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SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

CINDY CIRCO

ON BEHALF OF

EVERGY MISSOURI WEST

Kansas City, Missouri September 2024

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1	Q:	Please state your name and business address.
2	A:	My name is Cindy Circo. My business address is 1200 Main, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.
3	Q:	By whom and in what capacity are you employed?
4	A:	I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. and serve as Senior Director Customer Care for
5		Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a as Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro"), Evergy
6		Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy Missouri West"), Evergy Metro,
7		Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro ("Evergy Kansas Metro"), and Evergy Kansas Central,
8		Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc., collectively d/b/a as Evergy Kansas Central ("Evergy
9		Kansas Central") the operating utilities of Evergy, Inc. ("Evergy").
10	Q:	Who are you testifying for?
11	A:	I am testifying on behalf of Evergy Missouri West ("EMW" or "Company").
12	Q:	What are your responsibilities?
13	A:	As Sr. Director for Customer Care, the departments I have responsibility for provide
14		customer service, bill generation, payment processing, collection, compliance, reporting,
15		and data analysis. This includes responsibility to forecast customer contact volume and
16		staffing needs, as well as setting quality assurance standards. These department teams
17		consist of approximately 250 skilled professionals.

Q: Please describe your education, experience and employment history.

A:

I graduated from the University Missouri Kansas City with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts. I spent my whole working career in some fashion of the customer care industry. Through my business and community engagement, I transitioned to public service. As an elected official in Kansas City for eight years, my office was recognized for outstanding constituent services. Through those years, I served in significant positions such as Vice Chair of Public Safety and Neighborhood Committee, Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, Finance, Governance & Ethics Committee, and Chair of the Housing Committee.

April 2014, I moved to KCP&L as a manager in Public Affairs. I contributed in developing the first Connect, our outward facing customer engagement program. In 2017, I was positioned as a change agent throughout the integration process for the Marketing & Public Affairs department during KCP&L's merger with Westar. This included mapping employees' career tracks, implementing best practices, and assisting with internal changeagent communications. During this time, I also had a role in government affairs for KCP&L.

In 2018, I became Sr. Manager, Business Solutions Center for Evergy, restructuring the Business Solutions Center to create efficiency and improved customer experience. In May 2021, I gained responsibility for Customer Care Centers as Evergy's Director of Contact & Business Centers, with the same mindset of creating efficiency and improving customer experience.

In April 2024, I assumed the role of Sr. Director of Customer Care, encompassing the departments of Business Center, Contact Center, Billing Services, as well as Credit and

1	Collections. In this role, I stay dedicated to improving customer experiences, streamlining
2	operations through continuous improvement, and implementing strategic approaches to

3 technology integration and customer service excellence.

4 Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding at the Missouri Public Service
5 Commission ("Commission" or "MPSC") or before any other utility regulatory
6 agency?

7 A: No.

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8 Q: What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?

- 9 A: The purpose of my testimony is to respond to certain issues contained in the rebuttal testimonies of the Commission's Staff witness Scott J. Glasgow and the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") witness Lisa Kremer.
- 12 Q: Do you agree with Mr. Glasgow's general concerns regarding high-touch versus lowtouch contact centers?

A: No, but I do agree with his statement that "with more routine calls answered with automation, the longer calls are left for CSRs." This is the primary driver of the culture shift to "high-touch" contact centers. With successful and continuous improvements in the IVA and online self-service options, it is no longer fair to evaluate the success of what CSRs are achieving in a traditional manner. As even Mr. Glasgow noted, technology has taken the basic transactions out of the equation. Previously, contact centers were allowed to average all calls (simple, short, complex, and long) to meet standards. Today, with the Evergy IVA having a 67% (YTD June) completion rate, the teams are measured on managing the remaining 33% of calls that require or prefer the assistance of a live person.

1		As the nature of customer calls has evolved over the years, the mission of our
2		contact center has been to evaluate the needs of those 33% of calls, then adjust to meet
3		their need by moving to a culture of first call resolution mindset.
4	Q:	You mention shifting the culture to a "first call resolution mindset." Can you give
5		some examples of steps taken to ensure this mindset in Evergy contact centers?
6	A:	Yes, as mentioned above, it's more about culture and redefining what good looks like for
7		Evergy customers in a high-touch contact center. The following focus areas have been
8		and continue to be taken to achieve this.
9		■ First Call Resolution ("FCR") Focus:
10		O Quality Evaluation score adjusted from 88% to 92%.
11		o Readily available Quality coaching of CSRs for continuous improvement.
12		o Transparency Performance. Agents can see their own metrics daily.
13		Promoting near real time adjustments where needed versus lagging
14		improvements.
15		o Implemented Quality Assurance (QA). Kudos to CSRs to foster
16		engagement in the success of FCR.
17		New Hire Training Retooling:
18		o Moved from traditional classroom training with a nesting period to more
19		skillset training with live call assistance and mentoring as the new hires
20		progress.
21		o First call resolution focused.
22		o Seasoned CSR mentoring for each new hire.
23		Workforce Management Reorganization to achieve higher success within:

1		o Forecasting and Scheduling
2		o Realtime Monitoring
3		o Performance Analysis and Reporting
4		Change in hours of operations:
5		O Data evaluation shows 90% of customers called between 7am-5pm.
6		o Aligned shifts during peak hours to ensure more CSRs were available
7		during the times customers called the most.
8		o Aligned with field operation shifts to allow CSRs to retrieve answers for
9		customers in a timely manner, therefore preventing unnecessary call backs.
10		o All calls in queue at 5pm are serviced by a CSR until the queue is cleared.
11		o IVA is available 24/7/365.
12		o Trouble/emergency calls are taken by IVA and CSR 24/7/365.
13		o Positive change to assist in retention and attraction.
14	Q:	Both Mr. Glasgow and Ms. Kremer make mention of the change to hours of operation
15		as creating a negative impact to customers. Do you agree?
16	A:	I respectfully disagree and refer to Mr. Caisley's rebuttal testimony on page 17, where he
17		addresses this question. We started informing the MPSC in the Q3 2022 Customer Service
18		Performance Review with Staff about our evaluation of changing the hours of operation.
19		Customers seek resolution when they call, and aligning hours to the rest of the business
20		gives Evergy the opportunity to answer customers' questions while on the phone versus a
21		call back the next day, which drives good customer service with first call resolution.
22		Another benefit to adjusted hours is they appeal to employees—creating positive work
23		hours, in turn aiding retention and attraction. The strongest supporting evidence for the

hours of operation change was the data showing nearly 90% of customers call between 7am-5pm. When customers call Evergy, they can easily self-serve or go to a live agent, it's their choice. Outside hours of operation, the IVA and our online portals are readily available with no limit to when a customer can self-serve. In addition, live agents are always available for emergency calls. For all these reasons, we were comfortable informing the MPSC of the timeline to change the hours of operation in the Q1 2023 Customer Service Performance Review meeting with Staff.

Q:

A:

The hours of operation change was implemented before TOU, and had been a project in process since 2022. As stated above, the Hours of Operation project had been communicated to Staff. For additional context, **Schedule CC-1** contains the Company's Q3 2022 and Q1 2023 quarterly reports to the Commission, as well as an associated heat map.

Mr. Glasgow shares a slide titled 9 of 10 Customers Use Self Service in his testimony to support his assertion that the call center had 1.6 million calls offered to CSRs. Can you provide context to what Mr. Glasgow is presenting and his evaluation of it?

The slide referenced is a representation of Evergy's entire service territory. For this

conversation, we would focus on Raytown Call Center only. In 2023, the Raytown Call Center volume of customer interactions was 980,041 calls offered. We also need to point out that KS Metro is incorporated in Raytown calls offered. For clarification of Mr. Glasgow's evaluation the 1.6 million he refers to are calls offered to all of Evergy's service territory.

1 Q: In both Mr. Glasgow's and Ms. Kremer's testimonies, they have raised concerns
2 about staffing reductions in the contact center. Can you offer any insight to Evergy's
3 contact center staffing?

Q:

A:

A:

Staffing challenges are not a new issue for any call center. Evergy's experience with staffing challenges reflects a broader trend that many companies have faced since 2021, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and transition to remote work, labor shortages, as well as an aging workforce. The high skill and stress levels associated with utility call center roles make these positions more difficult to fill. We have communicated hiring challenges with the MPSC in our quarterly meetings over the past several years. The July 2024 YTD Service Level is 89% as shown in our monthly report to the MPSC, which is evidence that we are finding and achieving the right balance of technology and people to best serve our customers. I also attach **Schedule CC-2**, containing July 2024 monthly reports to the Commission by EMW.

