaning up their act. While they have stated their

intention to move their services to 80% renewable energy by 2030, there still no plans to close coal plants before the end of their life.

Speaker 22: (01:17:59)

This is just not all right, all Missourians need clean air to breathe, clean water, to drink any livable climate and a greener, healthier world. We would conserve more. Use the energy. We have more wisely and efficiently and rely on only resources of energy that are clean, renewable, and leave less environmental damage in their wake. I hope that everybody will come to the table in order to protect their customers from the worst effects of climate change. We all are willing and wanting to work together to provide clean air, clean water and livable climate. Thank you very much

Speaker 8: (01:20:53)

Eslun Tucker and I live in Kansas city, Missouri and evergreen. Here's a headline for you. If you'll just picture on the front page of the Kansas city star, a word says ever gene retires, it's coal plants and saves customers. Hundreds of millions of dollars. This headline is picked up also by the New York times and the Washington post. , and it goes on to say that that energy has stepped up to not only be a nationwide leader in Heavey installations, but, , they've also switched to relying a hundred percent on the use of plain reliable energy sources, like wind and solar. Um, in fact, they have one of the largest wind power, , farms, , in the country. , low-income families in the Kansas city area and their urban cores have now been able to substantially, , be impacted by the lore energy costs. And furthermore, , they're shipped away from coal burning plants has now become a model for other utilities, , um, , and has boosted their market position. The time is now averaging that, , you need to act, you've already taken baby steps, like implementing the Evie charging infrastructure, but now is the time for you to do more of, for you to put people first, your users, and close the dirty coal plants. Thank you.

Speaker 24: (01:22:44)

Marcia Walsh: I've cared about energy since the 1960s. We've known about climate change, by the way, since at least the sixties, you, you may have heard of a college graduate named Stephanie Mills from 1969 at some university in California. I forget which one, but she was the valedictorian of the class. And in her valedictorian speech, she said, I will not have children because of environmental reasons. That was 31 that was 52 years ago. She, she kept that pledge and didn't have kids. So I go from that to, um, every G saying coal, coal, coal fired plants have to stay online till 2070. I, I can't believe that I haven't read that. What are those initials? The IRP. I haven't read that. I don't know anything about that, except what I've heard tonight, which sounds dismal.

Um, but I had one small idea and I thought, well, let me back up probably five, six years ago, I was one of the fortunate few that could afford to install solar on my roof. So I have 16 solar panels H was installed at, um, a thousand dollars per panel, but I did it during the time of that program, that the public service commission, um, and I acted on KCPL whereby KCPL rebated money per, um, rated megawatt. So of my \$16,000, I got 4,000 back from KCPL and I got, um, was also when the United States government was, um, , allowing for a tax rebate. So I got 4,000 back from my federal income tax. So what initially caused 16,000 cost 8,000? I don't know if people on my block could today afford to come up with \$8,000. So my idea was, I mean, I assume case, , ever G wants to keep its plants open because they need plants to produce energy, to, um, make profits. So why couldn't they install? , maybe they're doing this. I hope I'm not all out of date, but maybe they could install solar on every single roof that wanted it. It'd be a lot of jobs made within the manufacturing and in the installation, install, solar and, um, and, um, rent so that they still own capacity.

Speaker 19: (01:25:43)

Hi, thank you. First of all, I want to thank everyone. It's been wonderful hearing everyone speak tonight. I am Louise Lynch and I have a few things I'd like to say to averaging. Um, I know that you don't have any kind of consideration or compassion for your underserved or those that, um, have little monies in this time of being, but what I want to say to you is that we matter, and we don't want our money used for you to use coal, to kill people that is not who we are. You need to stop using coal period, not 20, 70 now, even 20 or 30 and 20 to 25 would be great, but that needs to stop killing people is just not acceptable, not now, not ever. Um, that's my number one thing I wanted to say to you. The second thing I'd like to say to you, cause I've gone through your website and try to find a manner in which you have to help those that need assistance for medically necessity, necessary, , machinery or, , pieces of equipment.

So they can stay alive. My husband uses one of those pieces of equipment. He uses a CPAP machine, which is a power of positive airway pressure. He needs that to read that night among many other people in this area. I was trying to figure out, especially after the last cold snap, which many people across the country were affected by, and you do these rolling blackouts, and God forbid, these blackouts were to occur to somebody who needed equipment like this to survive. You would just cut them up. How uncompassionate, how inhumane to cut off somebody's airway without any notice and think it's okay so that you can have your profits not acceptable. I want to give you a couple of statistics that I recently acquired from KU medical center in speaking with two of the doctors and the research team and the pulmonary division between 2015 and 2020, there were 13,631 patients that they treated alone. Not all patients in this area, just from KTU. They were treated, needing a C-PAP and bi-pap and or bi-pap machines for positive airway pressure to be able to breathe, not just at night, but if they were to dose off and need an app, if they didn't have these devices, they could die. That's many people who would die so that you could have an extra penny in your pocket, not acceptable. I can tell you that right now, there is an average of 2,726 patients a year that are treated by K you for people needing this type of machinery that doesn't even include everyone in this area that may need a, , an asthma machine and a nebulizer or even oxygen. This is aside from all of those for us to have to beg for you to find a way for us to read and live is unacceptable. You need to read the word plan.

Speaker 15: (01:29:36)

Thank you. My name is Kevin Grooms and I use he/him pronouns. I'm a resident of Kansas City, Missouri and I'm chair of the executive committee of the Missouri chapter of Sierra Club. Our local group for Sierra Club called the Thomas Hart Benton group in Kansas City in Northwest Missouri has 10,000 members and supporters. I've been concerned about the effects of carbon pollution for most of my life. And it pains me to know that we're still waiting for 100% renewable energy. I finally got tired of waiting by my early thirties when I joined the Sierra Club, because I needed to know what we can do locally to save ourselves from dangerous levels of carbon in the atmosphere. That's why I'm here to make urgent demands of average G and it's IRP. We need to save ourselves by retiring our region's coal plants and reinvest savings by powering our grid with 100% renewable energy, continuing to burn carbon has no customer benefit.

Speaker 15: (01:30:39)

Be it financial, medical, or social, none, not only do we need clean, affordable energy so we can sustain ourselves. Many of us trying to live on stagnating wages. We need to reduce atmospheric carbon. So our city and our communities can function at a minimum in my neighborhood, downtown, many areas nearby. We are suffering from the heat island effect and flooding from increased rainfall that inundate our infrastructure more often than before Gilliam Road and Midtown and Mill Street and Westport practically become rivers after a rainfall now and become dangerous and damaging. Science tells us that elevated carbon pollution is causing the excess moisture in the air that causes urban flooding. Ever G must meet its duty to the public by closing its coal plants by 2030 and ensuring savings from renewable energy will benefit those in our communities who are financially, medically, and socially vulnerable. We deserve more transparency as the community that Ever G serves at a bare minimum. We must see immediate action to take carbon from the atmosphere on a timeline based on science.

Speaker 13: (01:32:52)

Well, everyone for someone who thinks Sierra Club and all the individuals and organizations were leading this extremely important effort. Again, my name is Emily Wolf and I'm a, I'm a lifelong resident of Kansas City, Kansas, um, and work in KC Mo um, as ever develops their integrated resource plans for Kansas and Missouri. I asked that they just take one moment to think about their children, their grandchildren, nieces, nephews, anyone's who's important in their life. And my seven-year-old niece who will bear the brunt of their poor decisions. I want to elaborate on how fossil fuels wreak havoc on our health and our wellbeing, how Kansas and Missouri have some of the highest utility rates in the country. How we consistently rank at the bottom of AC Triple East State Energy Scorecard, um, or how we were standing by as other states lead the charge in creating good, clean energy jobs for the residents, because I know Ever G is well aware. Um, so this is everybody's opportunity as, as one said, create, you know, headlines for tomorrow. So this is their opportunity to work with residents, to create a future that is brighter, cleaner, and healthy for all. I just hope they take it. And I hope in 20 years, they are proud of the legacy they left behind for their children, grandchildren, friends, family, and my seven-year-old niece. Thank you so much.

My name is Robert Moore. take off the demand fee for solar power because according to the Kansas city star that has cut down on solar installations in, I guess, Kansas city, Kansas, probably about a third. And the second is that there's a, a nationwide movement by specific gas utilities to, , lobby against, , strict, , , building codes. And I asked that you not be a part of that effort because if we have more efficient buildings, both residential and, , and , , business like in downtown, then we will use less energy. And so that I ask that you, , not be a part of that effort. And, um, I guess that's all I have to contribute. I'm glad that this has going on. And, um, I hope it makes a difference. So thank you.

Speaker 13: (01:39:19)

Okay, well, thank you. It's actually a delight to be toward the end of all this I've heard wonderful things. I didn't chat because I would have been taking up too much space, complimenting somebody, the ideas, the information, and I'm coming to you from the fact that I grew up out in Western Kansas, lived in Florida for 20 years, and just now came back to Lawrence six years ago and can Florida is where I began getting very interested in a lot of everything. Climate change, seeing dying animals, dolphins, manatees, dirty waters, you know, the algae stuff. And then I got to see live action to put down the big ugly coal plant right down the street from me. And that was Sierra people. Several people. I knew one or two of them were running for Democrat for the state and national levels. That was one of their big focuses.

Speaker 13: (01:40:13)

And so I really got attentive to it all. Then I moved here to Lawrence six years ago, and one of my first attentions went to all kinds of climate change animals. I love animals, but everything. Life is life is life everywhere, plants people. And when I started getting my energy bills, that was WestStar. I was even seeing this thing about save money or not. They didn't say save money. They said, encourage solar and other natural resources, but it was going to cost you like, I think 5% extra than I thought that's not how you encourage people to get off the coal. And so it's just been a big focus of mine. My background is social work. I deal with things involving care, especially for people who need help all my life. I'm very thankful because I'm also aware right now I've been a Sur worker, which that means I'm a senior employed person.

Speaker 13: (01:41:18)

Part-time, I'm working at a Ballard center and I get to see I'm taking the phone calls a lot. The number of people that are calling because their energy is being turned off. They're getting warnings. It's about to be turned off. They can't, you know, they can't afford to make the payments and thank God out Ben Ballard. There, they have resources. It's beautiful. It's mostly donations and grant fundings, but they help these people. And it's beautiful to see that in motion. It's helped me get to know what the community and then averaging itself. All this is just so aggravating. I'm enjoying some of these

comments. I'm thinking action makes such a big difference. Visual getting to see things. Somebody else has to initiate some of the standup speakings and just stand around the areas. Again, I don't even know where our coal plant is. I'm embarrassed to say, but I'm even willing to put a stick on, on my car, which I don't like to do very often.

Speaker 13: (01:42:24)

I would say, Edward G, we dare you or a kill, you know, energy or excuse me, the word somebody said, coal is there for killing people. Cold kills people. They need to be aware of other people. I can't believe how many friends I have that don't know a thing about this. They don't pay attention to it. They don't look at their bills to understand. And I will give credit back to the Florida one, the Florida power and light sent out little statements every time with your bill in the mail. And even when I was getting is automatic, we saw the good things. They did average. You could do that.

Speaker 11: (01:44:22)

Sorry about that, then please do continue. You're good. Yeah. Thank you. Hi there. My name is Christina Ostmeyer and I'm with rent zero Kansas and use she her pronouns. Um, so red zero Kansas. We are a coalition of Kansas tenants fighting for survival and beyond. And we know that that starts with housing. Um, and a major component of housing is our access to energy. Kansans are suffering medically and economically from a worldwide pandemic. This crisis is exposing and exacerbating the hardships under which working class Kansans struggled to survive. And we demand comprehensive action to protect those who are vulnerable and who are members of our community so that we can weather this storm. Um, so red zero Kansas came together under this pandemic, but we plan to keep fighting for housing justice and standing in solidarity with utility justice for beyond this pandemic, because it's going to matter it mattered before, and it's going to matter in the future.

Speaker 11: (01:45:18)

And we know that everybody has systemically failed to invest in energy efficiency programs for low-income homeowners and renters. The KCC approved a portion of their Kansas energy efficiency investment act package that included low-income programs, but D declined because it would be too expensive for them. A fortune 500 company, meanwhile rates have gone up Kansans pay higher utility bills than our neighbors, and we are facing an energy crisis and it didn't happen in a vacuum. Energy has neglected us time and time again. So we demand sufficiently funding, energy efficiency programs that would be accessible to renters and low-income homeowners and pay us. You say would be a nice start. Thanks.

Speaker 26: (01:46:18)

Great. , hi everyone. My name is Zach Custora from Linwood, Kansas, and while professionally I'm a state lobbyist and environmental champion, but tonight I speak on my own personal accord. I was born a Kansan, raised a Kansan and playing to be a lifelong Kansan, as I'm both grateful for ever GS utility service and progress that gained and transcended transitioning their energy portfolio to be cleaner and more renewable with wind invested recently, I'm also hopeful that ever G's new long-term plans. The transformation plan, an integrated resource plan will continue to utilize 21st century energy technology to lower utility bills, improve system reliability, and possibly impact our carbon emissions and environment for decades to come in this critical moment, which will the electric utility industry is rapidly reshaping and our country is taking on racial equity, social justice, and climate change. We are at high time for a positive transformation, our energy where utility can and should provide reliable and affordable power for all Kansans fairly with much less harm to our health and environment within these long-term plans.

Speaker 26: (01:47:27)

I expect everybody to include a few major points. One I'm hopeful energy will include near term retirements of our aging, increasingly more expensive coal plants in a comparing current leveled cost of energy, Kansas coal plants, burning and Wyoming coal are more expensive to run than that. Obtains us based energy technologies like wind solar efficiency and storage. When we factor in externalized costs like precious freshwater use carbon pollution that propels climate change and negative respiratory harm from emitting particulate matter, coal power becomes even more costly. Remember that our large predatory fish in Kansas have high mercury levels in their flesh due to historical burning of coal. I expect our regulatory agency and utility company to start reconciling these externalized costs and these new plans, clean energy solutions like renewables, energy conservation energy storage can now be used in combination to help replace our coal plants and capture economic environmental and health benefits.

Speaker 26: (01:48:27)

Next average, you should prioritize energy efficiency in their longterm plans while ever G efficiency programs are in Missouri. Energy is yet to have robust energy efficiency programs in Kansas. That's got to change and the KCC must insist on energy efficiency as part of their sufficient in efficient service obligation. We know that energy conservation is the cheapest resource in Kansas and being ranked 47th in the , American council for energy efficient economy. We have much room for improvement. We especially need to prioritize energy efficiency for those with heavy energy burden and help low-income customers and communities save money on their bills with energy efficiency and weatherization programs. Kansas has several opportunities to increase the electrical grid resiliency with the band synergy solutions, not panelizing distributed energy resources like individual, and community-based solar. These are distributed energy resources can help Kansas and our regional electric grid grid and our utilities should have braced the centralized power and do so in an equitable way.

Speaker 26: (01:49:35)

Community and individual solar has benefited several States, including Missouri and ever GE customers deserve the same treatment. Finally, it's no secret that averaging makes a half a billion dollars a year. Given that level of profit, there should be not being business of shutting off customers power during the middle of band DEMEC who may be icing on their bills or sneaking in huge power poles that in predominantly low-income communities of color. The last thing I'll say is this is the moment in which significant positive transformation can take place in a benefit of majority of Kansans. Please step up and meet the moment. Thank you.

