

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Banning Jerl L.</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O EVERGY, INC.</u><br><u>1200 MAIN ST</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>KANSAS CITY MO</u> <u>64105</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Evergy, Inc. [ EVRG ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>SVP - CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER</u> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>06/04/2018</u>       |   |
|   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |                    | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------------------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price              |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/04/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 34,473  | A          | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup> | 34,473  | D  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  | 06/04/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 12,609   |     | (2)  | (2)             | Common Stock  | 12,609                                     | \$0 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 12,609  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Received in exchange for 34,242 shares of Westar Energy Inc. ("Westar") common stock, and 387 shares of Great Plains Energy Incorporated ("Great Plains Energy"), in connection with that certain Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of July 9, 2017 by and among Great Plains Energy, Westar, Evergy, Inc. ("Evergy") (formerly Monarch Energy Holding, Inc.), King Energy, and for certain limited purposes, GP Star, Inc. Upon closing of the merger, each outstanding share of Westar common stock was converted into one share of Evergy common stock and each outstanding share of Great Plains Energy common stock was converted into 0.5981 shares of Evergy common stock. All of the transactions reported in this Form 4 occurred simultaneously upon closing of the merger. On the effective date of the merger, the closing price of Westar's common stock was \$54.00 per share, and the closing price of Great Plains Energy common stock was \$31.99, and Evergy's common stock had not yet commenced trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

2. Restricted Stock Units represent a contingent right to receive one share of Evergy common stock. Units vest ratably in one third increments on the anniversary of the grant date, subject to, in general, continued employment.

3. Received in exchange for 12,609 restricted stock units of Westar. Upon closing of the merger, each restricted stock unit of Westar common stock was converted into one restricted stock units of Evergy. All of the transactions reported in this Form 4 occurred simultaneously upon closing of the merger.

Executed on behalf of Jerl L. Banning by Jeffrey C. DeBruin, 06/06/2018 attorney-in-fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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