In Mr. Glasgow's testimony, he presents a chart titled Average Yearly CSR Staff Compared to ASA asserting that staff reductions are the reason for the rise in Average Speed to Answer ("ASA"). Do you agree that staffing is the reason for a longer ASA? Looking at the chart that Mr. Glasgow presents, the change in trajectory of ASA in 2021 starts outpacing the drop in staffing through 2023. The years represented in the graph coincide with the February 2021 implementation of the IVA technology and the strain of the labor market.

Average Speed to Answer is impacted not only by headcount but other factors including concentration of calls within a compacted point in time, storms, peak season, and transient events. Additionally, successful self-service programs have shown their impact

by the reduction in call volume. By handling the basic inquiries, self-service reduces the volume of simple calls, leaving longer, complex calls for agents to manage. Staffing is a factor that must be managed as attrition happens and technology continues to absorb a growing share of calls. Evergy manages this with its first call resolution focus, new hire training retooling, workforce management reorganization, and a change in hours of operations. Each of these initiatives is addressed in more detail above. Further, as I noted above, **Schedule CC-2** contains July 2024 monthly reports to the Commission.

8 Q: Why did the Company adopt a 70% within 120 seconds answering standard, from 80% within 20 seconds, and does that affect call center staffing?

A:

- To clarify, Evergy has maintained a 70% SL, while what has changed is the speed of answer from 20 seconds to 120 seconds. The success of self-service and technology has reduced the number of calls offered, leaving longer, complex calls for CSRs to handle. In Q1 2022, we were evaluating the impact of longer calls to CSRs and shared this information during MPSC quarterly Staff meetings. Implementing a 120 second ASA allows space for CSRs to achieve the type of call taking we are trying to attain for our customers. Customer wait time before hanging up is relative to the types of calls and hold times, during storms, peak season, and transient events. Referenced above, **Schedule CC-1** contains the Company's Q3 2022 and Q1 2023 quarterly reports to the Commission, as well as an associated heat map.
- Q: Ms. Kremer questions the Company's approach to using contingent workers for TOU. What was the Company's plan for additional call takers for TOU?
- 22 A: Supplementing the full-time employees were 33 contract call takers on average for the months of August, September, and October 2023. The strategic decision-making regarding

hiring contract workers had many factors. For instance, they only took TOU calls, whereas Evergy CSRs took all call types including TOU. For retention purposes, it is critical not to train too soon before a call taker is needed on a project. To train them, and then not have them take calls for a long period of time, decreases retention of the information. Knowing this fact, we timed graduation in July so the knowledge would be fresh for the first wave of TOU calls and beyond. Not hiring full time employees for a transient spike in demand, such as experienced during the TOU event, demonstrates fiscal responsibility and foresight.

Q:

A:

Indeed, TOU was a transient event that brought extremely long call times. This impacted all metrics in the months of August, September, and October 2023. Evergy focused on enhancing CSR training to be able to educate and assist customers effectively, as well as creating a dedicated group of TOU CSRs. At the height of volume in August, September, and October 2023, TOU CSRs' call time average was nearly 22 minutes, as reported in the TOU monthly report to Staff. The longer call times reflect an investment in customer education, talking to the customer about their rates, and assisting them with online tools. This investment in customer education likely contributed to a more informed, engaged customer base, capable of making autonomous decisions online or by phone regarding their rate plans. I have included the Company's last TOU report in 2024 as Schedule CC-3.

On page 19 of her rebuttal testimony, Ms. Kremer cites call center metrics during the TOU roll-out months compared to the same metrics during 2021. Does this comparison make sense to you?

Yes, on page 19 of Ms. Kremer's testimony, she mentions the percent of abandoned calls and the average speed to answer for the months of August, September, and October for the

1	years of 2021	and 2023.	The months of	August, Se	eptember, a	and Octobe	r in 2023	were the
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- highest TOU-impacted months. It is logical that those metrics would not be in line with
- 3 2021 data during the same period of months.
- 4 Q: Ms. Kremer describes in her testimony that contact center escalations should be
- 5 considered complaints as defined in 20 CSR 4240-13.015(1)(D). Do you agree with Ms.
- 6 Kremer's assessment?

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- 7 A: No, I respectfully disagree and refer to Mr. Caisley's rebuttal testimony on page 16, where
- 8 he addresses this question. As noted by Mr. Caisley, many of the calls considered
- 9 escalations in the contact center are minor issues and are not considered complaints. They
- may involve process clarification for new CSRs or there may be certain processes such as
- fraud that require an escalation. Evergy is handling these escalations consistently with how
- we have done for many years and this has not ever been an issue. Additionally, Mr.
- Glasgow does not agree with Ms. Kremer's assertion and believes that Evergy is compliant
- with all statutory requirements for informal or formal complaints as defined in 20 CSR
- 15 4240-13.040 (5)(B).
- 16 Q. Does Staff agree that EMW is not compliant with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-
- 17 13.040 (5)(B)?
- 18 A. No. It is Staff's opinion that when Commission rules refer to complaints, they are referring
- to informal and/or formal complaints registered with the Commission. Complaints are
- defined in 20 CSR 4240-13.015(1)(D) as: "Complaint means an informal or formal
- 21 complaint under 4 CSR 240-2.070." Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.070 establishes the
- 22 12 procedures for filing formal and informal complaints with the commission. Included

1	herewith as Schedule CC-4 are the Company's responses to certain Data Requests that
2	may provide more context and helpful information.

- 3 Q: You mention monthly, quarterly, and TOU reports in some of your above responses.
- 4 Did Mr. Glasgow have access to any documents that you mention in your testimony?
- As a Staff member of MPSC, Mr. Glasgow would have access to quarterly reports. Each
- 6 month's slide decks are provided to Staff in advance of the MPSC quarterly meetings, as
- 7 well as the Monthly Evergy West Customer Service Data Detail report which are emailed
- 8 to MPSC each month.
- 9 Q: What is your reaction to Mr. Glasgow's mention of Evergy surpassing its speed to
- answer goal in 2024?
- 11 A: We agree with Mr. Glasgow, Evergy is surpassing its Speed to Answer goal in 2024. I
- would refer to Mr. Caisley's rebuttal testimony on page 17, where he comments that
- Evergy is having its best year since merger as it pertains to customer service metrics. The
- implementation of many tactical adjustments has been the right approach to grow into this
- fast-paced environment of technological advancement. Average speed to answer July YTD
- is 33 seconds, SL is 89%, and ACR is 1.9%, as shown in our monthly report to the MPSC.
- We believe we are seeing a stabilization in the labor arena. Evergy strives to exceed its
- baseline goal while continuously adjusting to an ever-changing environment, leading to
- ongoing positive trends.
- 20 Q: Does that conclude your testimony?
- 21 A: Yes, it does.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Miss Evergy Missouri West's Req Implement A General Rate Ir Service	uest for Authority to)))	Case No. ER-2024-0189
	AFFIDAVIT OF C	INDY	CIRCO
STATE OF MISSOURI)		
) ss		
COUNTY OF JACKSON)		
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Cindy Circo, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

- 1. My name is Cindy Circo. I work in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. as Senior Director Customer Care.
- 2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Surrebuttal Testimony on behalf of Evergy Missouri West consisting of eleven (11) pages, having been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-captioned docket.
- 3. I have knowledge of the matters set forth therein. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded, including any attachments thereto, are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Cindy Circo

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of September 2024.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/2u/w25

NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2025
PLATTE COUNTY
COMMISSION #17779963



Customer Service Performance Review (Q3 2022) Missouri Public Service Commission

November 29, 2022





10:00 am Safety Moment & Introductions Sarah Gott

10:10 am Performance Updates:

Contact Center Cindy Circo

Customer Affairs Maria Lopez

11:30 am Wrap-up & Adjourn Sarah Gott





Safety Moment: <u>Happy Holidays</u>

4 Mindful Tips to De-Stress This Holiday Season

- 1. Accept imperfection
- 2. Don't lose sight of what counts
- 3. Respond with kindness
- 4. Rethink your resolutions







Contact Center Operations

Cindy Circo

Director, Contact and Business Care cindy.circo@evergy.com





Key Performance Metrics

Evergy on average is answering 92.6% of customer calls.

YTD 2022	Gross Calls	Agent Calls	Service Level	Abandons	Blocked Calls	ASA
January	198,574	64,618	79%	2.90%	0.42%	58
February	199,115	64,512	68%	3.70%	0.40%	76
March	226,258	77,162	68%	3.90%	0.44%	57
April	218,815	72,760	62%	4.80%	0.54%	99
May	243,503	85,949	55%	7.70%	0.44%	157
June	294,087	103,134	52%	9.70%	0.43%	155
July	247,015	86,915	53%	6.30%	0.48%	113
August	274,576	105,144	40%	11.00%	0.48%	285
September	252,714	93,066	37%	11.90%	0.49%	297
Total	2,154,657	753,260	55%	7.40%	0.48%	153

^{*}Service Level depicts % of answered calls within 20 seconds

Third quarter impacted by peak call season with higher than usual temperatures, high bills, and a higher-than-normal fuel factor.