Speaker 17: (01:51:02)

I am Clyde swanky and Topeka, Kansas. I'm a member of the Topeka sustainability advisory board, um, had ever G customer with grid tied solar panels for the purpose of charging our electric vehicles with pollution, , pollution, free energy. I would like to suggest, well, I like to think I'm part of the solution because of this. Everybody thinks I'm a problem. I would like to suggest five revenue sources that everybody could use to fund some of the, , revenue sources that they could use that have nothing to do with the energy. , all of these, , revenues I've personally contributed to the a hundred percent profit of the illegal demand charges they'd been collecting for two and a half years to all distributed generation customers. , hundreds of dollars, , myself has given to this, the profit from reselling our solar generation have peak rates. Most of the solar generation, while the sunshine is put back on the grid average, then resells it at peak rates. The a hundred percent profit from reselling our excess solar generation. At the end of each month, they get it free. They resell it not continuing to spend the hundreds of thousands of dollars implementing and defending another illegal rate structure to prevent further customer solar generation. This cost was borne by all energy customers. Half of our churches annual electric cost is for demand charges for air conditioning on Sunday mornings ever T power plant employees tell me there is no peak

Speaker 4: (01:52:46)

Demand on Sunday mornings. Those demand charges represent the a hundred percent profit to averaging. Every GE could become the public utility. It was intended to be well continuing to reward its investors with a generous return on their investment. Thank you. Thank you very much for your time and quiet. Like at this time to open up the lines for folks on the phone to unmute themselves or anyone who's put name in, chat yourself. If you're on the phone, just push star six. Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who would like to make a comment at this time? I'll wait just a little bit longer to see if anyone wants to chat about,

Speaker 27: (01:53:58)

I see that John Burns, his name is on the list of participants again, um, to have you back, we missed you earlier. , but if he would like to get this comment at this time. Okay. Um, absolutely earlier or something on bag. Good evening. My name is John Burns, number, retired utility and engineer and manager, , now is in St. Louis. So I'm not too familiar with Kansas city, , with my dealings with utility. And, , we've been, are being done various stuff because of my company. I will tell you some things that I know first off to, ,

the Kansas, , Aaron G commission is very important. He, in trying to be, um, to, I guess, clarify false, , you, you really have to speak to them about some of the problems I've been listening to. , secondly, I will tell you a little bit about, , boilers, which I've had a lot of it, 30 years of experience with them.

Speaker 27: (01:55:01)

, there's alternatives to call a boiler. That's set up to Coalfire could very possibly can be converted. Some have been converted to natural gas. Now I know this, isn't your ultimate solution that because of, , public health and environmental issues, you may want to have them or demand that they at least look at that to immediately switch from coal to natural gas. , they're going to argue that the coal plants, this facility is a stranded cost is a little cost exorbitant fees kind of down. Well, maybe so that maybe, , you can, you can affect switching to natural gas. Yes, they don't to do that because they probably have a big interest in the coal plants and stuff. And he had coal mine, but still the economics to be studied and he may force him switch. , , one other thing I did want to talk about, which was mentioned number of times is the clearer divide regulatory between, , right payers and the investor and all the prophets you're talking about, it's going to investors.

Speaker 27: (01:56:12)

global warming is an existential threat, , to the human species and, and to the ecosphere as a whole. And, , , we have a little bit talking about it, but, , , coal plants are, , oil into the ecosphere, which is in the process of, , , the sixth mass extinction, which, , is, is, is actually a much larger issue than global warming, which contributes to it. The, , energy companies need to. And I think somebody talked about it earlier is, , energy companies need to wake up and smell the coffee and that

Speaker 23: (01:58:42)

The wind and solar are technological revolutions that are coming down the pike and that they have to basically get on board if they're going to survive. So, um, well, I forgot to mention I'm a volunteer with the climate action, Kansas city policy committee. I'm also a volunteer with a citizens' climate lobby, kick TFI radios, and live here in Kansas city, Missouri, , off the cuff. I think that's about it.

Speaker 23: (01:59:57)

Okay. , again, my name is [inaudible] Tucker and I'm, , in Kansas city, Missouri. Um, , so one gentleman, I guess just brought up the, well, I guess I need to take myself off of, , here. I'll show my face again, too. Sorry about that. Anyhow, , one gentleman, , maybe it was John Burns. I'm not sure who, but brought up the fact that we should, should, um, , that the investors are something that we need, need to worry about, , because they're more answerable to them to that point. , we also need to target, , their investors. There's a bill that's been introduced, , , in the us Congress, , called the, um, Oh gosh, I just blanked out on the name of it. But anyhow, the aim of the bill is to have all federal employee pensions,

pension funds, um, , , divested from fossil fuel interests from coal gas, , and, , you know, and dirty oil. We need to go after, , the investors across the board, not just federal pension funds, but, um, you know, but, but corporations, , and, and then we've got, , pension funds, , in state, after state, throughout the United States, , like California, Missouri, and so forth, , where we can really push for this action. , it has been shown to work in other, like

Speaker 13: (02:01:40)

You all probably remember on South Africa, um, where, you know, the move, , w , there was a movement to get universities and businesses to, um, you know, divest their funds from, , from South African gold or, or diamonds or whatever. So I think that that strategy could work here. Don't hit them where it hurts right in their pockets.

Speaker 8: (02:02:12)

I remember our environment when I was a child. I'm 81 so it was a long time ago. I am a nature lover and I see what is happening to our environment now. It makes me want to cry for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I see the difference in the sky and the running waters. I pray for the companies like yours to see, what I see and convert to Clean Energy systems. I contribute to this each month through Evergy. Please get real serious like me and do what you can, as soon as possible. Coal workers can learn a new skill.

Speaker 13: (02:02:25)

Might be able to speak up. Sure. Paul, I just want to give a brag on what we were saying. One of the facts that I did leave out, and I think it compares, I'd like to just dare ever GE that in Florida, they ended as of let's see, it was a February just recently, they shut down their final, last coal plant. They do not use any coal anymore, so Florida can do it. We should be able to do it the big dare to energy. Thank you.

Speaker 8: (02:03:02)

All right. Is there anyone else who'd like to make a comment hearing? None. I will conclude the comments session of the people's hearing. This hearing has been recorded, and all comments will be sent to our regulators and everybody incorporated during the planning processes for Missouri and Kansas. If you have any questions or you'd like to submit any additional testimony to supplement your comment, please feel free to email bill power Mo can@gmail.com. And we want to thank you all for your testimony and for taking the time to be here, please stay safe. Have a great evening. Thank you. Thank you.

My name is Ilyssa Block. I live in Kansas City Missouri and am a mother of two young girls. Because of the growing climate crisis I co-founded the Missouri chapter of Mothers Out Front a non-profit organization that is giving the voice to the millions of moms who feel they are not being heard. But collectively we hope to tell those in charge that we are worried about climate change and the environment our children will have to live through in the future.

I am speaking today because it is very important for EVERGY to listen to the community it serves and be a responsible partner in stopping climate change. I am unsure why the public is kept from the EVERGY meetings on discussing its energy mix. You are allowed a monopoly in exchange for an obligation to serve the public interest, not just the interest of your shareholders. We should not be forced -without choice - to pay for something that compromises our health and harms our children.

Missouri is one of the worst states when it comes to green house gas emissions and the use of coal. Our energy mix consists of almost three quarters from coal. As we know we have a critical 10 years to try to stop the catastrophic effects of climate change. In 10 years my kids will be only 16 and 18. I am terrified for the world they will inherit. That is why it is important Evergy closes the Hawthorn and Lawrence Coal Plants by 2025 and all remaining coal plants by 2030.

It is also important to invest in clean energy such as solar and wind. Let our state and country be the visionaries and leaders for the future. If we don't we will suffer the consequences. Our economy and jobs will lag and suffer as well if we let other nations profit and succeed with what will be the future industries. Our public and private leaders have a moral obligation to do what is best for the public and not the profiteers of the coal and gas industries. Evergy's current plan to keep dirty, expensive coal plants running through 2050 or even longer is unacceptable and shows a complete disregard for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our community. We want the 2021 IRP to lay out good faith options for achieving 100% clean, renewable, energy by 2030.

Testimony on the Evergy Sustainability Transformation Plan

Kansas can provide 24% of the nations electrical generation from wind and 11% of the nations electrical generation from solar installations according to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

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Wind energy provides a source of income in Western Kansas that will help communities to be sustainable and lower their cost of living. It provides income for farmers and ranchers that is steady and substantial.

Wind and solar energy helps the nation meet its climate change goals.

Solar energy is distributable and should be encouraged across the state. Since it is funded and maintained by the owners of the system, Evergy should welcome and encourage the development of solar energy systems both residential and private. Evergy's recent filings with the KCC do not reflect the benefits to the utility of such systems. KCC should require that an equitable system of charges be developed and implemented to foster the utilization of solar energy. Missouri has a rate structure that is much more equitable.

To get wind energy to larger markets, Kansas government and utilities should do everything they can to foster the development of transmission lines. Perhaps formation of a separate public utility devoted to the erection and operation of such transmission lines should be considered. If the state participates, then the right of way issues can be resolved and public finance can be used.

The use of fossil fuels to produce energy should be curtailed and phased out as soon as possible. Coal should be the first source to be eliminated by 2030 at a minimum. No new coal or gas facilities should be built. Existing gas operations should be used only in emergencies.

Kansas should evaluate energy storage potential of existing formations, physical systems and chemical systems. Storage of energy generated during the day or during wind events should be a vital part of any plan.

Kansas needs to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings and adopt building codes which make new facilities designed and built for sustainability. Evergy should endorse and promote programs that assist customers to improve existing efficiency and assist the state and communities to adopt and implement future codes.

Climate change is one of the greatest concerns for the future of the world. Evergy should recognize this and make the adoption of wind and solar energy production their highest priority. The future of the state depends on the health of the environment. Evergy as the largest electrical utility should invest in a carbon free future that benefits all Kansans.

Kansas needs an energy plan for the future. This plan should be founded of the needs of future Kansans and have goals including sustainability, health and welfare of clients, mitigation of climate change, etc. The plan should set the parameters for Evergy to operate under and not the utility telling the state what the parameters are. KCC allows Evergy to make 9+ percent profit each year when banks are borrowing money at 0.05 percent interest. If Evergy is to earn this level of greed, they should give back to the citizens and communities of Kansas in much larger measure.

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My name is Bonnie Maize, and I live in Rossville, Kansas. I am an Evergy customer and mother of three. I am very concerned about climate change and a liveable future for my children. Evergy needs to get rid

of all coal plants and invest in 100% clean energy now. We must prioritize the needs of the people over the profits of the few.

My name is Bridget Sanderson a citizen-based environmental advocacy organization based out of Kansas City. I am here today, as an Evergy customer, and on behalf of our members within the Evergy service area. While I am here to discuss the environmental impact that this IRP has on the Kansas City metropolitan area, I want to first dive into the consumer protection aspect of not allowing a public hearing from Evergy. A monopolized, investor-owned utility company not allowing their customers to provide feedback on the resources we need is a direct attack on our democratic values in the United States. With a lack of options in utility providers in the metropolitan area, Evergy should take the time to hear their customers' input on any long term planning process. Now onto the environmental impact of our energy sector. It has become increasingly clear that our energy sector in the United States is a rigid, antiquated system. After the freezing temperatures last month, Evergy's customers were painfully aware how fragile our energy sector can truly be, when up against extreme temperatures. With 73% of Missouri's electrical grid dependent on coal, how do we prevent another disaster, and ensure that all Missourians are healthy and safe? For starters, we would produce more of our power locally. Rooftop solar, energy storage technologies such as batteries, electric vehicles and community "microgrids" all have a role to play. We must diversify the state's energy supply and reduce financial risks posed by volatile fuel sources. Rooftop solar panels can make a difference in extreme weather, and add value to Missouri's grid, because they produce energy very close to where we use it. Solar users help limit the need to generate power at centralized fossil fuel plants, and reduce the need for costly investments in power distribution and transmission. Wind energy is abundant in the Midwest and also provides a renewable resource of clean energy. We must encourage renewable energy adoption if we're to prevent another energy crisis, The best way Evergy can protect their customers is by cleaning up their act. While they have stated their intention to move their services to 80% renewable energy by 2030, there are still no plans to close coal plants before the end of their life. This is not alright. All Missourians need clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and a liveable climate. In a greener, healthier world, we would conserve more, use the energy we have more wisely and efficiently, and rely only on sources of energy that are clean, renewable, and leave less environmental damage in their wake. I hope that Evergy will come to the table in order to protect their customers from the worst effects of climate change. We all are willing and want to work together to provide clean air, clean water, and a livable climate. Thank you.

Daniel Barton

Last summer, my wife and I got to visit Alaska with a few friends. Throughout our time, we visited many amazing parks, including Kenai Fjords. There we hiked up the Exit Glacier trail. Along the trail, there are signs with years on them. These signs mark where the glacier was at a given year. Other signs show pictures of what the park looked like in the 70s and 80s. Where there once was the toe of the glacier, now there is a forest. Where the glacier used to fill a valley, now there is only silt. Near the end of the trail is an overlook with a diagram showing the retreat of the glacier over the last 100 years. Seeing the acceleration of the retreat, I came to the realization that the next time we visited this park, the landscape would be completely different. I realized that one day, when we have kids and take them

to the park, they won't experience the same park. They won't see the glaciers - Instead, they will see empty fields of silt where glaciers once stood, and it will be our fault.

This realization came to me again and again over the trip as we talked to people who told us how the permafrost is thawing near Fairbanks causing buildings to be to collapse, how the snowfall has decreased, how there are new rivers which have formed in their lifetime due to the melting glaciers, and more. The list of the direct impacts of our fossil fuel addiction goes on and on. We are destroying the land and the animals which have resided in it for thousands of years, and there is no reset button. What we are losing today is not easily regained and will leave lasting scars on the land for centuries, if not millenia.

The damage extends far beyond devastating environmental impacts, and far beyond just Alaska. Here in Kansas, we face the issues of health problems centered around coal plants. We are poisoning our fellow man, and for what? Because we refuse to invest in cheaper, cleaner energy sources? These decisions have huge consequences, ones that extend beyond the bottom line. We have the opportunity to be better, to create a better world for communities now, and to leave a better world for our children. The question comes down to you. Will you be bold enough to choose to be better? Will you choose to invest in cheaper clean energy to protect our community and help preserve the world for our children? Or will you choose to stand by and watch the situation deteriorate?

Rachael Staude Grandpropertymanagementkc@gmail.com"I'm currently in mediation with Evergy. They shut off my power July 30th 2020. I live in a 1400 sq foot home. My bill stated I owed over \$7,400.

I have two young children and am self employed. Forced to move in with my elderly parents during the pandemic I waited 4 weeks to hear back from Rev. Protection at Evergy. They never did but I was told I must pay it in full, and \$4,000 of the bill was from an account I was never on. I actually had utilities in my name where I resided at a different location from this account. That left over \$3,300 on my account. I looked and totaled my payments to Evergy for the 2019 year. I had paid almost \$3,000!

They won't provide bill by property by month for the properties I'm being charged for.

The commission has had this case since September 23. I originally contacted them which was an ""informal"" complaint early September. Then I was offered a steep payment plan. But still this ridiculous bill. They had lumped accounts into one account number and would not produce individual monthly statements for each . To this day I still don't have. They produced 9, one of which was of an unknown party. Evergy tried to get my complaint dismissed for no legal representation in late December . I've hired council and am waiting. My council whom I hired almost a month ago has been able to obtain. Why and how could this be.

So almost 7 months later in my parents basement with a now 7&8 year old boys. I have mold in my basement now, Have had to be very cautious of COVID exposure with my children&myself living with a 72 and 75 year old. My mother has COPD and my stepfather was finishing radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

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My kids after school care help was not possible because of this which has now made my work day ending at 3:30 so I can get them from their bus. My work day is now delayed from being able to start at 8:15 to ride the bus to now 9:00 after getting them to school.

My parents live about a ten to fifteen minute drive from their school and our home.

The sad truth I've realized is the lack of democracy with these big corporations. They can do whatever they want and have legislation passed to protect them. My situation shows they were unlawful in more than one way. I've had to hire an attorney in order to prove this, which is probably no factor to help my case, and finding an attorney with utility experience was not easy. Actually, what was hard was finding an attorney with utility experience willing to take my case.

How this case will come to a close is hard to say. I think it is clear as day they are not only dishonest, unempathetic to displacing people from their home, lacking conscious about putting others lives in danger, but also shady as a shade tree with billing. Thanks for listening."

Exhibit B

KS SECURITIZATION SAVINGS PROJECTIONS: ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE

By Utility	2023 Savings	2030 Savings
Westar Energy Inc	\$496,493,639	\$192,957,797
Kansas Gas & Electric Co	\$270,372,891	\$117,878,976
Kansas City Power & Light Co KS	\$314,502,651	\$140,597,741
Kansas City Power & Light Co MO	\$379,694,291	\$160,109,343
KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Co	\$252,685,139	\$168,518,019
Total	\$1,713,748,611	\$780,061,876

By Plant	2023 Savings	2030 Savings
Lawrence Energy Center 4	\$39,618,724	\$7,108,953
Lawrence Energy Center 5	\$52,627,099	\$9,450,667
Jeffrey Energy Center 1	\$236,672,404	\$107,227,415
Jeffrey Energy Center 2	\$144,510,435	\$63,411,403
Jeffrey Energy Center 3	\$173,856,551	\$75,424,990
La Cygne 1	\$240,568,184	\$78,578,332
La Cygne 2	\$73,327,063	\$8,160,134
Hawthorn 5	\$82,382,513	\$27,589,187
Iatan 1	\$156,400,511	\$56,754,381
Iatan 2	\$513,785,128	\$346,356,414
Total	\$1,713,748,611	\$780,061,876

<i>Jeffrey Energy Center (GMO) Unit 1 (8% owned by GMO)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$42,038,782
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$25,190,676	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$18,740,769	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$43,931,445	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$45,141,414
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$20,109,977	
Securitization Savings	\$23,821,468	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$30,719,913
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$15,492,794	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$16,661,290	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$32,154,084	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$33,228,586
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$17,931,244	
Securitization Savings	\$14,222,840	

<i>Jeffrey Energy Center (GMO) Unit 2 (8% owned by GMO)</i>		
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Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$25,084,938
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$13,033,342	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$13,208,156	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$26,241,498	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$27,094,675
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$14,215,795	
Securitization Savings	\$12,025,703	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$16,303,763
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$6,485,450	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$10,737,802	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$17,223,253	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$17,921,105
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$11,508,471	
Securitization Savings	\$5,714,781	

<i>Jeffrey Energy Center (GMO) Unit 3 (8% owned by GMO)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$25,127,513
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$12,274,120	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$14,045,136	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$26,319,256	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$27,221,441
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$15,111,850	
Securitization Savings	\$11,207,405	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$15,356,807
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$5,464,645	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$10,876,900	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$16,341,545	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$17,046,568
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$11,621,941	
Securitization Savings	\$4,719,604	

<i>Iatan (GMO) Unit 1 (18% owned by GMO)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		

2023 Net Plant Balance		\$79,237,782
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$45,553,541	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$37,250,267	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$82,803,808	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$85,185,569
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs w/ Securitization	\$40,032,046	
Securitization Savings	\$42,771,762	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$56,132,131
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$26,491,155	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$32,357,498	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$58,848,654	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$60,919,659
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs w/ Securitization	\$34,800,055	
Securitization Savings	\$24,048,599	

<i>Iatan (GMO) Unit 2 (18% owned by GMO)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$268,329,823
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$180,118,030	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$100,596,536	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$280,714,566	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$286,571,884
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$117,855,766	
Securitization Savings	\$162,858,801	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$211,414,010
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$126,693,764	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$94,236,100	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$220,929,864	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$226,990,887
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$101,117,669	
Securitization Savings	\$119,812,195	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$51,887,239
BAU 2030 and onward		

Allowed Return on Asset	\$9,776,373	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$53,977,879	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$63,754,252	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$70,663,192
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs w/ Securitization	\$57,718,374	
Securitization Savings	\$6,035,878	

<i>La Cygne (KCPL KS) Unit 2 (23% owned by KCPL KS)</i>		
<i>Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement</i>		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$110,220,204
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$39,688,684	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$78,812,008	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$118,500,692	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$128,676,334
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$86,959,853	
Securitization Savings	\$31,540,839	

<i>Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement</i>		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$46,872,855
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$8,856,265	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$48,652,230	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$57,508,495	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$63,694,264
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$52,021,446	
Securitization Savings	\$5,487,049	

	NPV	Not NPV
<i>Jeffrey Energy Center (KGE) Unit 1 (20% owned by KGE)</i>		
<i>Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement</i>		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$106,281,287
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$50,940,389	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$59,263,843	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$110,204,232	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$112,206,704
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$65,943,897	
Securitization Savings	\$44,260,335	

<i>Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement</i>		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$65,962,816
BAU 2030 and onward		

Allowed Return on Asset	\$23,255,992	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$45,602,207	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$68,858,199	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$70,330,657
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$49,579,026	
Securitization Savings	\$19,279,173	

<i>Jeffrey Energy Center (KGE) Unit 2 (20% owned by KGE)</i>		
<i>Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement</i>		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$64,510,129
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$30,850,390	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$36,090,228	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$66,940,618	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$68,319,450
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$40,173,782	
Securitization Savings	\$26,766,836	

<i>Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement</i>		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$39,957,168
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$14,029,921	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$27,770,627	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$41,800,548	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$42,820,729
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$30,201,710	
Securitization Savings	\$11,598,838	

<i>Jeffrey Energy Center (KGE) Unit 3 (20% owned by KGE)</i>		
<i>Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement</i>		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$79,003,627
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$37,731,685	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$44,284,069	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$82,015,754	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$83,822,143
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$49,305,926	
Securitization Savings	\$32,709,828	

<i>Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement</i>		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$48,876,220
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$17,120,107	

Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$34,075,604	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$51,195,711	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$52,536,239
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$37,065,316	
Securitization Savings	\$14,130,395	

<i>La Cygne (KGE) Unit 1 (50% owned by KGE)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$391,487,422
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$187,969,292	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$217,732,689	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$405,701,981	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$412,298,147
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs w/ Securitization	\$242,200,604	
Securitization Savings	\$163,501,377	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$243,359,178
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$86,073,557	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$167,540,454	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$253,614,011	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$258,434,235
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs w/ Securitization	\$182,106,721	
Securitization Savings	\$71,507,290	

<i>La Cygne (KGE) Unit 2 (50% owned by KGE)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$7,534,910
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$3,609,095	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$4,205,627	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$7,814,722	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$7,962,288
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$4,680,207	
Securitization Savings	\$3,134,516	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$4,673,731
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$1,645,812	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$3,236,136	

Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$4,881,948	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$4,990,672
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$3,518,668	
Securitization Savings	\$1,363,280	

	NPV	Not NPV
<i>Lawrence Energy Center Unit 4 (100% owned by Westar)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$139,989,088
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$47,493,537	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$97,018,450	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$144,511,987	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$145,239,952
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs w/ Securitization	\$104,893,262	
Securitization Savings	\$39,618,724	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$49,151,672
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$8,096,782	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$43,895,602	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$51,992,384	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$52,357,600
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs w/ Securitization	\$44,883,431	
Securitization Savings	\$7,108,953	

<i>Lawrence Energy Center Unit 5 (100% owned by Westar)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$185,899,508
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$63,080,322	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$128,805,956	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$191,886,278	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$192,828,675
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$139,259,179	
Securitization Savings	\$52,627,099	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$65,299,764
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$10,761,479	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$58,277,730	

Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$69,039,208	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$69,513,042
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$59,588,541	
Securitization Savings	\$9,450,667	

<i>Jeffrey Energy Center (Westar) Unit 1 (72% owned by Westar)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$403,702,915
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$193,825,661	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$224,541,622	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$418,367,283	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$425,190,040
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$249,776,682	
Securitization Savings	\$168,590,601	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$250,942,407
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$88,748,370	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$172,779,777	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$261,528,147	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$266,514,850
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$187,802,745	
Securitization Savings	\$73,725,402	

<i>Jeffrey Energy Center (Westar) Unit 2 (72% owned by Westar)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$253,668,485
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$121,638,363	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$141,353,591	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$262,991,955	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$267,640,038
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$157,274,058	
Securitization Savings	\$105,717,897	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$157,502,588
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$55,575,649	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$108,768,440	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$164,344,088	

2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$167,756,852
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$118,246,304	
Securitization Savings	\$46,097,785	

<i>Jeffrey Energy Center (Westar) Unit 3 (72% owned by Westar)</i>		
Scenario 1: 2023 Retirement		
2023 Net Plant Balance		\$312,116,612
BAU 2023 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$149,568,495	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$174,088,848	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$323,657,343	
2023 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$329,604,889
2023 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$193,718,026	
Securitization Savings	\$129,939,318	

Scenario 2: 2030 Retirement		
2030 Net Plant Balance		\$193,680,214
BAU 2030 and onward		
Allowed Return on Asset	\$68,260,790	
Asset Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$133,957,491	
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs (Excl. O&M)	\$202,218,281	
2030 Securitization Bond Amount (with Decommissioning Cost and 6% Transition A		\$206,594,207
2030 Securitization		
Total Annual Ratepayer Capital Costs	\$145,643,291	
Securitization Savings	\$56,574,990	

Exhibit C

Securitization and Utility Asset Early Retirement for Evergy

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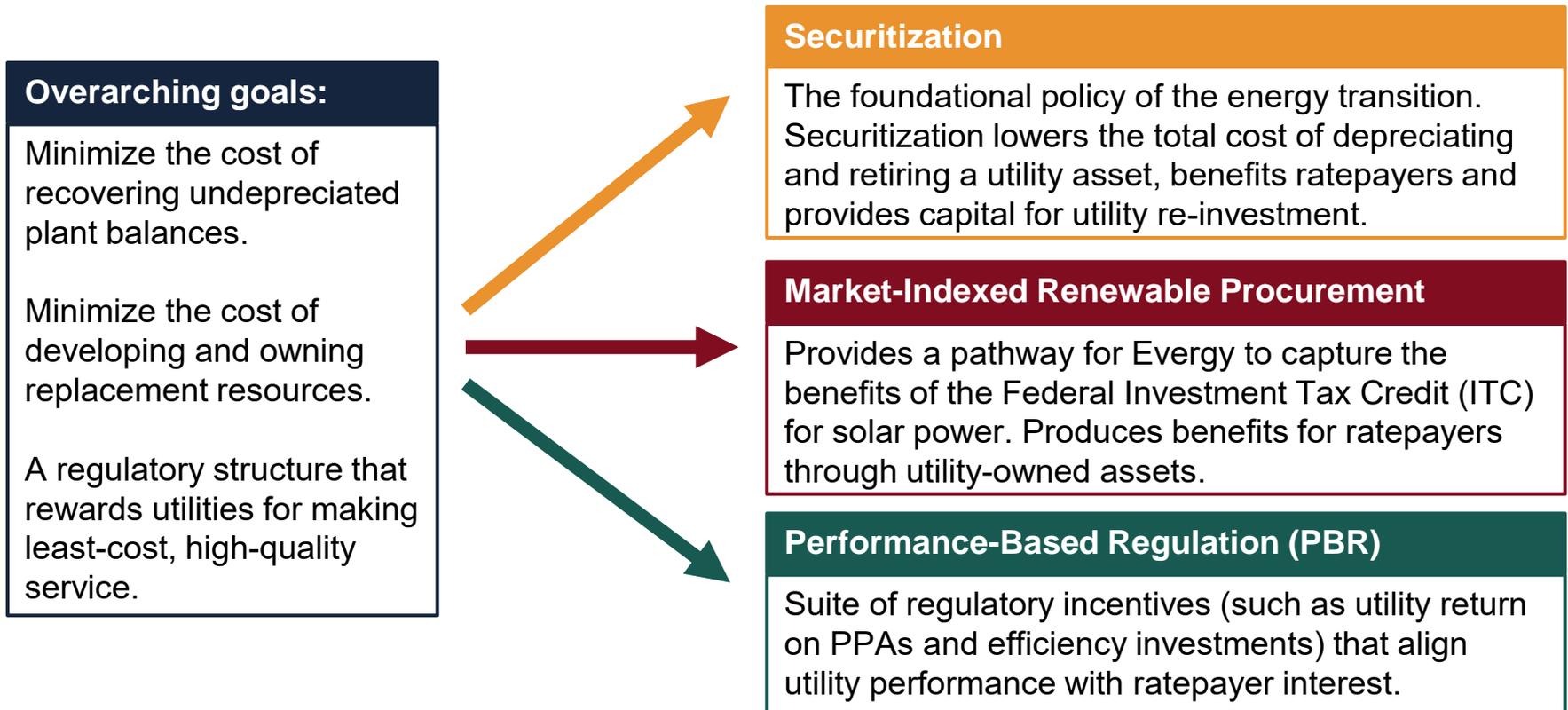


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Evergy could achieve significant savings enabled by supportive policies



Legislative and regulatory action allows utilities, ratepayers, and communities benefit through asset retirement and replacement.

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Regulated utilities that own and operate older fossil power plants face growing transition risk

Risk Type	Risks of Inaction	Drivers Activating Risk
Financial	Customer defection (cities, states, and businesses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savings and rate risk mitigation • Corporate or government sustainability and local development goals
	Shareholder and capital flight due to divestment campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing shareholder concern about portfolio climate mitigation and adaptation risk • Shareholder activism
Regulatory	Disallowance risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocates argue demonstrably uneconomic assets do not merit ROE/rate recovery • Recent pollution control investments open door to reconsider prudence
	Greater regulatory scrutiny and breakdown of stakeholder trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worsening economics vis a vis wind, solar, gas, and wholesale rates. • Movement to consider existing assets and cheaper alternatives in IRP and procurement proceedings. • Excessive regulatory asset holdings increase public perception of a “regulatory bailout”
	Plant reliability deterioration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unreliable operation undercuts asset prudence and may violate utility performance standards.
Policy	Future Renewable Standards Future Carbon Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political and economic tailwinds for renewable energy • Increasing public sentiment supporting climate action
	Rush to securitization without capital recycling or transition assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory, environmental, and consumer focus on maximizing near-term rate and environmental benefits

Source: RE 100 – Sierra Club - <https://www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100/commitments>



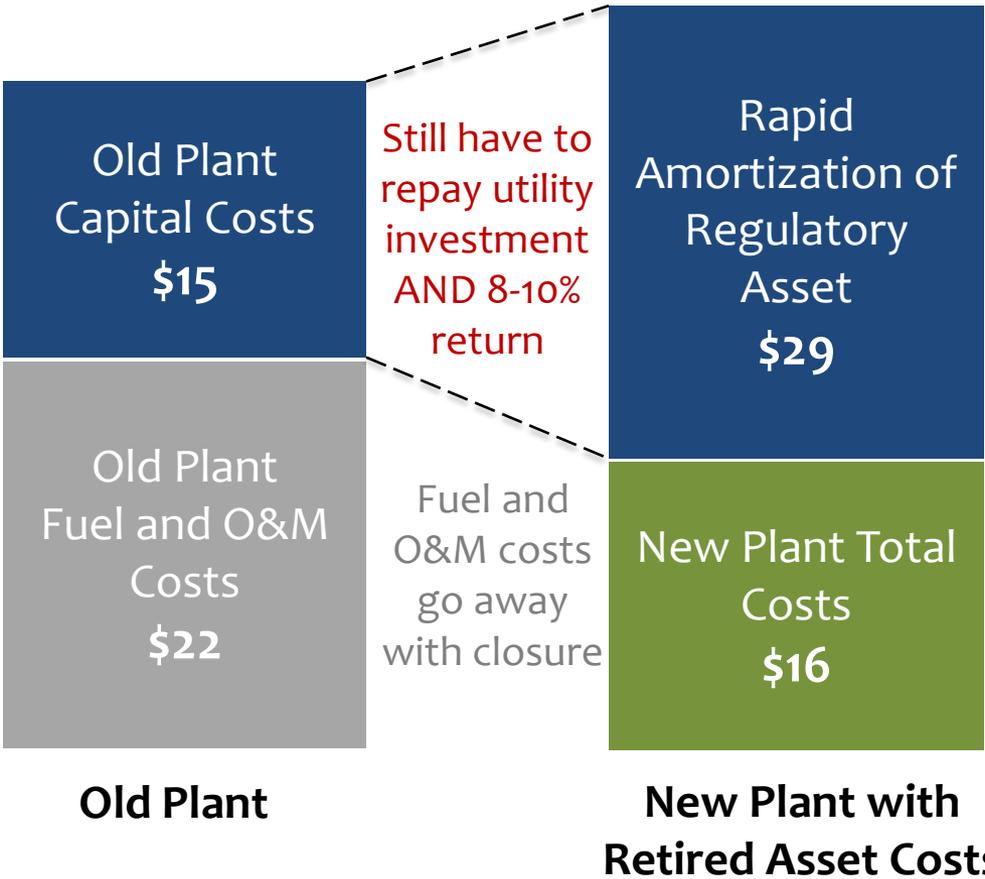
They also face real risks when transitioning from fossil energy that must be mitigated

Risk Type	Risks of Action	Risk Mitigation Strategies
Financial	Rate base erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital Recycling – allowing utilities to rate base significant new renewable assets.
Regulatory	Operational and resource adequacy shift	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt best practices to add grid flexibility, including better wind forecasting, demand-side management, more flexible storage and gas, operational improvements, transmission buildout, and regional integration.
	Timing risk for capital recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory protection for utility RE procurement.
Tax	Tax capacity issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax equity Federal policy change to make ITC/PTC refundable and taxable Co-investment in T&D to absorb tax benefits
	Tax normalization challenges to owning solar + storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market indexed tariffs to get around tax normalization, like in UT and VA Changes to ITC to remove tax normalization requirement
	Tax benefit carryforward treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed return on tax benefit carryforward at intermediate level of return
Political	Community transition and local opposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocate a portion of cost savings from securitization and capital recycling to community transition efforts. Site new renewable energy in coal communities, where economical.
	Partisan political challenges to coal retirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build coalition of consumer, environmental advocates and utilities that frame coal to clean transition as win-win for consumers and environment.