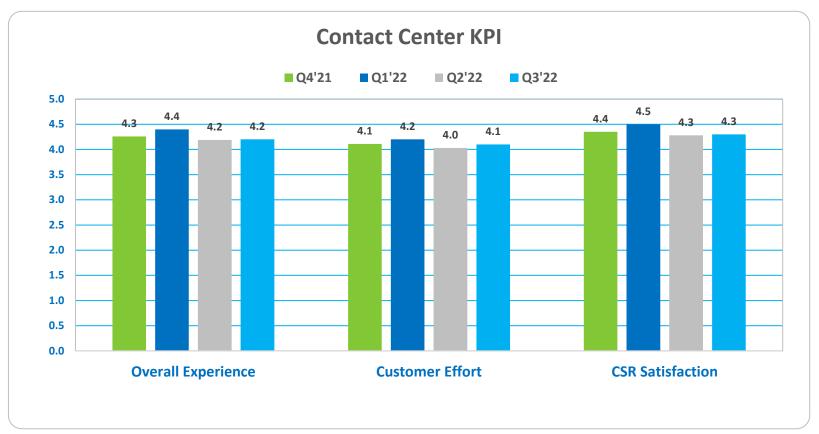
YTD 2022	Return call Option	Agent Calls	% of calls using CB
January	1,131	64,618	1.75%
February	1,619	64,512	2.50%
March	765	77,162	0.99%
April	2,526	72,760	3.45%
May	5,366	85,949	6.24%
June	4,420	103,134	4.30%
July	2,240	86,915	2.60%
August	10,037	105,144	9.55%
September	8,502	93,066	9.14%
Total	36,606	753,260	4.86%





Voice of Customer Survey Q3 2022

Customer experience up YoY: Combined Centers 2021: 4.24, 2022: 4.30



- Overall satisfaction with your call experience
- Evergy made it easy for me to accomplish my task
- Overall satisfaction with the customer service representative





Succes and Challenges

Labor market continues to be a challenge

- Contract Classes not filling to capacity along with poor attrition
- Exploring overflow Business third-party call center
- Exploring hours of operation 89% of calls are between 7am-5pm. Moving this direction would allow for an additional current CSR with in the highest peak time frame.

Success of Customer Self Service

- IVA Containment 63%
- Web Start completions up 16% compared to Sept 2021
- Self-Serve (Web & IVA) Stop completions up 12% since Sept 2021
- Mobile App

Impact to Contact center

- More difficult and complex calls left for call takers resulting in longer call times reflecting in higher abandon times.
- Despite the challenges, Customer Satisfaction is still holding strong.





- Exploring industry standards for metrics
- Define and track First Call Resolution
- Q4 Combine Workforce Management and Quality Assurance groups
 - High focus on QA scores continuing to deliver high Customer Service scores.
 - Drive down call times.
 - CSR engagement to reduce shrinkage.





Revenue Management

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Key Performance Metrics

Q3 2022	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD Q3 2022	YTD Q3 2021
Meter Reads on Time	99.29%	99.35%	99.36%	99.57%	99.24%
Service Orders worked	6,607	5,544	4,893	73,494	141,847
CNPs – disconnected in field	3,042	5,895	5,193	32,621	1466
CNPs – tech activity canceled (collected \$\$ or other)	353	460	824	3,989	1439
Reconnects	185	304	341	1,658	828
Total Orders Worked	10,187	12,203	11,251	111,762	145,580
\$\$ Collected in the Field	\$423,299	\$450,861	\$210,056	\$2,954,484	\$1,870,268
# of days eligible for residential CNP work	12	19	19	128	112





Key Performance Metrics Billing and Credit

Billing	July	Aug	Sept	Q3 22	Q3 21
Timeliness - % of Bills Printed on Time	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Accuracy - % of Accounts not Adjusted	99.71%	99.70%	99.75%	99.72%	99.74%

Credit	July	Aug	Sept	Q3 22	Q3 21
Net Write-offs % = 12 Mo Net Write-offs / 12 Mo Sales	0.45%	0.49%	0.40%	0.45%	0.30%
Default Ratio = 12 Mo Net WO + 90 Day Arrears / 12 Mo Sales	0.80%	0.81%	0.69%	0.76%	8.47%*
90 Day Arrears % = 90-Day Arrears / Total Acct Receivable	4.29%	3.90%	4.06%	4.08%	8.11%

^{*}Calculation adjusted to correct the 90-day arrears





E Bill Enrollment	July	August	September	Q3 2022	Q3 2021	Q3 2022
Jurisdiction						% Total Customers
Missouri Metro	142,457	143,464	143,734	143,734	132,284	47.23%
Missouri West	139,337	140,159	141,151	141,151	128,719	41.37%
Total Missouri	281,794	283,623	284,885	284,885	261,003	44.13%





Payment Profile By Tender Type	2022 Q3 AVG	Q3 2021
ACH	51.04%	54.10%
Check	18.34%	19.80%
Credit/Debit Card	28.25%	24.60%
Cash	1.54%	1.20%
Other: Raytown CCC/EA/OCA	0.83%	0.30%

Payment Profile By Channel	2022 Q3 AVG	Q3 2021
UMB Lockbox (Mail)	18.34%	19.50%
Website (My Account/Other Portals)	31.59%	29.30%
Third Party Web	12.61%	14.40%
AutoPay	23.57%	25.30%
Pay by Phone	11.52%	9.60%
Paystation (Walk-In)	1.54%	1.20%
Collections/Social Service Agencies/Other	0.83%	0.60%





Q&A





Customer Affairs

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Jurisdiction	2022	2021	
Evergy MO West – 3rd Qtr.	18	18	
Evergy MO Metro – 3rd Qtr.	28	47	
Total	46	65	
Trends	 29% decrease from last year. Key difference from Q3 2021- lower number of complaints for pending/completed disconnect for non-pay Revenue Protection complaints were also down 		
Formal Complaints – 3rd Qtr.	0	0	





Focus Areas/Accomplishments

Customer Outreach – Q3

- 41 events attended in O3
- **Focus Areas**
 - Back to school fairs
 - Emergency Rental Assistance Program partner events
 - Internal education- Raytown call center
 - LIHEAP events at Connect
 - Hosted 2 events in Q3
- **Energy Assistance Totals**
 - Q3 2022 \$4.3M vs Q3 2021 \$3.8M
- **Medical Customers**
 - Evergy MO Metro 100
 - Evergy MO West 162





2022	July	Aug	Sept	Q3 Total 2022	Q3 Total 2021
Customer Traffic	822	1,317	988	3,127	2,650
Repeat Customers	500	802	656	1,958	884
Bill Payment	353	554	511	1,418	953
Billing Assistance	443	708	547	1,698	1,081
Utility Assistance	293	322	198	813	263
Start/Stop Service	49	70	45	164	92
Enrollments	39	46	31	116	99

Enrollments include programs such as Weatherization, My Account, Budget Billing, Adjustable Due Date, Cold Weather Registration, Medical Customer, LIHEAP





Customer Service Performance Review (Q1 2023)

Missouri Public Service Commission

June 6, 2023





10:30 am Safety Moment & Introductions Sarah Gott

10:40 am Performance Updates:

Self-Service Dave Clauson

Contact Center Cindy Circo

Revenue Management Travis Lincoln

Customer Affairs Maria Lopez

12:00 pm Wrap-up & Adjourn Sarah Gott





Recommendations to protect yourself and your data

- 1. Avoid public charging stations
- 2. Always select "charge only"
- 3. Avoid using charging cables and power banks that seem to be left behind.
- 4. Carry your own external power bank charging source
- 5. Use a USB "data blocker"



Self-Service

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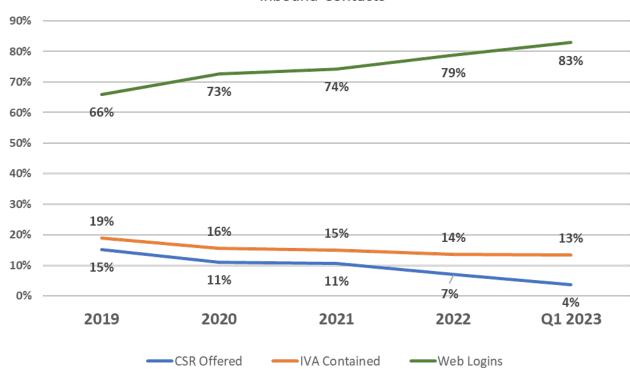




95% of Customers Used Self Service



Inbound Contacts



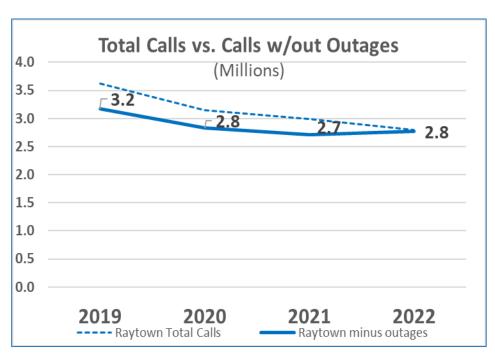
- Web channel share grew 2% points in Q1
- IVA still handles significant portion
- CSR traffic mix has declined 3% points in Q1

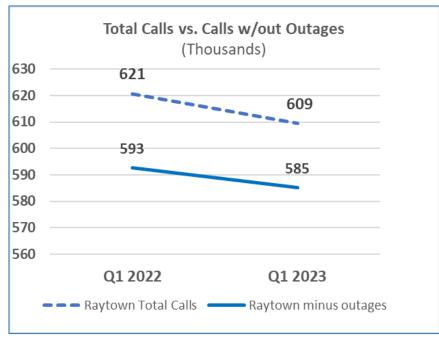




Total calls continue to decline...