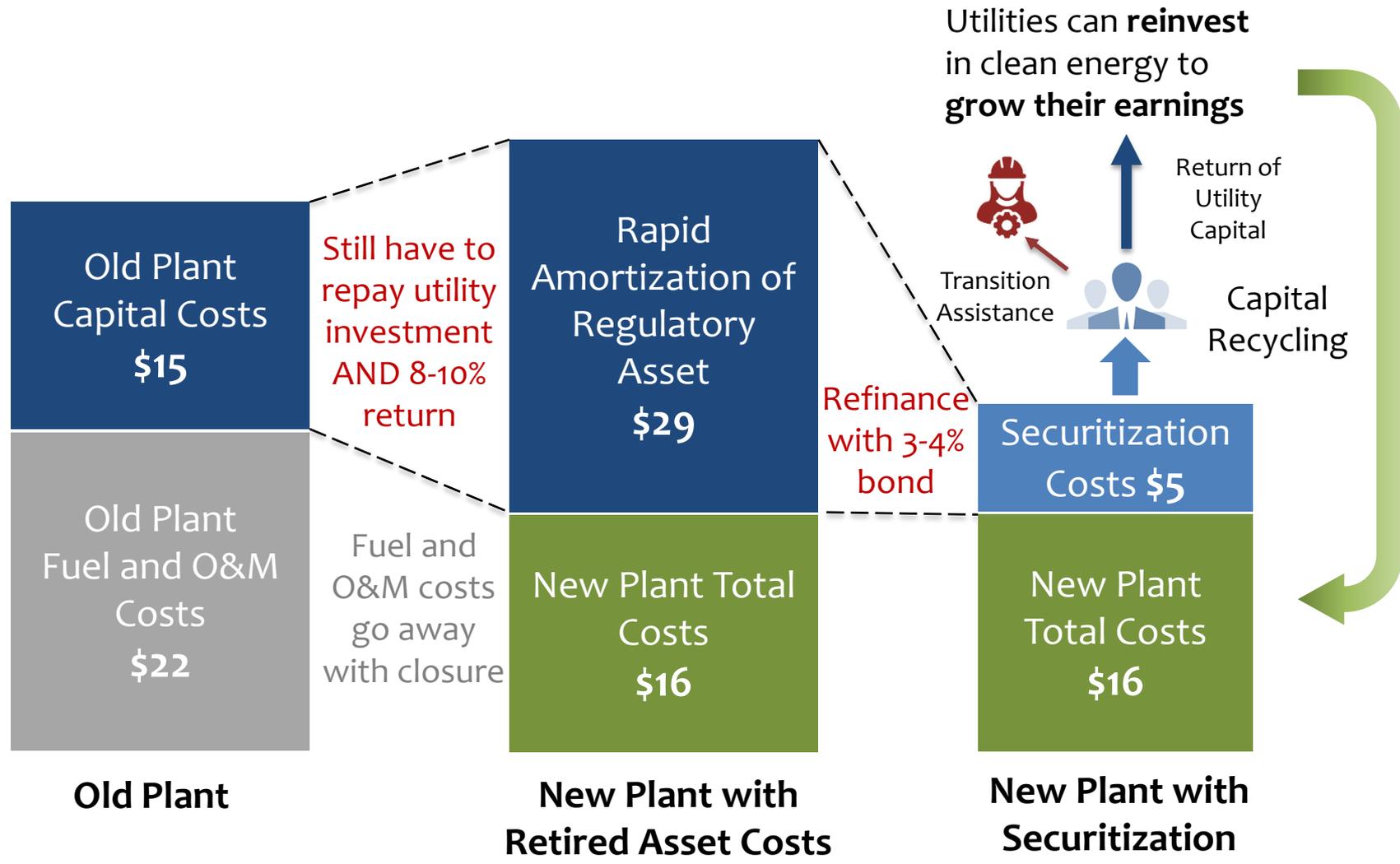
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With **traditional utility regulatory and financing tools**, one critical risk associated with an early plant retirement is **rate shock**



Securitization – financing capital recovery and **transition assistance** with a bond repaid in rates – and **utility reinvestment** in clean energy **can help**



Low-cost financing and utility reinvestment (capital recycling) can work together to provide a **win-win-win for all stakeholders**



Utilities



Customers



Communities

Challenge	Ratebase and earnings erosion	Near-term rate shock	Jobs and tax revenue losses
Solution	Reinvest capital in clean energy	Low-cost debt refinancing of capital recovery via securitization	15% of savings from securitization for transition assistance
Example	APCo's profits could increase by ~\$240m	Revenues Required could decrease by ~\$253m	\$6 million in transition assistance for every \$100 million in bonds



Securitization uses a surcharge on bills to **refinance ~8-10% utility financing** with **~3-4% bond financing** and provide **transition assistance**



Surcharge on Bills	Surcharged sized to pay off bond
	Future proceeds owned by special “BondCo”



Issuance of Bonds	BondCo issues bond, purchased by private investors
	Bond interest and principal paid by bill surcharge



Use of Proceeds	Funds used to provide utility cost recovery
	Funds used for transition assistance



Capital Recycling	Utility reinvests returned capital in clean energy
	Or otherwise replaces earnings (PIMs etc.)

What are all the options for dealing with early retirement and how do they impact utilities and customers?

	Impacts on UTILITY		Impacts on CUSTOMER	
	Credit	Equity	Short-Term	Long-Term
NO Capital Recycling				
Disallowance (from 0-100%)	XX	XX	✓✓	--
Vary Allowed Return (from Debt Only to WACC)	X	X	✓	--
Accelerate Depreciation (to 4-10 Years)	--	--	XX	--
Full Utility Finance (Full WACC, No Accel)	✓	✓	X	X
Securitization	--	X	✓	✓



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Securitization must be **enabled by legislation** in regulated states that did not restructure, **utilities must use it**, and get **approval from regulators**



Securitization is enabled in the state

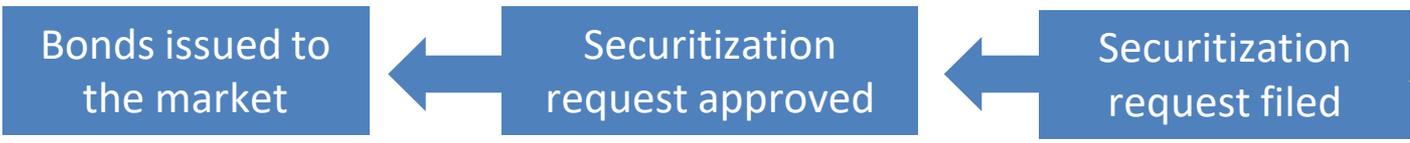
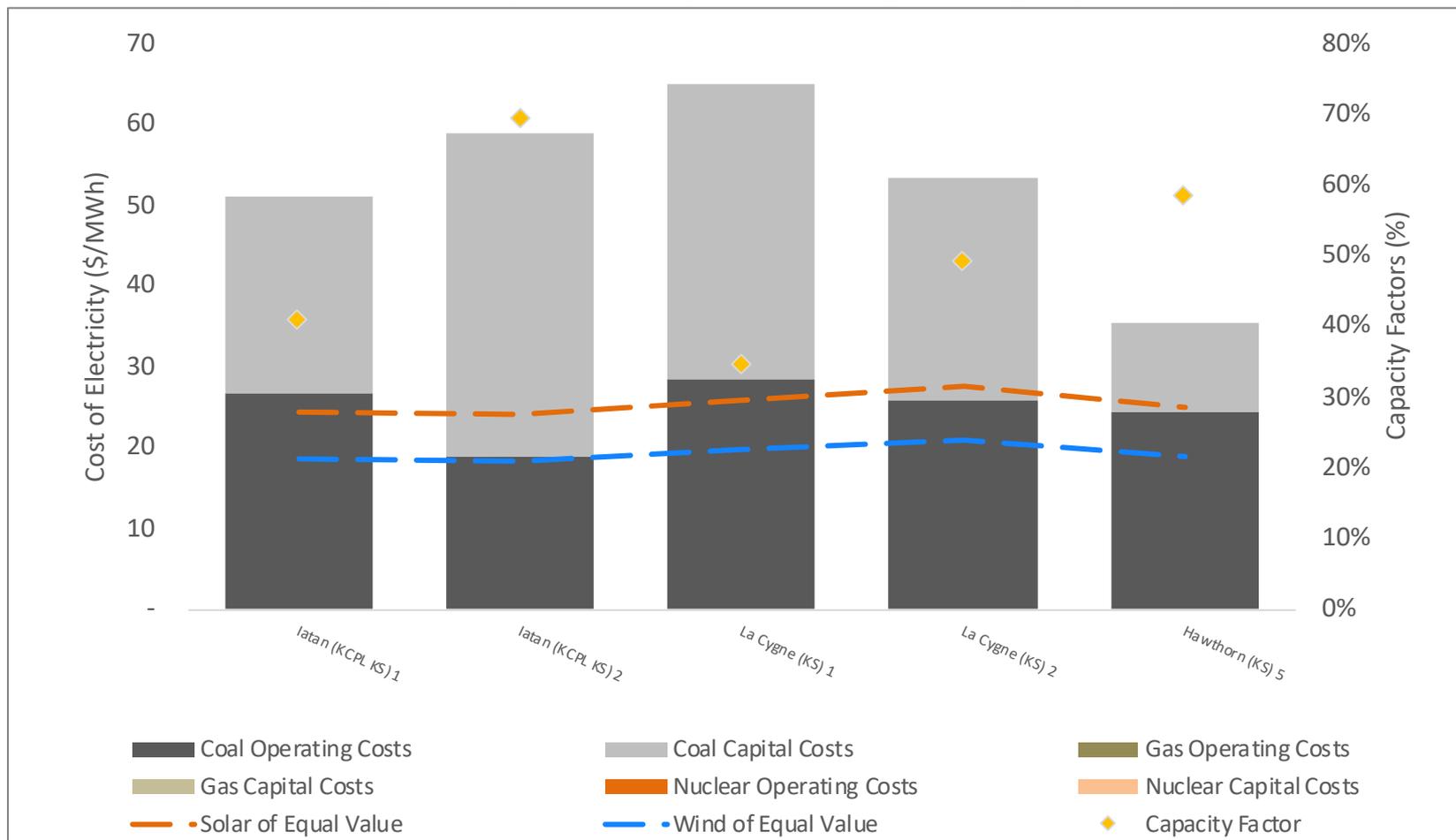