Calls have decreased by 900k over the last 4 years

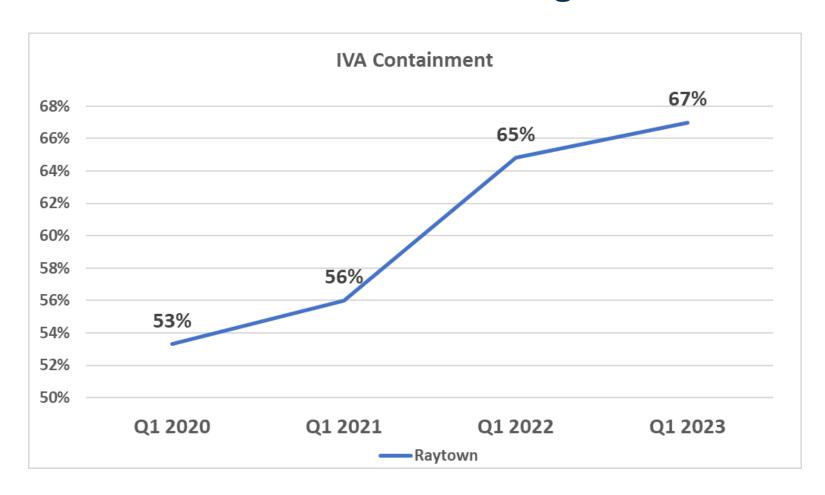




 Q1 tends to have less call volume than other quarters. However, we still see a drop in overall calls.



IVA Containment at All-Time High

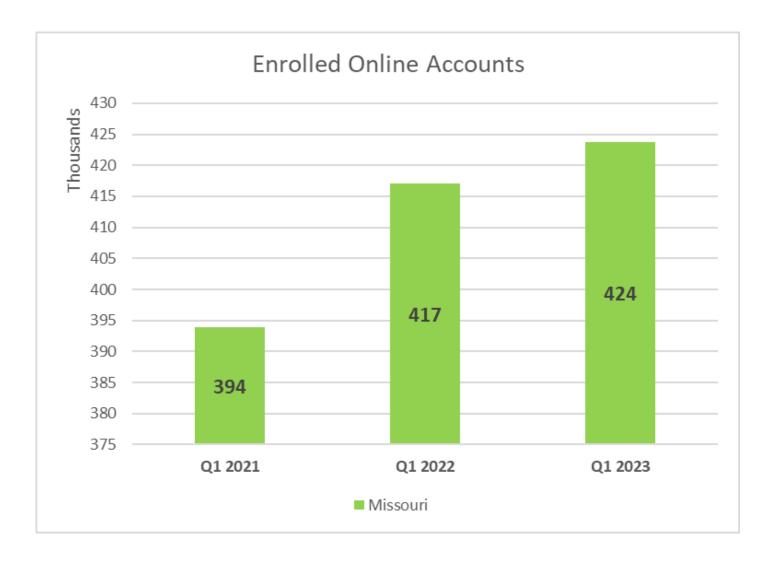


- Represents a 2% increase in containment for Raytown over Q1 2022 (65%).
- Q1 is always a good quarter for containment.



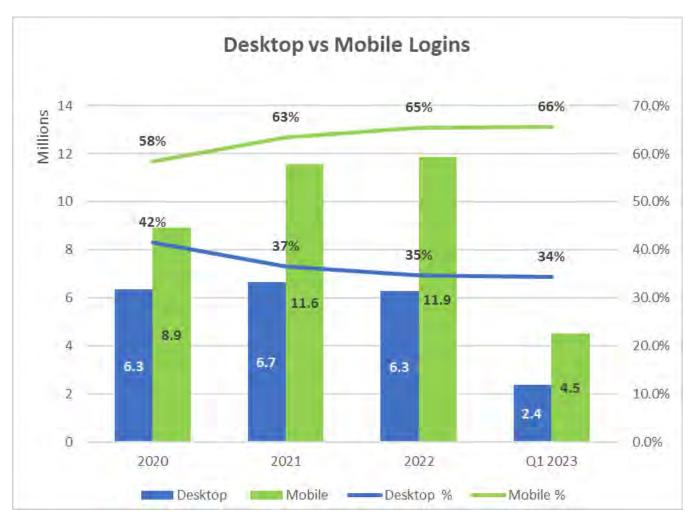


Online Accounts are up 6.5% YoY





Customer logins driving Mobile Growth...





Evergy Mobile App downloads exceed expectations

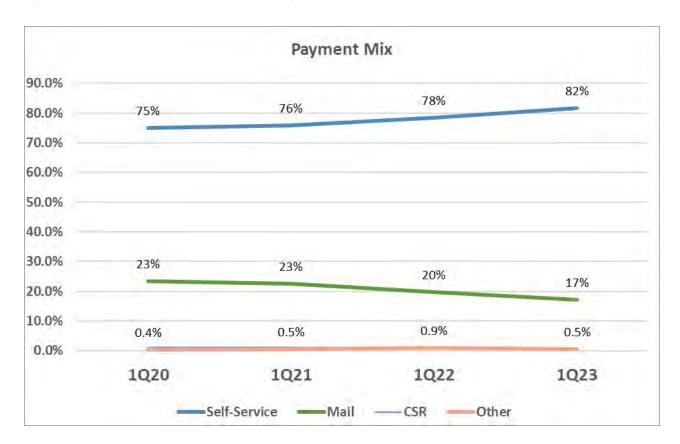






Evergy Self-Service Payment Mix up 3% pts YoY

Mail payments have declined by 2% pts YoY



- Self-Service payments include, in order of volume: One Time Payment, Autopay, Third party web, IVA (automated phone)
- CSR payments are actually 0.5%



Self-Service in 2023

- IVA Start Service 1Q23 (Live)
- Uplight Non-Residential Tool (Live)
- MO TOU Self-Service Support (Web & IVA)
- Opt-in Outage enrollment continuation





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YTD 2023	Gross Calls	Agent Calls	Service Level	Abandons	Blocked Calls	ASA
January	197,981	61,440	82%	3.1%	0.45%	79
February	192,598	61,630	73%	6.2%	0.51%	159
March	218,736	71,324	75%	4.0%	0.53%	101
Total	609,315	194,394	77%	4.4%	0.50%	113

- No exclusions
- Exceptional IVA containment
- Service Level depicts % of answered calls within 120 seconds

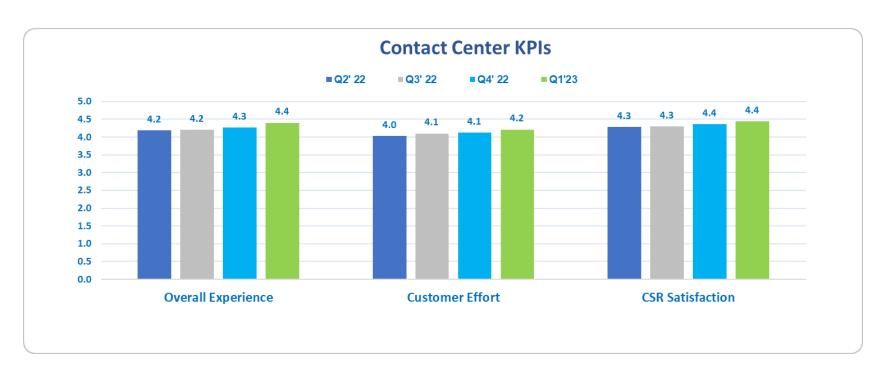


YTD 2023	Return Call Option	Agent Calls	% of calls using CB		
January	1,571	61,440	2.6%		
February	3,110	61,630	5.0%		
March	2,364	71,324	3.3%		
Total	7,045	194,394	3.63%		



Voice of Customer Survey

- Overall satisfaction with your call experience
- Evergy made it easy for me to accomplish my task
- Overall satisfaction with the customer service representative







What our customers are saying

Email:

I had to go out of my way to let individuals at Evergy know that Holly with customer service was fantastic assisting me this morning (1/26) with what was a confusing situation. Well at first it was when I called, but she quickly and politely explained it to me and fixed the issue. She is a wonderful asset to your company, and I know when it comes to customer service it is a difficult and often thankless position, so I just wanted to reach out and give one of your great associates the praise that they deserve.

Call:

Spoke to Robin who states that CSR (Staci Mendoza) yesterday was professional and to the point. States you don't see that kind of customer services every day and just wanted us to know she did an excellent job.

Mail:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. You took time out of your day to bring a smile and reward of faith in humanity to a stranger.



Focus Areas/Accomplishments

Workforce

- Hours of Ops Day One June 16, 2023
- Spring contract class TOU

Training

- Annual Ethics and Compliance training
- Uplight CSR Tool Training
- TOU workshops

Average Handle Time

- Call to Contact Center are the most complex and difficult.
 - Evaluating data

Technology Roadmap

Verint Upgrade - Q3 2023





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Key Performance Metrics

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD Q1 2023	YTD Q1 2022
Meter Reads on Time	99.91%	99.94%	99.98%	99.94%	99.87%
Service Orders worked	4,700	4,035	5,916	14,651	36,088
CNPs – disconnected in field Cuts	685	1,748	5,047	7,480	5,701
CNPs – tech activity canceled (collected \$\$ or other) (CUTS left on)	313	347	533	1,256	1,229
Reconnects	48	61	193	302	295
Total Orders Worked Daily 'Monthly PCAD Report	5,746	6,191	11,689	23,626	43,413
\$\$ Collected in the Field OBIEE	\$105,948.96	\$157,697.57	\$308,654.64	\$572,301.17	\$542,932.78
# of days eligible for residential CNP work	3	4	16	23	16

MRFS in field activity





Key Performance Metrics Billing and Credit

Billing	January	February	March	Q1 2023	Q1 2022
Timeliness - % of Bills Printed on Time	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Accuracy - % of Accounts not Adjusted	99.71%	99.75%	99.71%	99.72%	99.68%

Credit	January	February	March	2023 Q1	Q1 2022
Net Write-Offs % = 12 Month Net Write-Offs/12 Months Sales	0.56%	0.28%	0.31%	0.39%	0.38%
Default Ratio = 12 Month Net WO + 90 Day Arrears/12 Months Sales	0.76%	0.68%	0.63%	0.69%	0.81%
90 Arrears % = 90 Day Arrears/Total Accts Receivable	7.26%	6.29%	5.63%	6.43%	8.39%





E Bill Enrollment	January	February	March	Q1 2023	Q1 2022
Jurisdiction					
Missouri Metro	130,863	131,468	132,524	132,524	125,930
Missouri West	126,523	127,177	128,276	128,276	120,356
Total Missouri	257,386	258,645	260,800	260,800	246,286



Payment Profile By Tender Type	2023 Q1 AVG	Q1 2022
ACH	51.3%	51.3%
Check	17.5%	19.6%
Credit/Debit Card	28.5%	27.7%
Cash	1.5%	1.4%

Payment Profile By Channel	2023 Q1 AVG	Q1 2022
UMB Lockbox (Mail)	17.93%	20.92%
Website (My Account/Other Portals)	31.63%	30.22%
Third Party Web	13.22%	12.83%
AutoPay	24.25%	22.31%
Pay by Phone	10.68%	11.53%
Paystation (Walk-In)	1.46%	1.42%
Collections/Social Service Agencies/Other	0.83%	0.78%





Q&A





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Jurisdiction	2023	2022		
Evergy MO West – 1st Qtr.	11	7		
Evergy MO Metro – 1st Qtr.	10	11		
Total	21	18		
	 16% increase cor Key difference, the Service complaints same time last years 	ts compared to		
Trends	Same ame ase ye			
Formal Complaints – 1st Qtr.	2	0		





Focus Areas/Accomplishments

Customer Outreach – Q1

- 44 events attended in Q1
- **Focus Areas**
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - Roadshow with MO Valley CAP Agency
 - Johnson, Carroll, Saline, Lafayette and Ray Counties
 - Housing Authority Events
 - West Bluff, TB Watkins, Guinotte, Wayne Meiner
 - LIHEAP Application Event at Connect
 - Spire, LIHWAP and food distribution
 - Critical Needs & Rehousing Programs
 - TOU
 - **Energy Assistance Totals**
 - Q1 2023 \$4.8M vs Q1 2022 \$5M
- **Medical Customers**
 - Evergy MO Metro 78
 - Evergy MO West 130

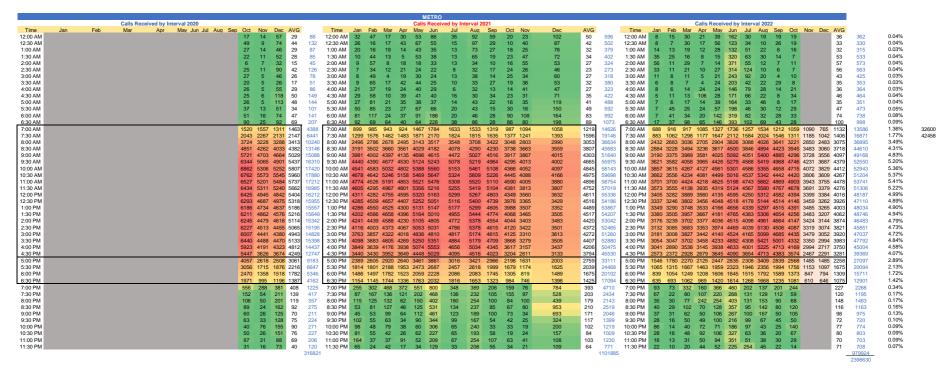




2023	Jan	Feb Mar		Q1 Total 2023	Q1 Total 2022
Customer Traffic	925	847	1062	2834	2529
Repeat Customers	594	545	709	1848	999
Bill Payment	417	390	488	1295	817
Billing Assistance	507	515	607	1629	669
Utility Assistance	401	294	305	1000	455
Start/Stop Service	52	61	72	185	70
Enrollments	141	119	192	452	246

• Enrollments include programs such as Weatherization, My Account, Budget Billing, Adjustable Due Date, Cold Weather Registration, ERPP, LIHEAP





After MF 320.205

METRO - RAYTOWN 2020 M-F 316,821 7:00AM - 5:00PM 286,430 5:00PM - 7:00PM 25,338 Afterhours 5,053 94,775 75,803 2021 M-F 1.101.885 7:00AM - 5:00PM 980,566 5:00PM - 7:00PM Afterhours 26,544 7:00AM - 5:00PM 886,487 5:00PM - 7:00PM 17,634 2022 M-F 979.924 Afterhours 2 398 630 2 153 483 195 916 49 231

data shows our calls arrive during the 7am to 5pm time frame.

WEEKENDS 10/2020 - 10/2022 Metro 51 064

Weekends 51,964 Total Calls 2,450,594

 Time
 Calls
 Distribution

 7:00-5:00 M-F
 2,153,483
 88°

 5:00-7:00 M-F
 195,916
 8°

 Afterhours
 8
 101,195
 4°

 Weekends
 4°
 4°

Evergy Missouri West Call Center Monthly Regulatory Reporting 2024

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	Year to Date*
Total Calls Offered	63,762	61,657	60,117	63,227	72,311	66,272	69,948						457,294
Call Center Staffing	86	86	86	86	88	95	95						95
Average Speed of Answer	57	18	49	25	36	16	30						33
Abandoned Call Rate	4.1%	0.9%	2.1%	1.8%	2.0%	1.2%	1.4%						1.9%
Service Level-Total Agent	83%	94%	89%	92%	87%	93%	88%						89%
Service Level-Emergency	66%	96%	94%	79%	36%	80%	76%						75%

Total Calls Offered	Total Center Calls Offered to Agents
Call Center Staffing	Includes Call Center Management Personnel
Average Speed of Answer	Total Center Agent ASA
Abandoned Call Rate	Total Center Agent Abandoned
Service Level-Cust Service	Total Center Agent SL
Service Level-Emergency	Total Center Agent Emergency SL

*Methodology for Year-to-Date Numbers
Sum of Reported Periods
Last Reported Period
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Evergy Missouri West Meter Reading Stats - Missouri MPSC Case No. ER-2004-0034