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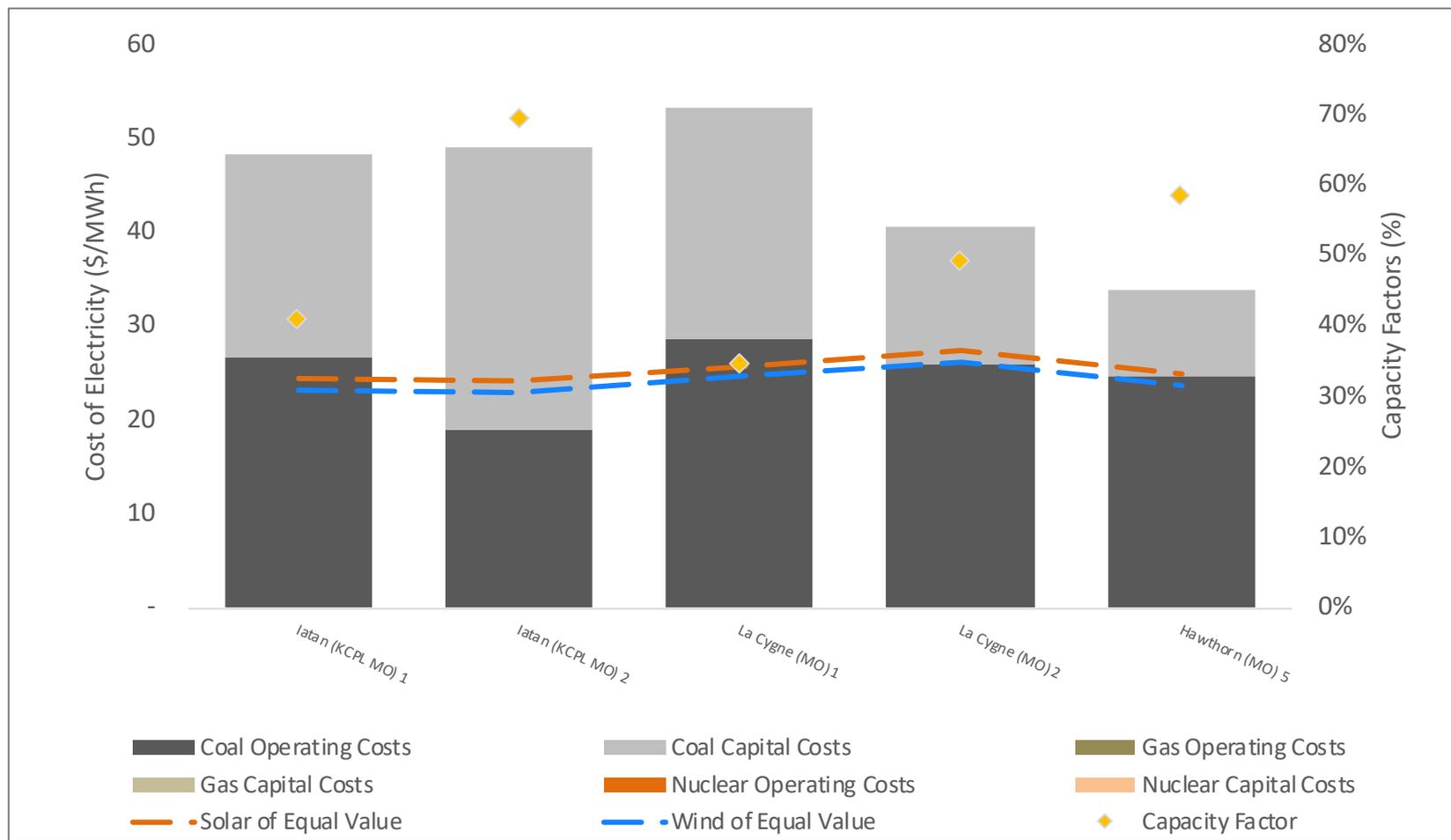
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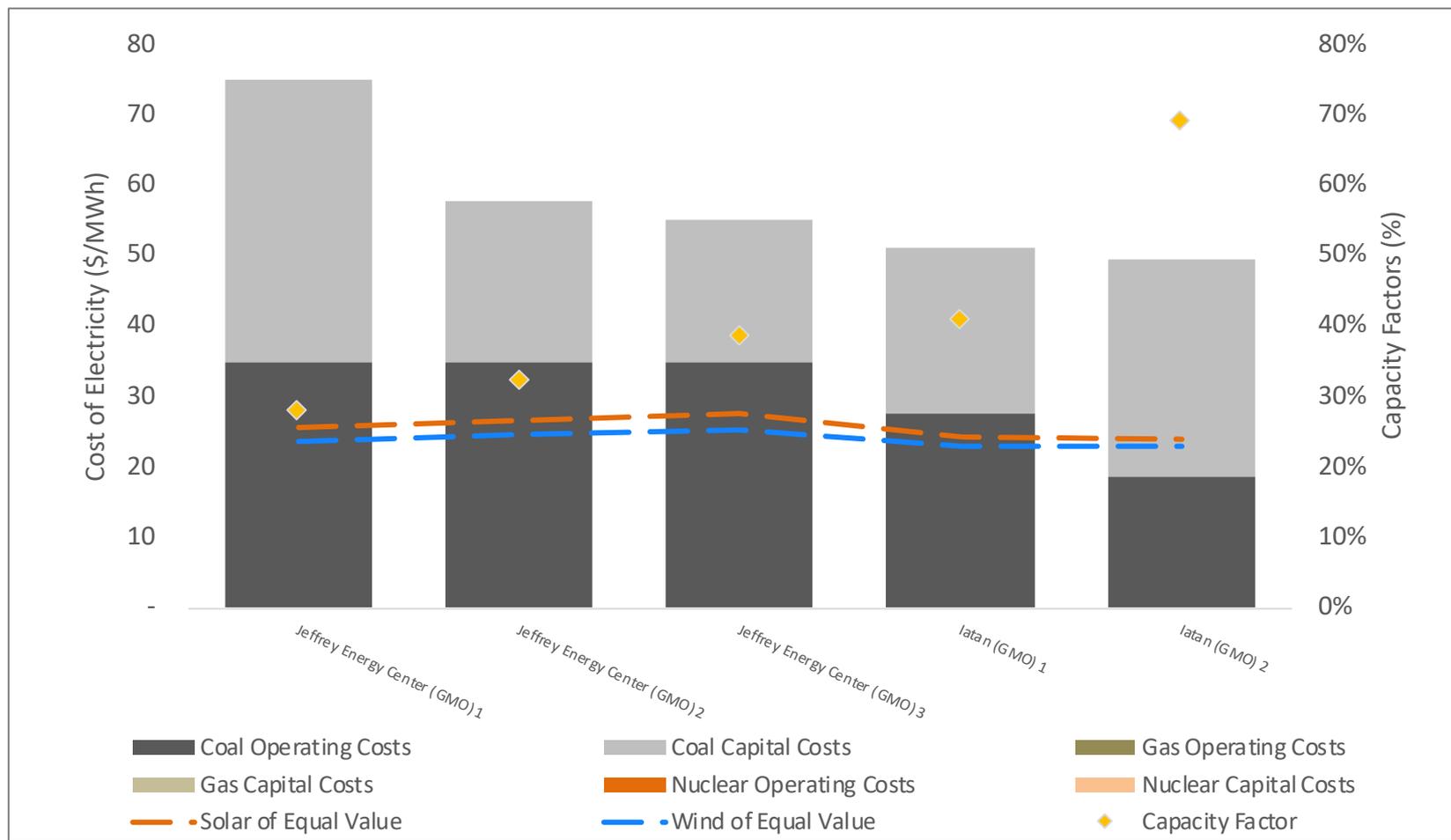
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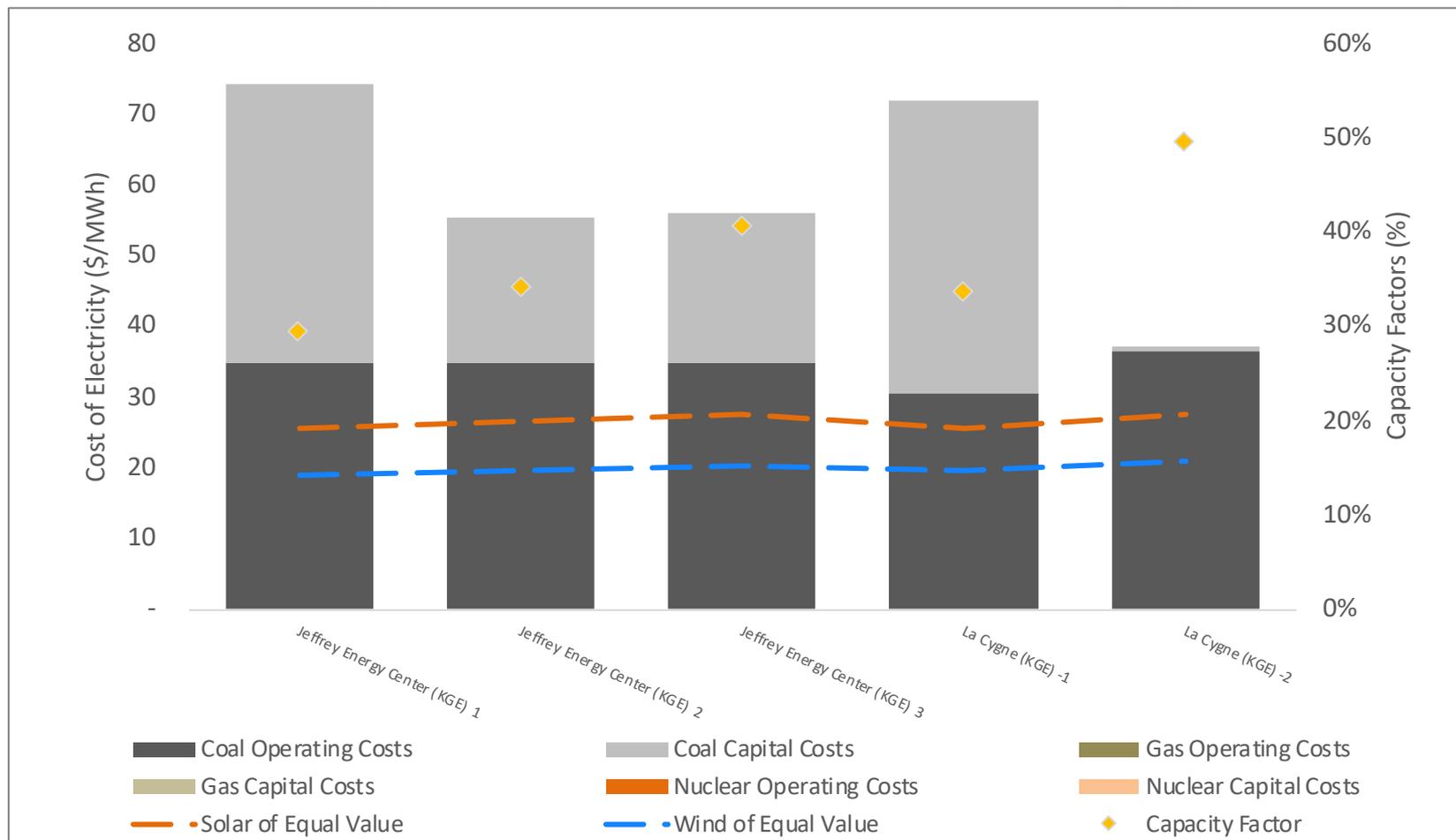
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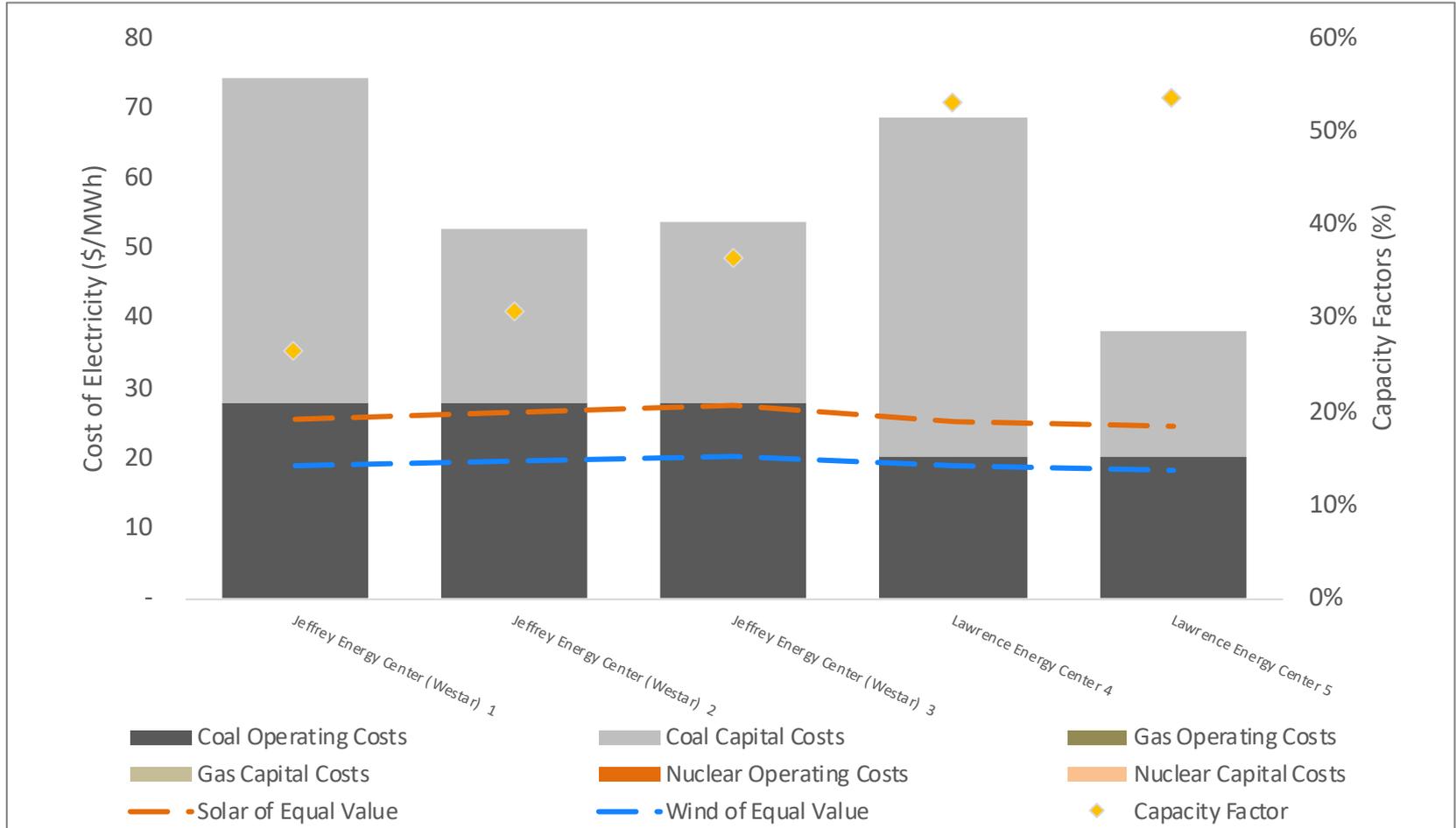
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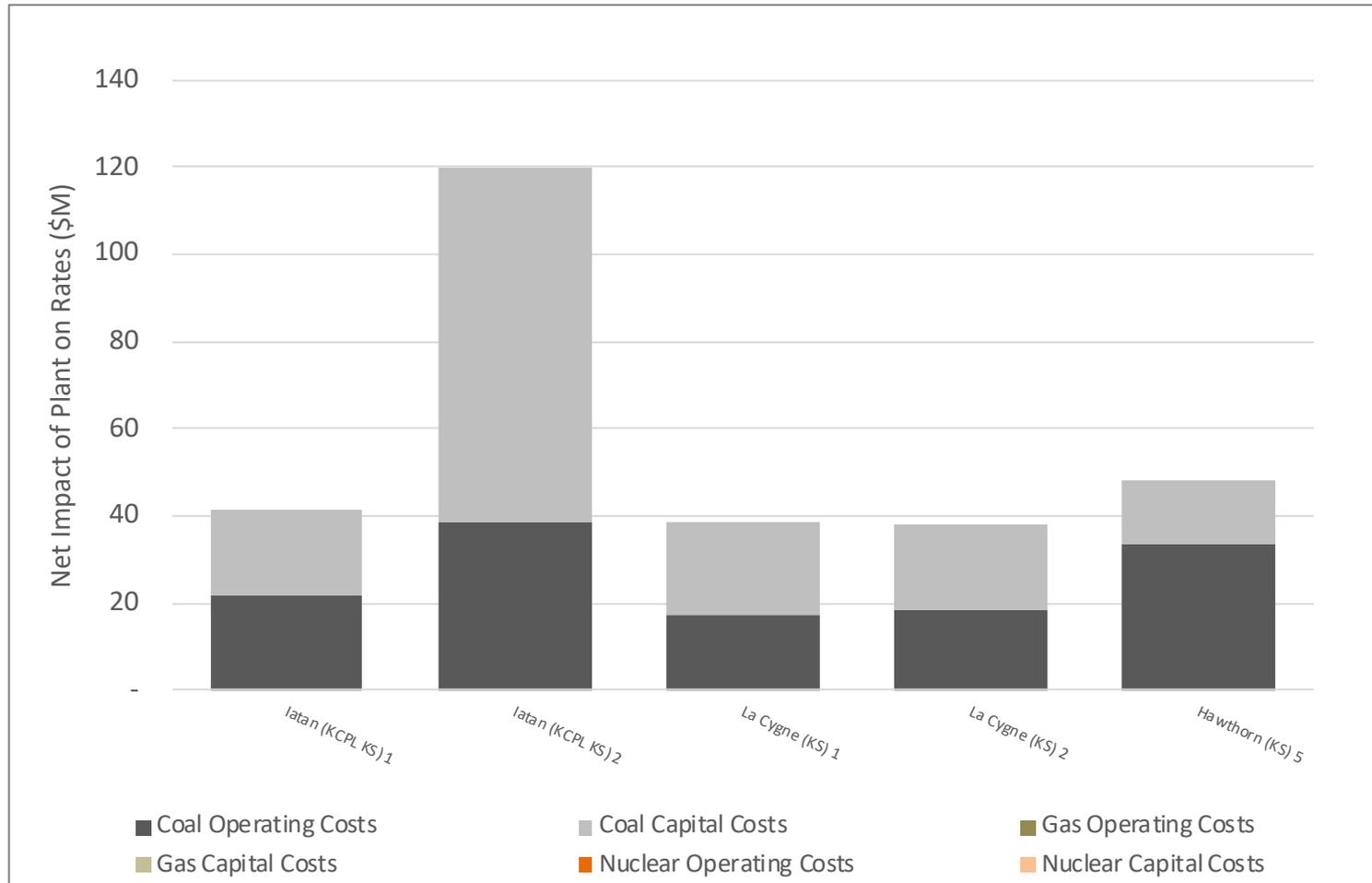


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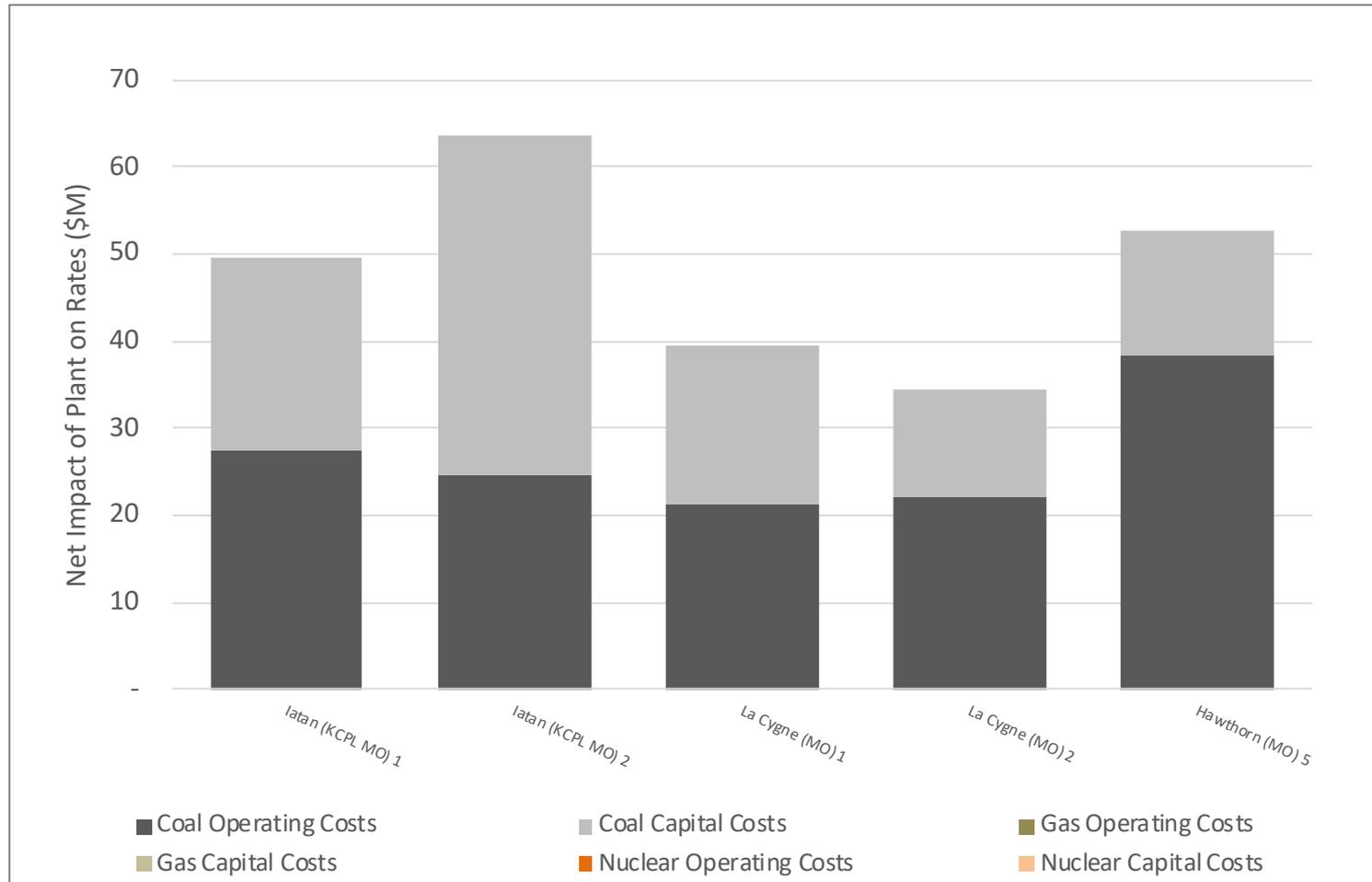
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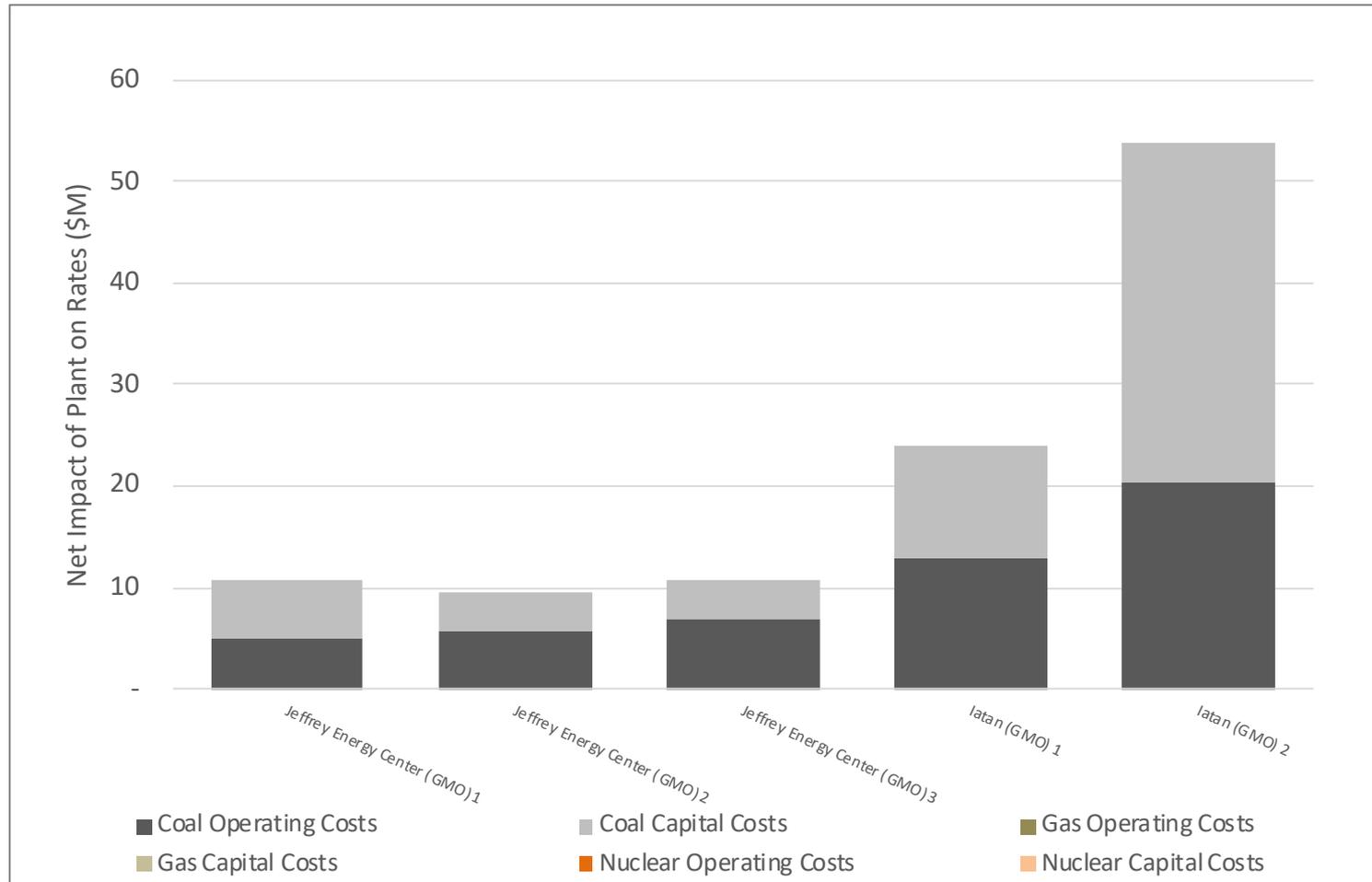
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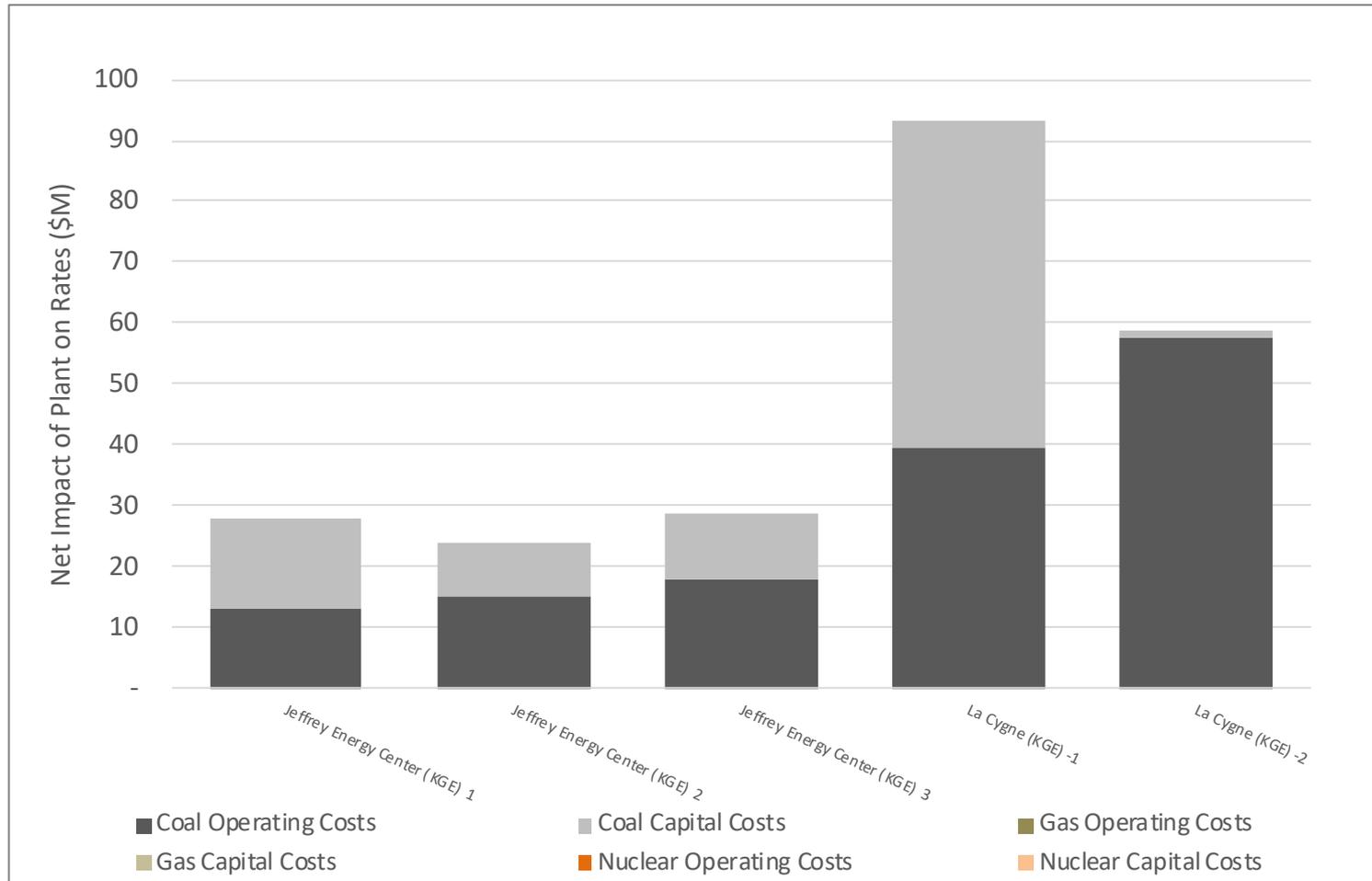
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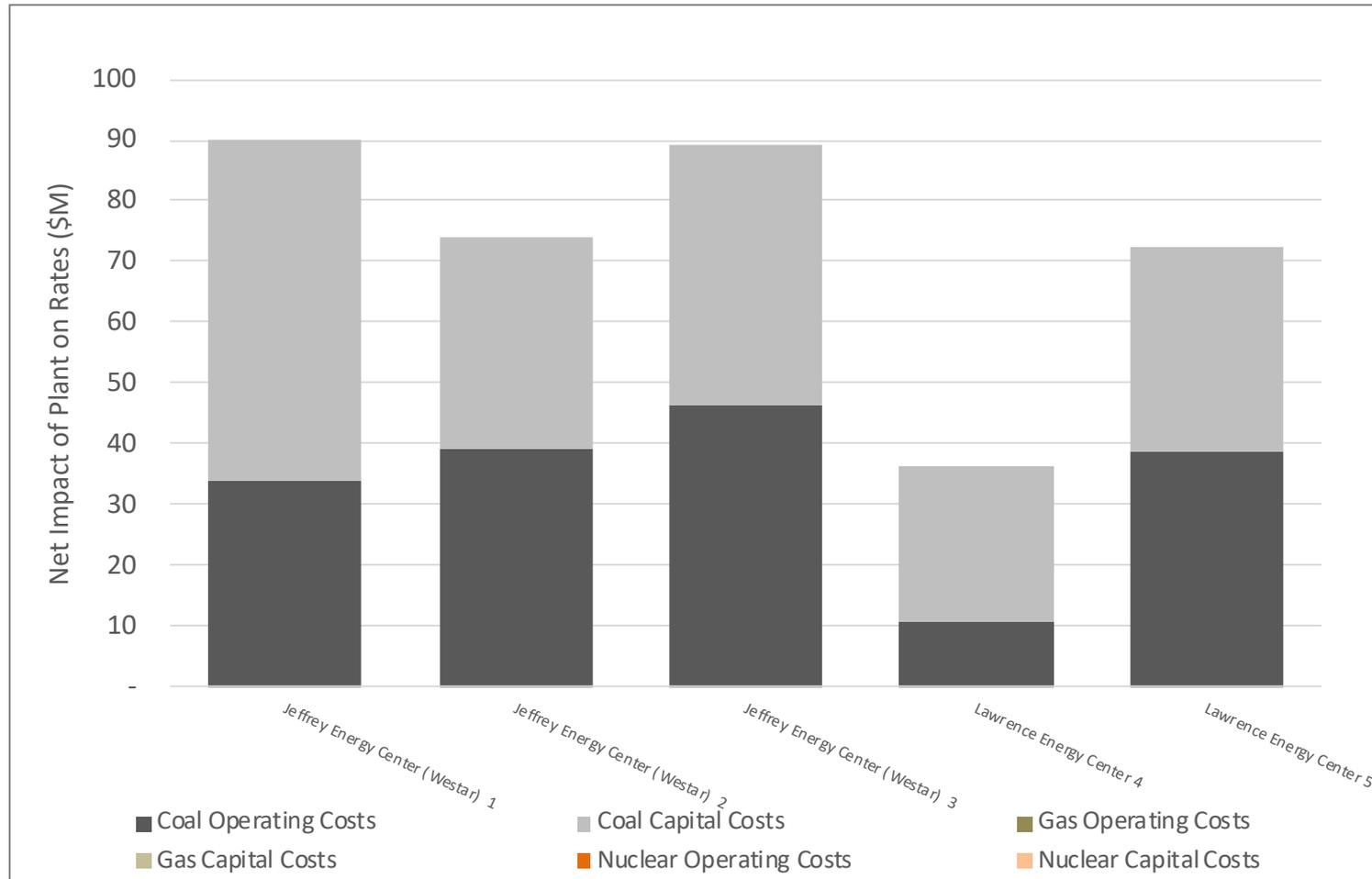
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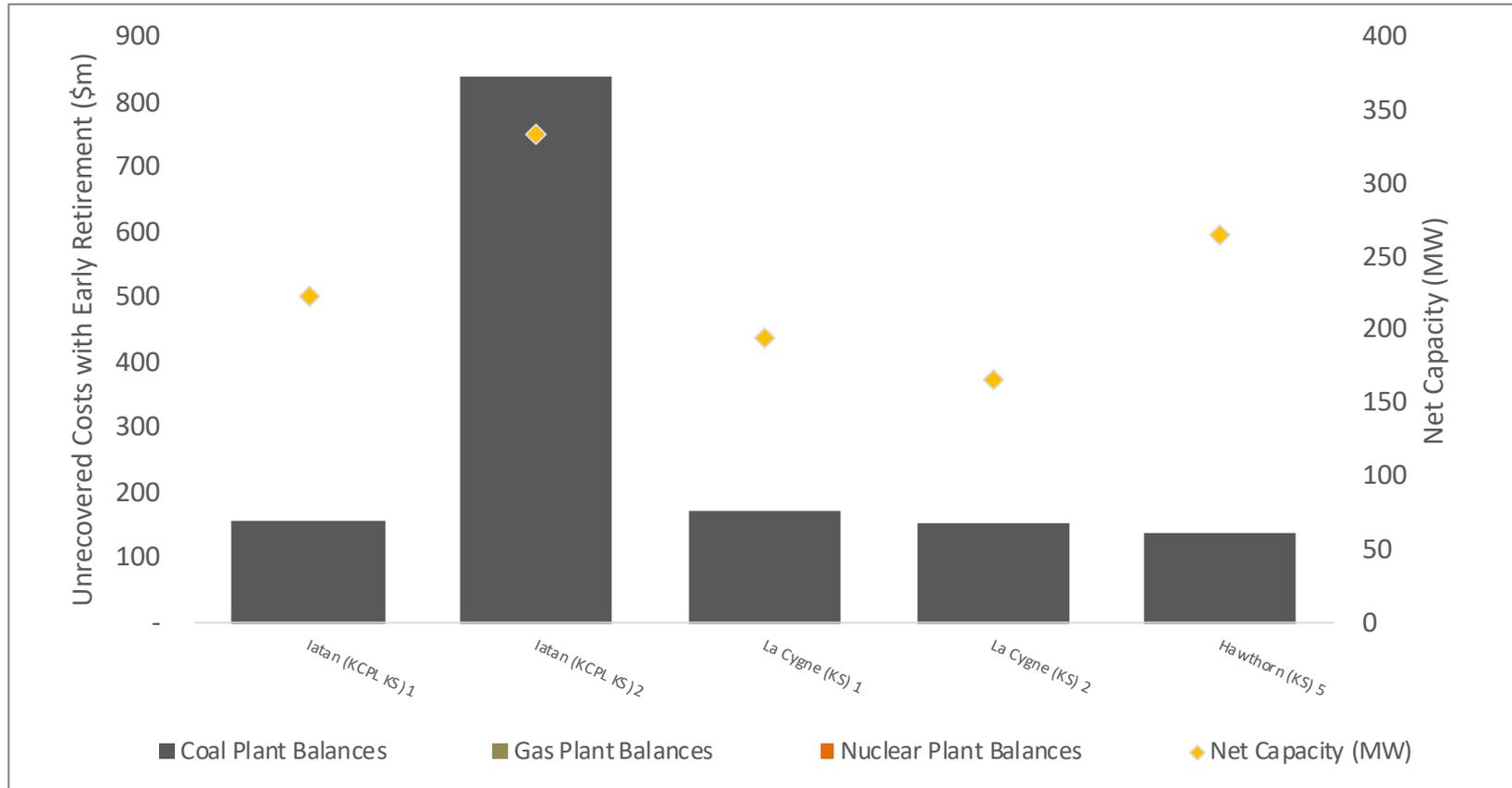
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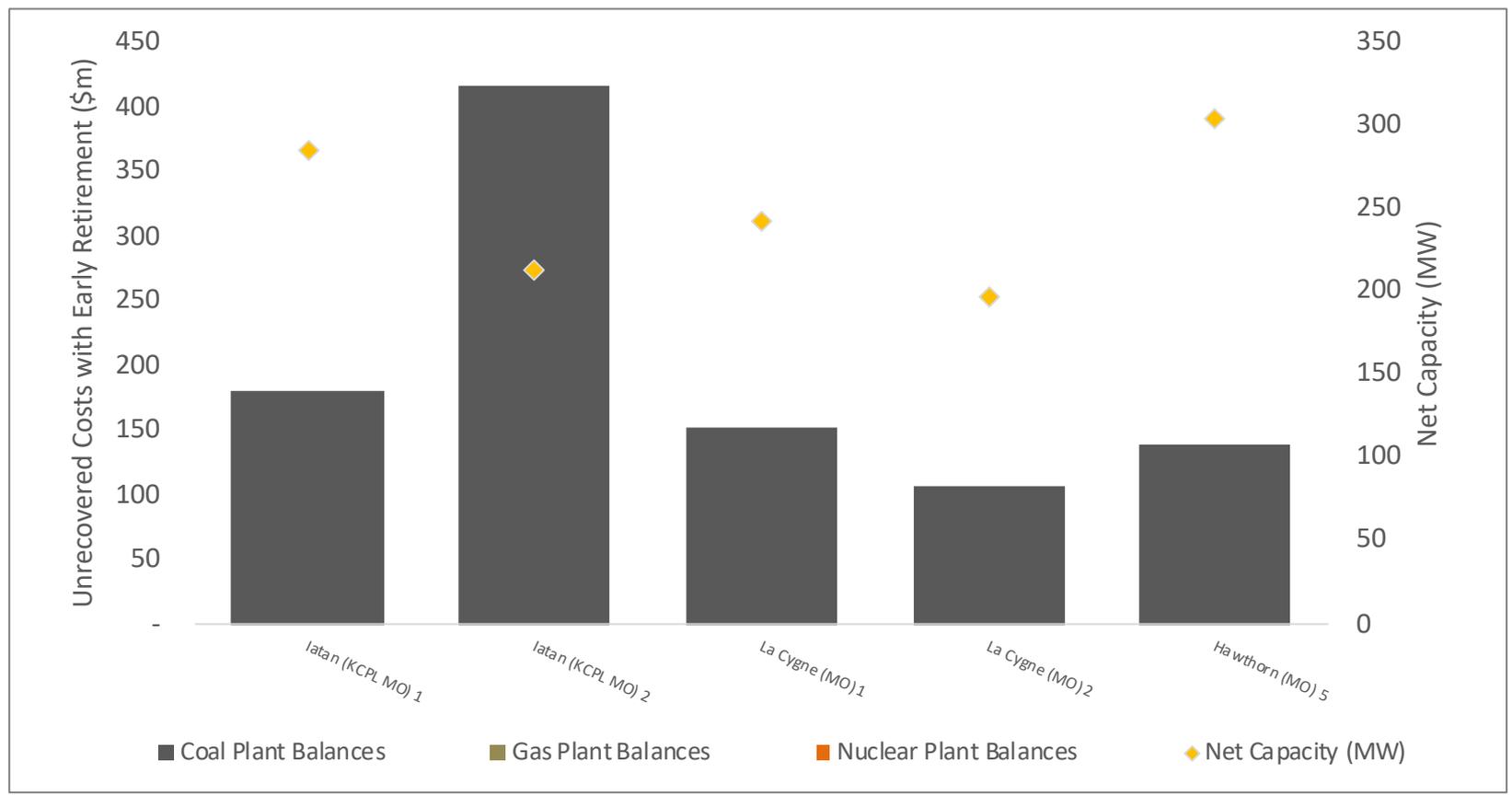
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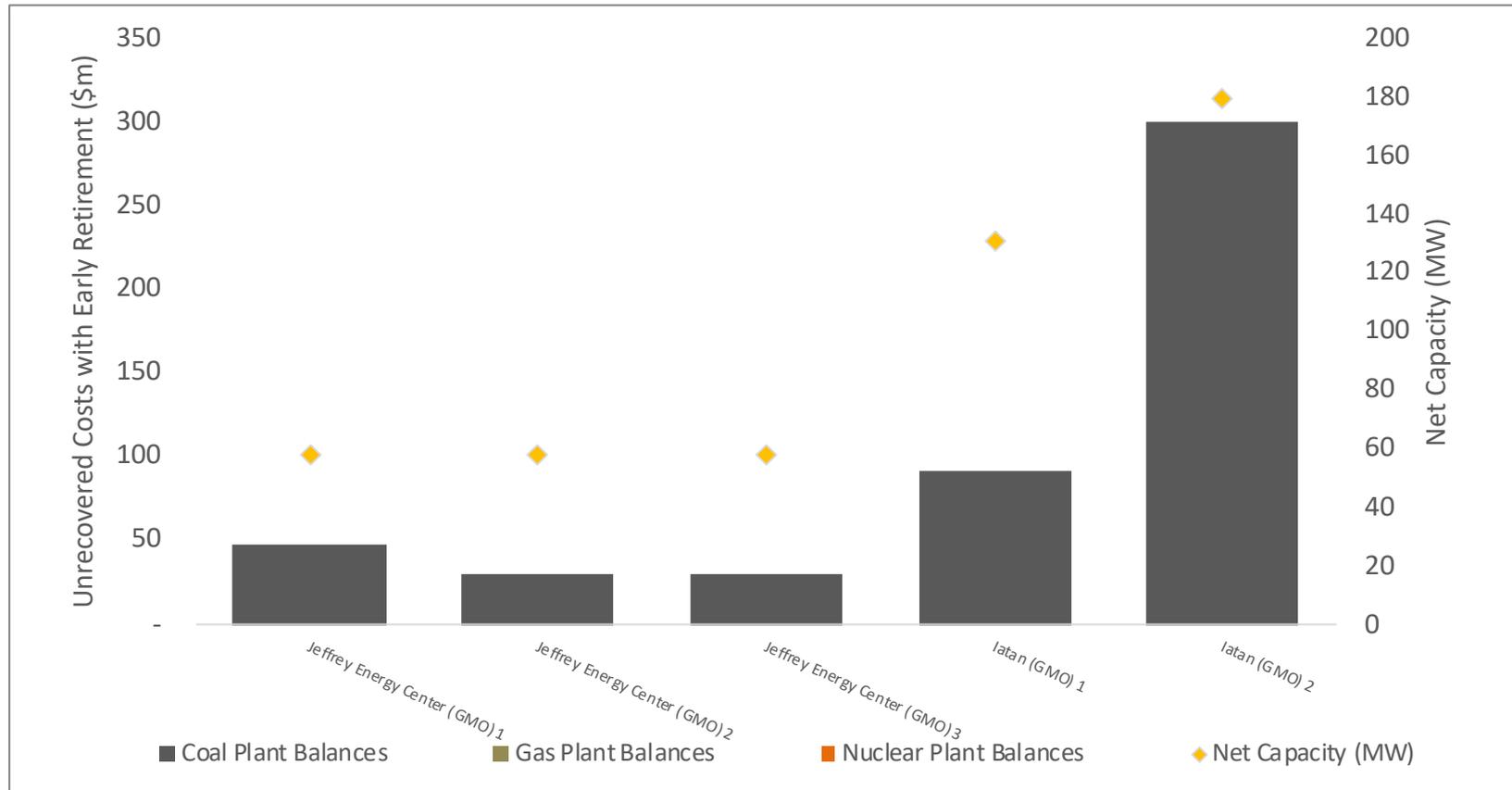