			Meter	Reading D	Data 2024							
	Jan-2024	Feb-2024	Mar-2024	Apr-2024	May-2024	Jun-2024	Jul-2024	Aug-2024	Sep-2024	Oct-2024	Nov-2024	Dec-2024
Number and Percentage of Meters Read												
Electric Meters Read - Number	347,732	348,642	349,200	350,072	350,457	348,447	348,283					
Electric Meters Read - Percentage	99.93%	99.93%	99.83%	99.78%	99.76%	99.68%	99.68%					
Number and Percentage of Estimates												
Electric Meters Estimated - Number	236	257	607	788	853	1,133	1,126					
Electric Meters Estimated - Percentage	0.07%	0.09%	0.17%	0.22%	0.24%	0.32%	0.32%					
Number of Consecutive Est greater than 7 months												
Electric	1	1	1	1	1	1	2					



Monthly Time of Use Customer Transition Reporting

January 2024

EW-2023-0199



TOU Marketing Campaign Dashboard



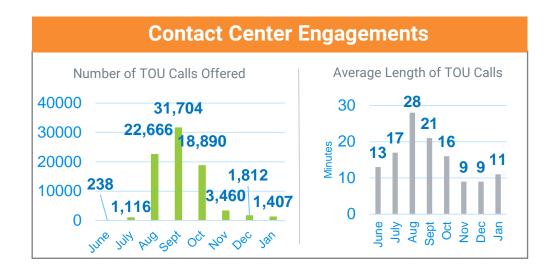


Measured Date: June – January 2023

*Most tactics ended in 2023 and will have limited additional updates moving forward.

Customer Awareness Online Enrollments # Compare My Rate Tool Awareness of New Rate Awareness of Mandatory % of all Enrollments # TOU # Landing Page Sessions **Cumulative Unique** Options* TOU Change* Completed Online Self-Selection Sessions 81% 95% - November 87% - November 158,560 328,214 338.896 As of 11/03/23 65% **0**% мом 63% 125,994 135,634 2% мом 41% decrease increase since increase since increase* **MOM** increase June June 840 5,305 12,799 19% completed through the Evergy **Contact Center or Connect** April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec * Based on monthly TOU survey. * Based on monthly TOU survey. * Includes 7,620 from TOU Pilot. * % Increase from Nov. to Monthly survey ended in November. Monthly survey ended in November. No additional updates. Dec. No longer using page. With the end of the enrollment campaign, we will No additional updates. now track this measurement on slide 6.

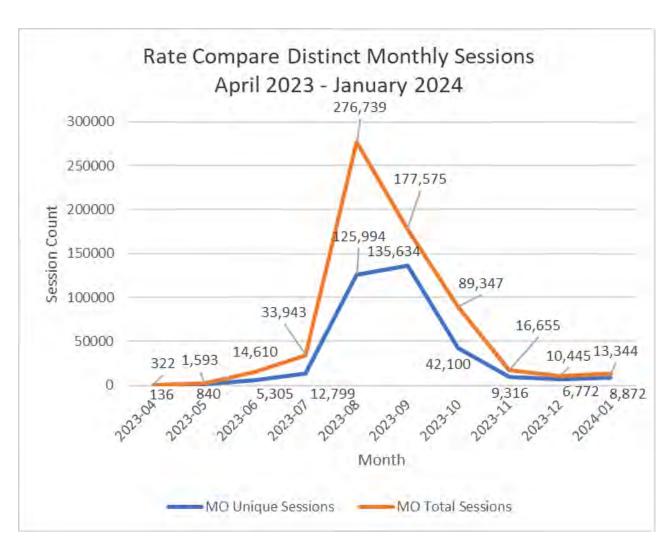
Missouri TOU Rate Enrollments Summary					
Rate Plan Name	Total Enrollments				
Summer Peak Time Based Plan	52,451				
Default Time Based Plan	481,316				
Nights & Weekends Plan	13,318				
Nights & Weekends Max Plan	23,819				
Total As of 02/02/24	570,907				





Compare My Rate Tool & Online Engagement

- All Evergy MO residential customer base now enrolled in a time-based plan, nearly 30% of those customers pre-selected their plan
 - Average industry opt-in enrollment for time-based rates is 1%
- Increased overall time-based rate enrollments 80x since May 2023
- 81% of customers enrolled online
- MO Rate Comparison Tool engagement in January 2024 is **41x** that of April 2023
- 56% of Evergy MO residential customers with an online profile engaged with Rate Compare since April 2023



As of 2/1/24



Contact Center Engagements 2023

Customer election to utilize IVA assistance

2023	Total Calls	Agent Calls	IVA Rate
23-Jun	219,981	71,935	65.5%
23-Jul	234,103	74,716	65.8%
23-Aug	321,065	115,115	59.3%
23-Sep	311,476	115,693	59.3%
23-Oct	273,279	98,160	60.8%
23-Nov	209,908	65,582	66.8%
23-Dec	191,234	55,113	69.7%
Total	1,761,046	596,314	63.2%

Premature disconnection by customer = Abandon Call Rate (ACR)

RAYTOWN	OFFERED	ABANDONS	ACR
23-Jun	71,935	4,525	6.3%
23-Jul	74,716	6,673	8.9%
23-Aug	115,115	31,547	27.4%
23-Sep	115,693	44,689	38.6%
23-Oct	98,160	21,917	22.3%
23-Nov	65,582	2,207	3.4%
23-Dec	55,113	1,279	2.3%
Total	596,314	112,837	18.9%

Customer election to use call back feature

2023	Return Call Option	Agent Calls	% of Calls Using RCO
23-Jun	3,976	71,935	5.5%
23-Jul	7,429	74,716	9.9%
23-Aug	17,784	115,115	15.4%
23-Sep	17,315	115,693	15.0%
23-Oct	10,273	98,160	10.5%
23-Nov	2,691	65,582	4.1%
23-Dec	684	55,113	1.2%
Total	60,152	596,314	10.1%

TOU Escalations to Resolution Team Member

2023		June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
CASE_TYPE	CASE_SUB TYPE	COUNT	COUNT	COUNT	COUNT	COUNT	COUNT	COUNT	
Escalation	Mandatory TOU	1	2	12	20	19	8	7	69





Customer election to utilize IVA assistance

2024	Total Calls	Agent Calls	IVA Rate
24-Jan	213,039	63,762	68.4%
24-Feb			
24-Mar			
Total	213,039	63,762	68.4%

Premature disconnection by customer = Abandon Call Rate (ACR)

2024	Offered	Abandons	ACR %
24-Jan	63,762	2,616	4.1%
24-Feb			
24-Mar			
Total	63,762	2,616	4.1%

Customer election to use call back feature

2024	Return Call Option	Agent Calls	% of Calls Using RCO
24-Jan	1,195	63,762	1.9%
24-Feb			
24-Mar			
Total	1,195	63,762	1.9%

TOU Escalations to Resolution Team Member

2024		January	February	March	Total
CASE_TYPE	CASE_SUB TYPE	COUNT			
Escalation	Mandatory TOU	9			9





Contact Center and Feedback

Results

Since entering Phase 3 of the education campaign in August:

- Phase 1 (June-August): saw uptick in calls, with more informational questions
- Phase 2 (August-October): an average of over 250 TOU calls per day, helping customer pick a rate and educational focus
- Phase 3 (October-December): call offers and average duration times are lower
- Phase 4 (January May): calls offers continue to decrease with a little higher duration time compared to all other calls

Month	TOU Calls Offered	Avg TOU Duration	Avg All Calls Duration
June	238	13:01	7:01
July	1,116	16:58	6:13
August	1,835	26:54	7:55
September	31,704	21:27	9:16
October	18,890	16:10	8:34
November	3,460	8:40	7:16
December	1,812	8:53	7:19
January	1,407	10:37	6:56



Contact Center Engagements

 Evergy has provided details of calls in CONF_Exhibit_A TOU_Commission Order Reporting_January 2024



Customer Data





- Usage by Rate ID by month will be attached as Exhibit B and is marked as highly confidential.
- CONF_Exhibit B_Usage by Rate ID Monthly Residential January 2024.xls

Rate Switching

Number of rate changes by Customer from original selection or defaulted rate	Number of Customers who have made changes			
Data as of 2/5/24	Missouri West	Missouri Metro		
1 rate change	5,929	4,308		
2 rate changes	419	317		
3 rate changes	42	60		
4 rate changes	11	5		
5 rate changes	2			
10 rate changes		1		



^{*} Updated reporting to not include as switchers changes to rate that had a gap in time. i.e. customers who had been on TOU rate during pilot window, Landlord reverts, customers who are CNP'd, closed out and then come back on, etc.