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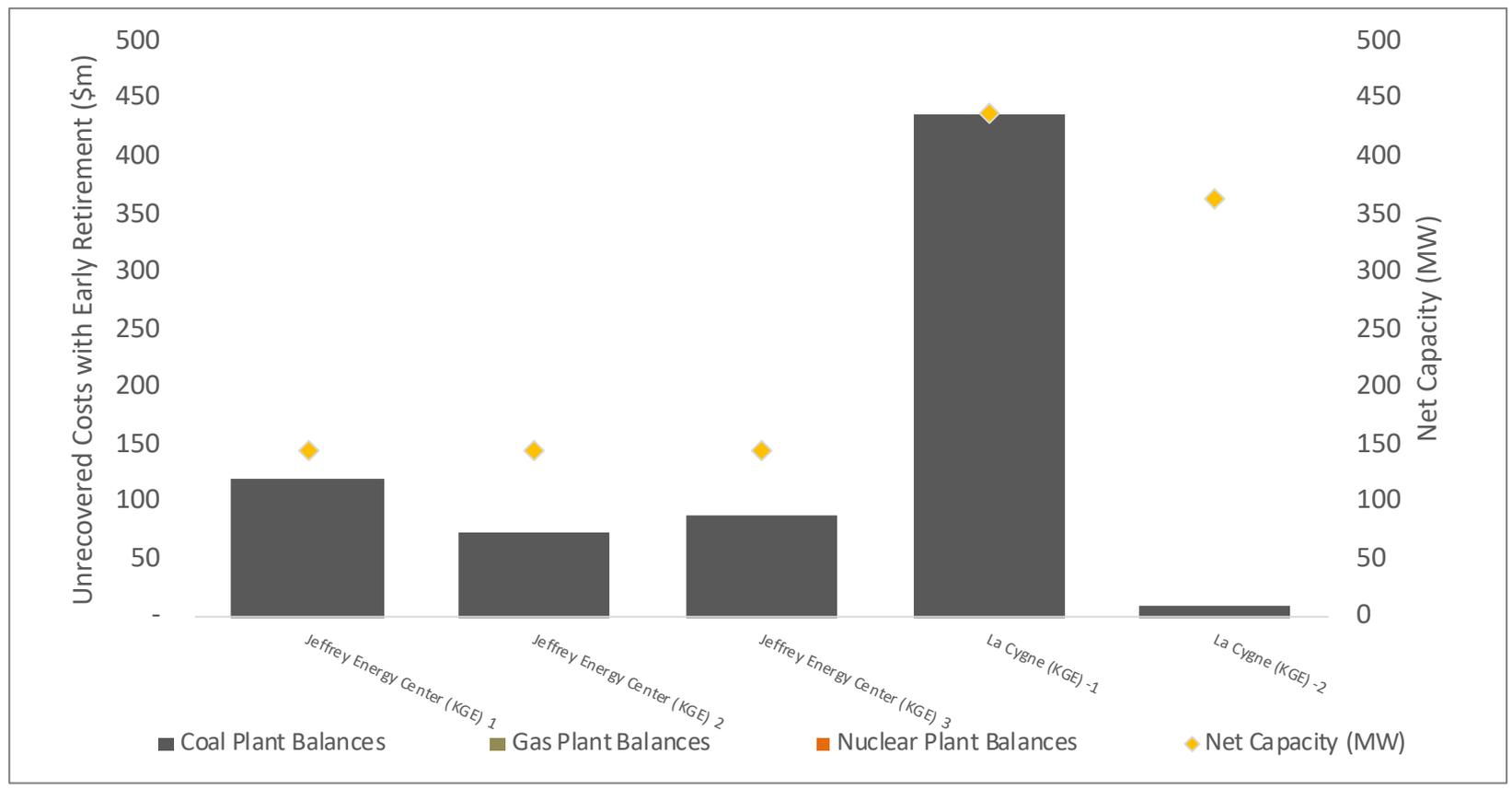
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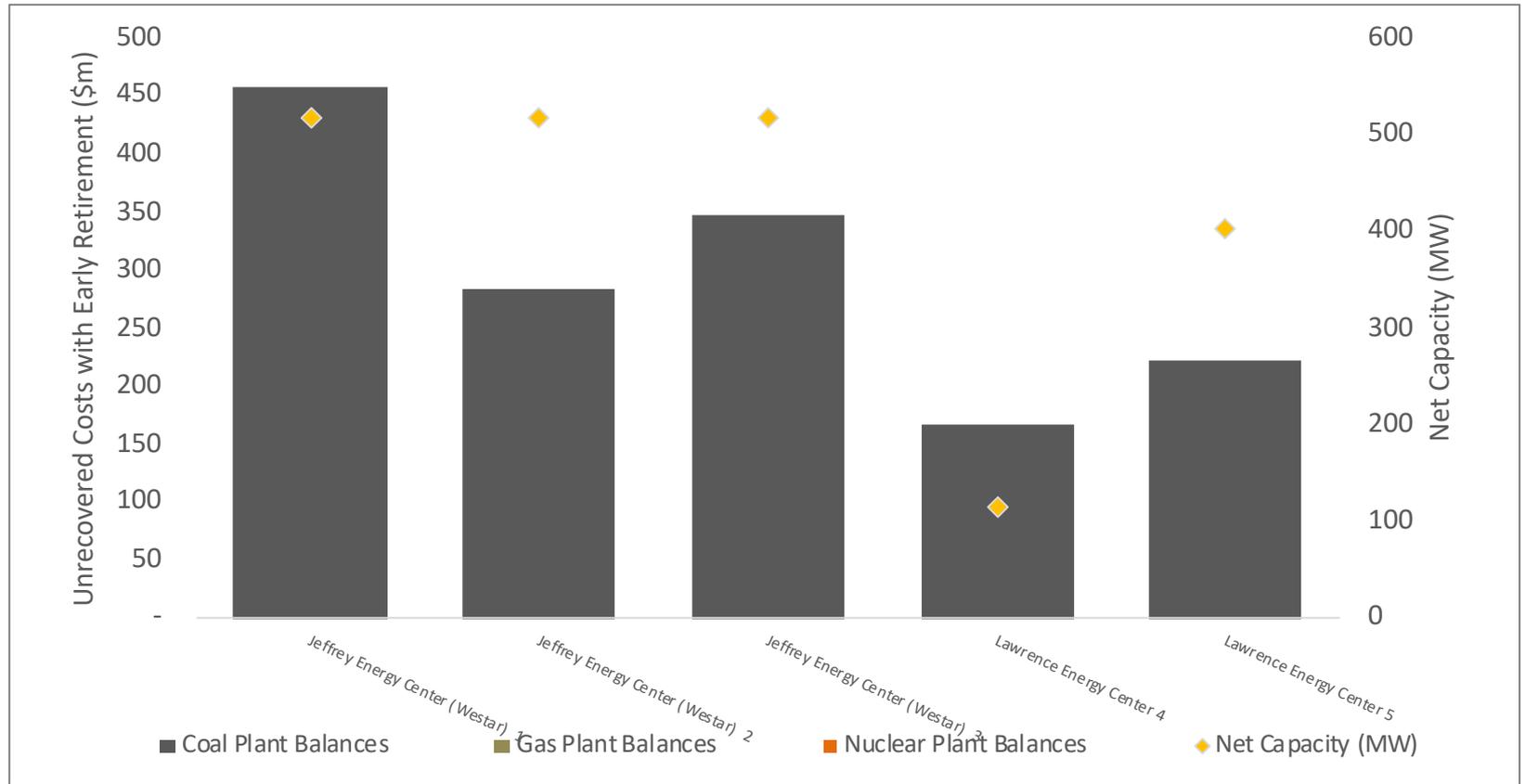