Average Payment Plan Data

Customer Accounts and status of APP enrollment

Active Customers on APP and on TOU rate as of 2/2/2024	Counts	Notes
Customer previously on APP and currently on APP	95,524	Count of accounts that were previously and currently on APP.
Customer previously on APP and NOT currently on APP	3,715	Approx 3100 of these customers elected to change rates prior to system updates that automatically re-enrolled them in APP. Self-serve customers were alerted to this process and asked to call the contact center to re-enroll. The system updates were effective 8/23/23.
Customer previously on APP, changed rates without APP, but now currently on APP	5,402	Customers that have been manually re-enrolled due to exception or who have called to re-enroll.
Customer previously on APP, changed rates with APP, but now currently not on APP	4,424	Customers have elected to un-enroll or have other circumstances where the account is no longer on APP.
Total	109,065	





Average Payment Plan Data

Customer Mix of APP enrollments on TOU and Non-TOU rates

Division	Residential Customer On Avg Pay Plan (APP)	# of Accounts	% of APP	# of TOU Rate Customers	% of TOU Customers on APP
MO West	No	222,294	76.9%	222,267	76.9%
MO West	Yes	66,786	23.1%	66,777	23.1%
Total		289,080		289,044	
MO Metro	No	203,796	77.6%	203,786	77.6%
MO Metro	Yes	58,731	22.4%	58,727	22.4%
Total		262,527		262,513	

• Data as of 2/2/2024

Third Party Quarterly Survey





Quarterly TOU Awareness & Understanding Research

End-of-Year Report and Wave1, Weve2, Wave3 Trend Analysis

Insights by TrueNorth
Jan 2024





Objective and Methodology



Measure the Impact of how the Time-of-Use Campaign is Performing on Educating its customers

- Measure awareness of the transition to a Time of Use rate plan.
- Determine understanding of and familiarity with Evergy's specific TOU rate plans and the appeal of multiple rate plans to fit customers' lifestyles.
- Measure overall satisfaction with Evergy as a provider and with customers' current rate plan.
- Monitor customer's opinions and perceptions of Time Of Use rate plans and reactions to Evergy making this change.



Survey

A 15-minute online survey was conducted in May 2023 among n=600 respondents, wave 2 in September 2023 among n=604 respondents, and wave 3 in December among n=603. This was a blind study among Evergy customers



Respondents were screened based on the following criteria.

- 18+ years old
- Evergy is the current electricity supplier
- Sole or joint decision maker for household energy decisions
- If renter, electric bill must not be included in rent



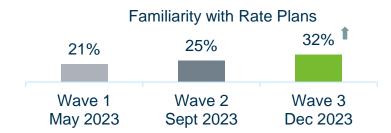
Executive Summary

There is relatively high awareness for the new rate plans

 Over 3x the number of customers indicated they heard about the new rate plan options by wave 3.

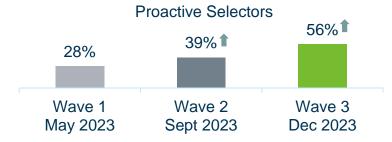


• Customers are becoming increasingly familiar with the plans, with 82% being familiar with the plans. Those indicating they know "a lot" or "a good amount", increased a significant +7 percentage points in wave 3.



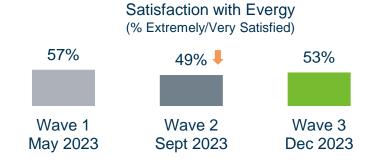
Many proactively selected their new rate plan

- Over half of customers proactively selected their plan, 56%. When selecting a plan, most selected the TOU plan at 51%, while some still chose the standard utility rate plan at 33%.
- Proactive plan selectors were overall more satisfied (35% vs 21% non selectors)



Overall satisfaction with Evergy is Coming Back Around

• There was an initial drop in satisfaction overall; however, satisfaction has started to show an increase in W3.

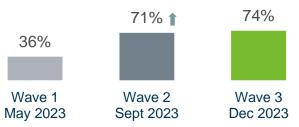


Executive Summary

The TOU awareness campaign was successful

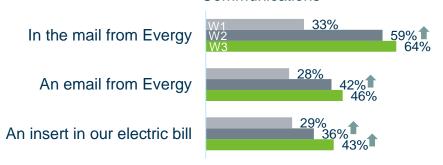
 Awareness of the Time of Use Plan saw an increase of 38% among non-plan users from May to December throughout the ad campaign, with the most significant increase shown in September.

Time Of Use Plan Awareness



 Around 3 in 4 recall communications about TOU rate plans, with the top recall including mail, email, and the electric bill insert.

Communications



Satisfaction with the TOU plan remains low

 Although we do see a significant increase in TOU customer satisfaction in wave 3.



Opportunities

- Most understand the basic premise of the plan, but still opportunity to learn more.
- There remains some divergence in opinions as to whether the TOU plan will save customers money (30%), or cost more (26%).



Awareness and Satisfaction of Rate Plans

- Satisfaction with Evergy
- Awareness of plans
- Selection of Plans
- Satisfaction of Plans
- Awareness of Online Tools
- Evergy Brand Evaluation

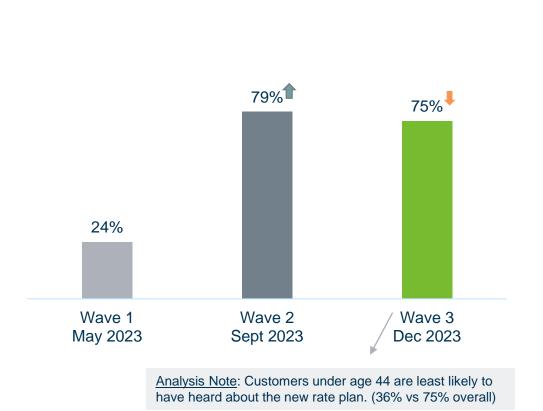




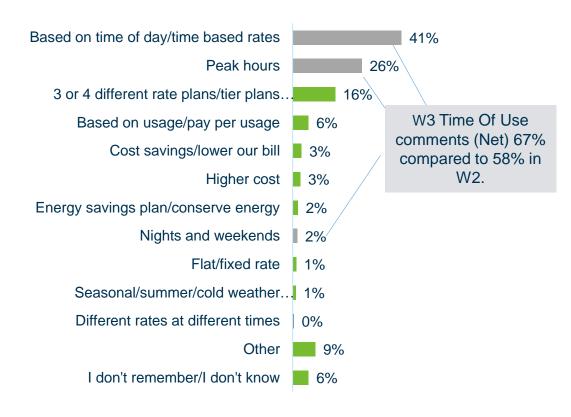
Awareness of New Rate Plans

Approximately 75% of respondents noted awareness of the various rate plan options, with a notable +10% increase in TOU comments observed in W3.

Have Heard About the Rate Plan



Have Heard About the Rate Plan



Base: Missouri respondents W1 n=601; W2 n=604; W3 n=603

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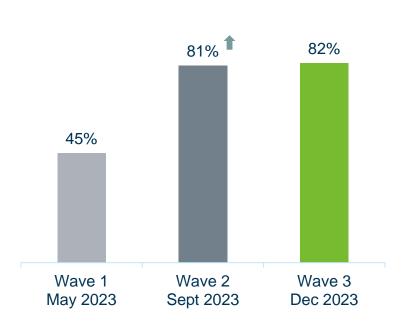
Q12. Today, we are talking about your electricity supplier, Evergy. Have you seen or heard anything recently about Evergy offering new rate plan options to customers? Base: Missouri respondents aware of new rate plan W1 n=146; W2 n=477; W3 n=451



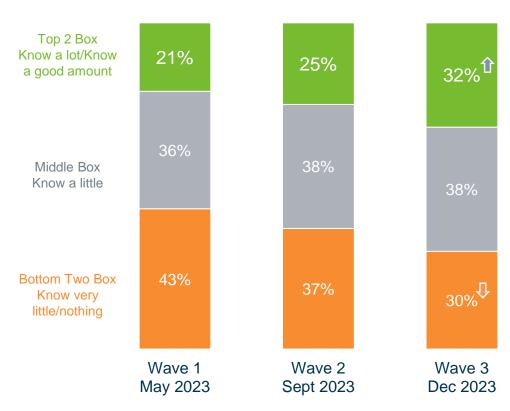
Aided Awareness of Rate Plan Options

Almost double of customers were aware of the different choices by the end of the year.