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Securitization Example 1: La Cygne Unit 1

Utility/Jurisdiction	KCP&L KS	KCP&L MO	KG&E
Ownership Percentage	22%	28%	50%
Owned Capacity (MW)	195	242	437
Annual Net Generation of Operating Plant (MWh)	595,285	738,773	1,292,456
Capacity Factor	35%	35%	34%
Current Remaining Life of Plant (Years)	21	21	21
Total Securitization Amount:	\$179 m	\$156m	\$468 m
Total Unrecovered Utility Investment in Coal Plant:	\$152 m	\$110 m	\$427 m
Utility Estimated Decommissioning Costs Net of Salvage:	\$18 m	\$10 m	\$10 m
Community Assistance Funded Through Securitization:	\$8 m	\$4 m	\$31 m
Securitization Tenor (Years)	17	16	21
Securitization Yield	3.10%	3.10%	3.10%
Utility Allowed Return on Capital	7.07%	7.06%	7.06%
Replacement Resource Type	Utility-owned Wind	Utility-owned Wind	Utility-owned Wind
Replacement Services Value as Percentage of Brown Plant Services Value	78%	78%	78%
Replacement Resource Generation (MWh)	762,868	946,751	1,656,305
Replacement Resource Capacity Factor	46%	41%	46%
Replacement Resource Capacity (MW)	189	265	410
Market-Indexed Solar PPA Period (Years)	30	30	30

Securitization Example 1: La Cygne Unit 1

Securitization + utility-owned wind is positive impact on valuation and credit metrics

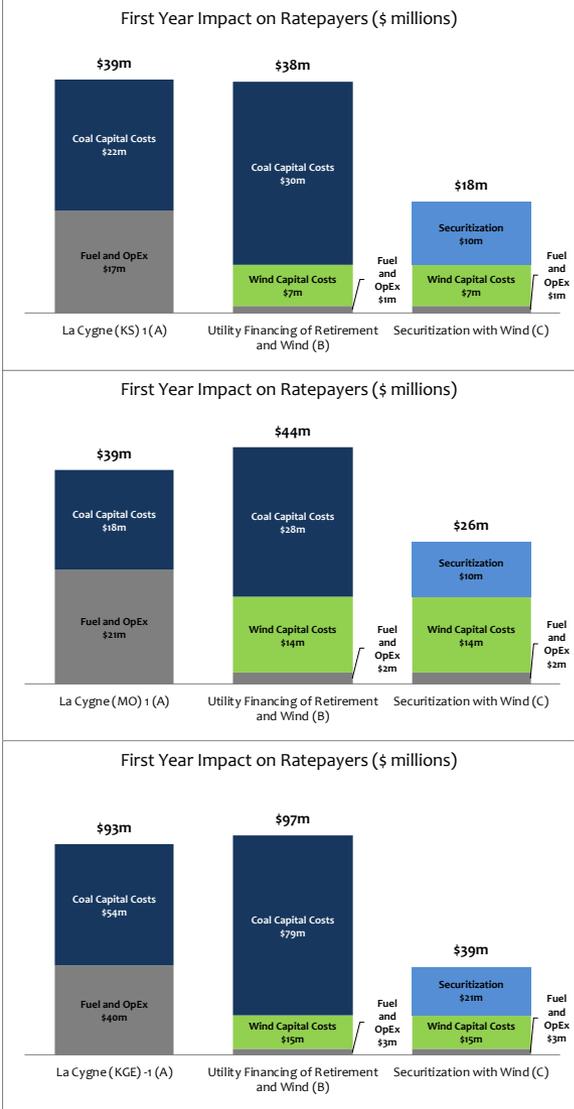
Aggregated Impact on Earnings and Credit Metrics

100% Market-Indexed Solar (Option 3)	Current	After Securitization + Capital Recycling	Change
Total Shares Outstanding	255	257	1%
Earnings	536	539	1%
EPS	\$2.10	\$2.10	0%

Moody's Financial Strength Metrics

CFO pre-WC + Interest / Interest (x)	5.9	6.1	4%
CFO pre-WC / Debt (%)	16%	17%	5%
CFO pre-WC Minus Dividends / Debt (%)	10.5%	11.3%	8%
Debt/Capitalization (%)	46%	46%	0%

*Total first-year ratepayer savings from retiring the entire La Cygne Unit 1: **\$88m***



Securitization Example 2: Jefferey Energy Center Unit 1

Utility/Jurisdiction	Westar Energy	KG&E	KCP&L GMO
Ownership Percentage	72%	20%	8%
Owned Capacity (MW)	518	144	58
Annual Net Generation of Operating Plant (MWh)	1,210,268	373,853	142,475
Capacity Factor	27%	30%	28%
Current Remaining Life of Plant (Years)	21	21	21
Total Securitization Amount:	\$489 m	\$129 m	\$53 m
Total Unrecovered Utility Investment in Coal Plant:	\$446 m	\$117 m	\$47 m
Utility Estimated Decommissioning Costs Net of Salvage:	\$11 m	\$3 m	\$2 m
Community Assistance Funded Through Securitization:	\$33 m	\$9 m	\$5 m
Securitization Tenor (Years)	21	21	21
Securitization Yield	3.10%	3.10%	3.10%
Utility Allowed Return on Capital	7.06%	7.06%	7.06%
Replacement Resource Type	Market-indexed Solar	Market-indexed Solar	Market-indexed Solar
Replacement Services Value as Percentage of Brown Plant Services Value	115%	115%	115%
Replacement Resource Generation (MWh)	1,056,641	326,397	124,389
Replacement Resource Capacity Factor	28%	28%	28%
Replacement Resource Capacity (MW)	423	131	131
Market-Indexed Solar PPA Period (Years)	30	30	50

Securitization Example 2: Jefferey Energy Center Unit 1

Securitization + market-indexed solar has neutral impact on valuation and positive impact on credit metrics

Aggregated Impact on Earnings, Valuation and Credit Metrics

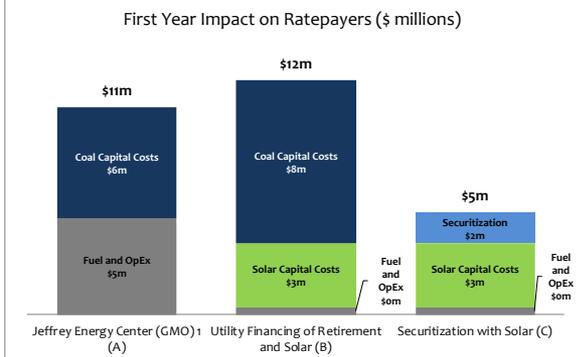
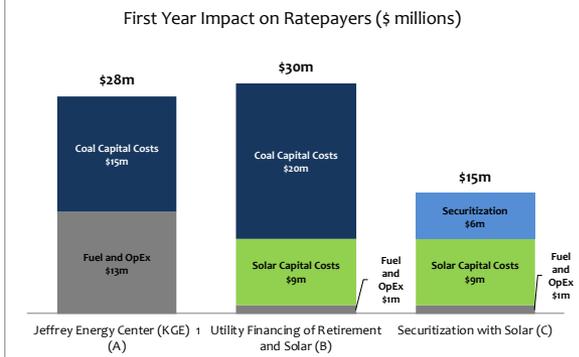
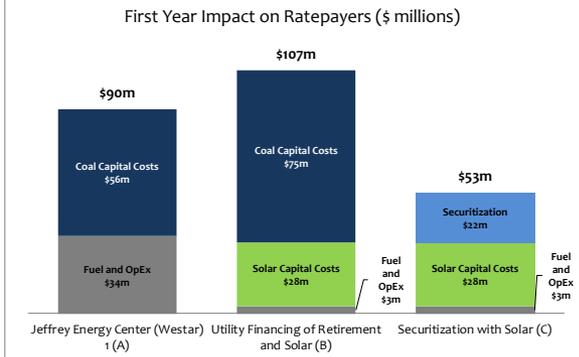
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Total Shares Outstanding	255	255	0%
Earnings	536	509	-5%
EPS	\$2.10	\$1.99	-5%
Valuation (current vs. estimated stock price)	\$65.23	\$65*	0%

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CFO pre-WC + Interest / Interest (x)	5.9	6.1	3%
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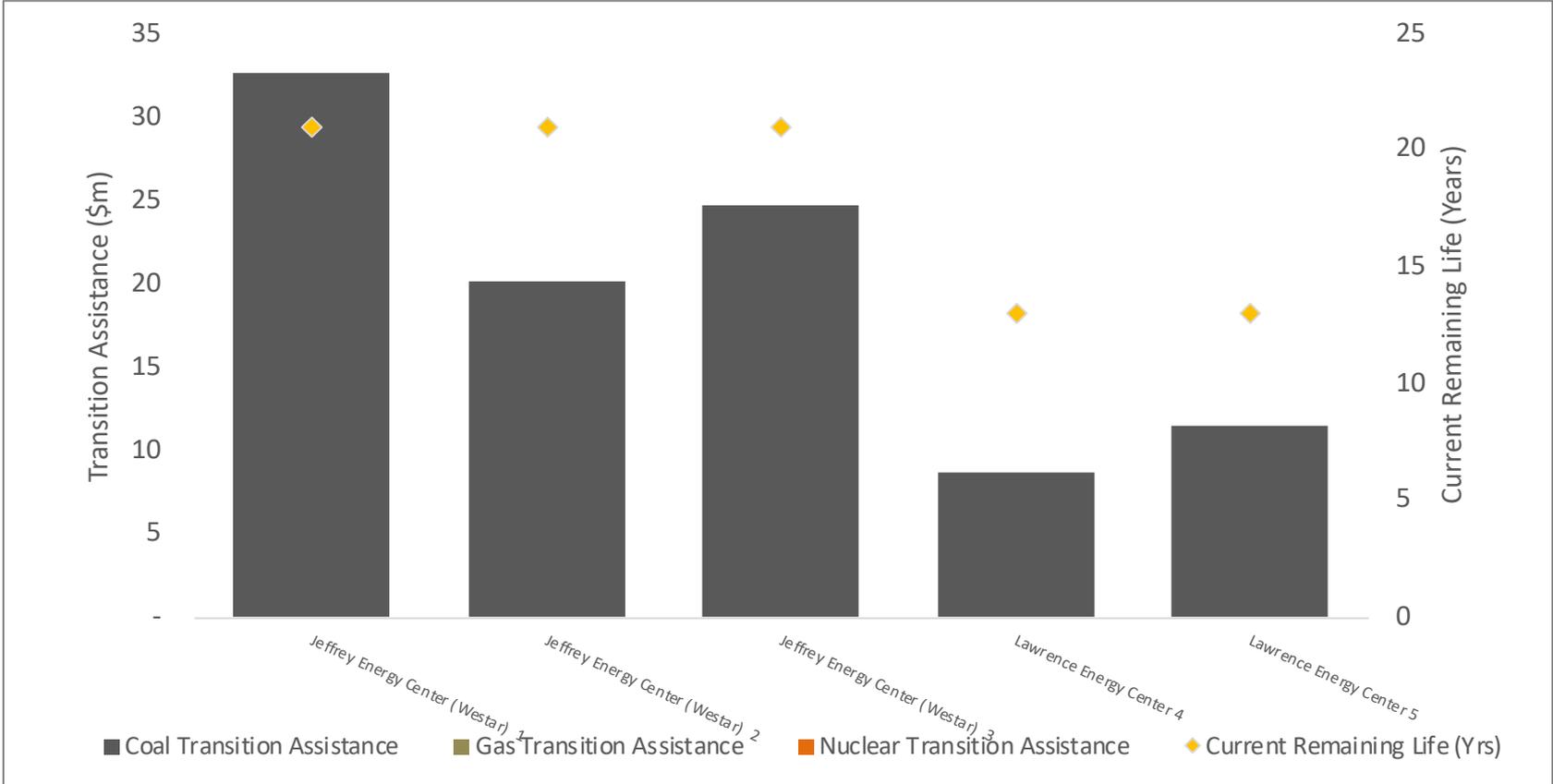
Total first-year ratepayer savings from retiring the entire Jefferey Energy Center Unit 1: \$56m

* This valuation jump reflects a cash distribution dividend analysis of the market-indexed solar asset, discounting all the associated cash flows at the ROE. This method is appropriate for an asset with an earnings profile like the one that would be expected by the owner of solar project with a power purchase agreement.



Low-cost financing and capital recycling can create a **win-win-win for all stakeholders from the transition of Evergy's coal assets**

Evergy Kansas Central (Westar Energy): ~\$100m in transition assistance for affected communities



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Securitization continues to be used in recent years - increasingly for unrecovered costs from early plant retirement and storm recovery

Date	Issuer	State	Size (\$mm)	Use of Proceeds
Nov-13	Appalachian Consumer Rate Relief Funding LLC	WV	380.3	Deferred Balances
Jul-14	Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding, LLC	MI	378.0	Stranded Costs
Aug-14	Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation Project/ELL)	LA	243.9	Storm Recovery
Aug-14	Louisiana Local Governments Environmental Facilities Authority (Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation Project/EGSL)	LA	71.0	Storm Recovery
Jul-15	Entergy New Orleans Storm Recovery Funding I, L.L.C.	LA	98.7	Storm Recovery
Jun-16	Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC	FL	1,294	Nuclear Plant Retirement
May-18	PSNH Funding LLC 3 (Public Service Company of New Hampshire)	NH	635.7	Stranded Costs
Sep-19	AEP Texas Restoration Funding LLC	TX	235.3	Storm Recovery

Source: Saber Partners, <https://saberpartners.com/list-of-investor-owned-utility-securitization-roccrb-bond-transactions-1997-present/>