Aware of Choices of Different Types of Rate Plans



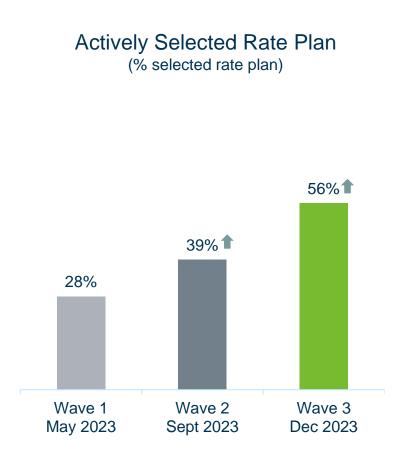
Familiarity with Rate Plans

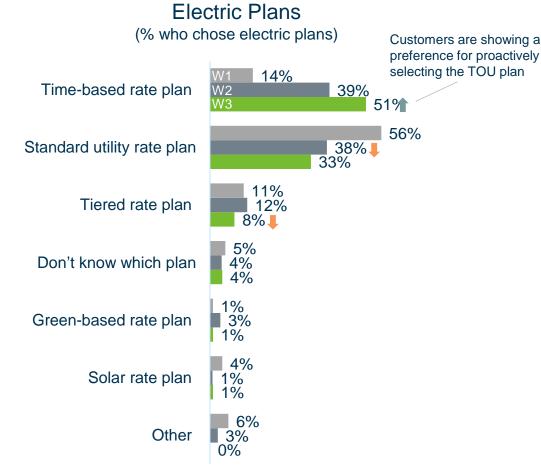




Selection of Rate Plans

A growing number of customers opted for a proactive approach in choosing their rate plans across successive waves.





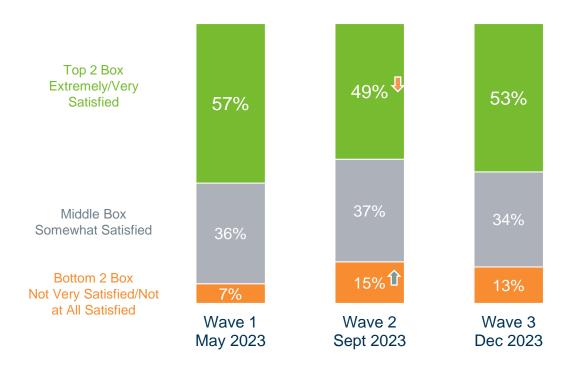
Q17. What electric rate plan did you choose?



Overall Satisfaction With Evergy

Just over half (53%) of customers are satisfied with Evergy. This marks a positive shift from the significant decline seen in Wave 2.

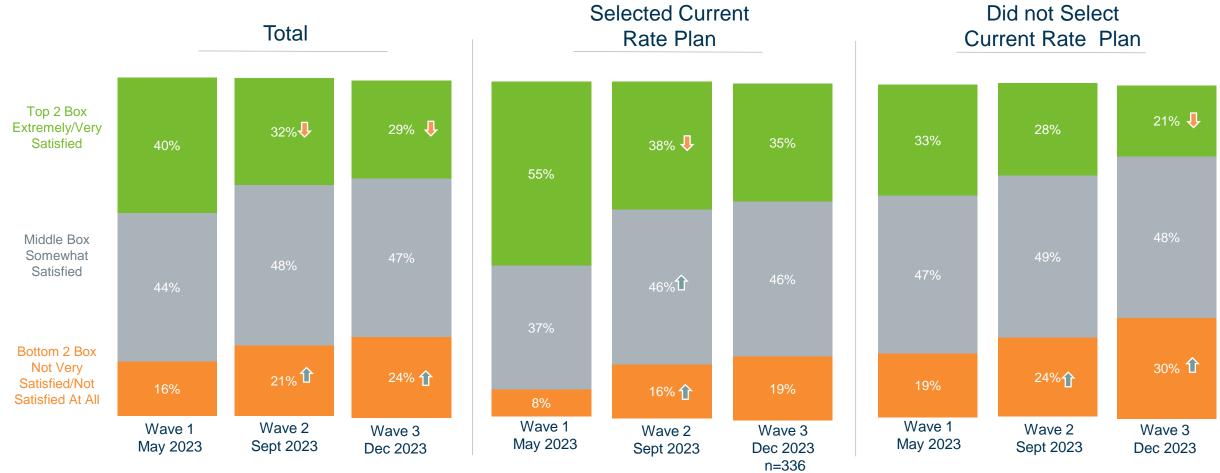






Satisfaction with Current Rate Plan Selection

While there is a general decrease in overall satisfaction, those who proactively selected their plan were more likely to indicate higher satisfaction.



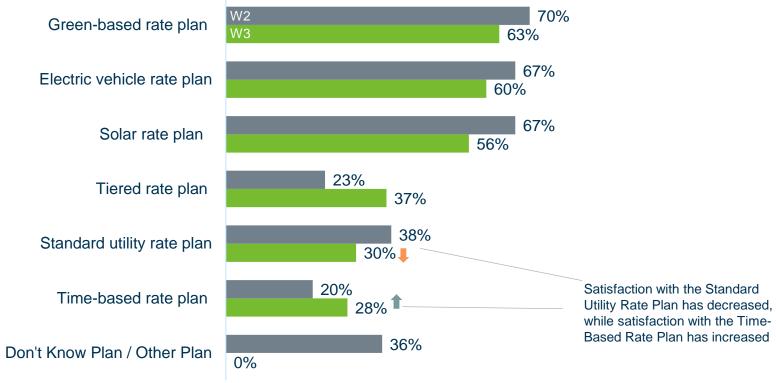


Overall Satisfaction with Evergy Rate Plans

Although representing a smaller demographic, customers enrolled in the green-based, electric vehicle, or solar rate plans consistently exhibit high levels of satisfaction.

Current Electric Plan

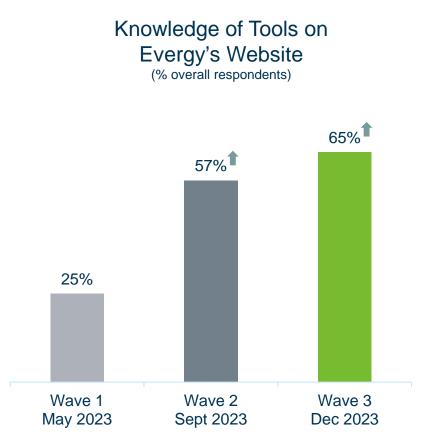
(% who indicated extremely/very satisfied)

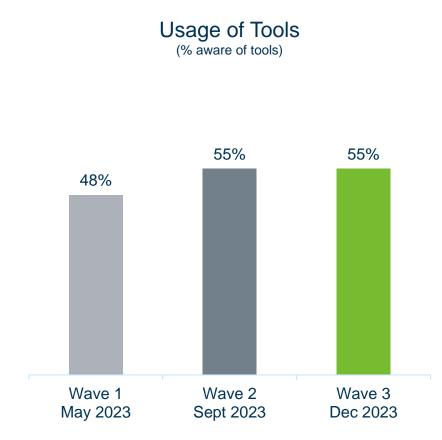




Awareness and Usage of Evergy Tools

A growing number of customers are aware of tools on the website.





Base: Missouri Respondents W1 n=600; W2 n=604; W3 n=603

Q44. Did you know that Evergy is providing tools on their website which you can use to understand your electricity usage to help you choose the Time Of Use rate plan which is best for you? Base: Missouri Respondents aware of website tools W1 n=152; W2 n=347; W3=391

Q45. Have you visited the Evergy website and used any of these tools?



Evergy Brand Evaluation

There has been a notable surge since W2 in brand perceptions relating to, leadership, communications, and resourcefulness.

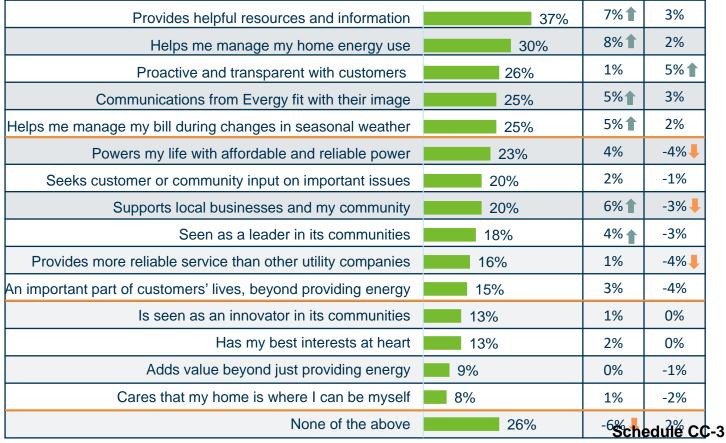
Evergy has increased perceptions in 6 attributes since W1. Evergy is more likely to be seen as:

- Helpful in providing resources and information (+10% since w1), managing home energy use (+10% since w1), and helping customers manage bills during seasonal weather(+7% since w1).
- A supportive leader of local business and the community (+3% since w1), with communications fitting with their image (+8% since w1), and proactive and transparent with customers (+6% since w1).
- There is only one perception significantly lower than in W1: provides more reliable service than other utility companies (-3% since w1).

Statements to Describe Evergy

(% overall respondents)

W3 v W2 W2 v W1



Time of Use Rate Plans

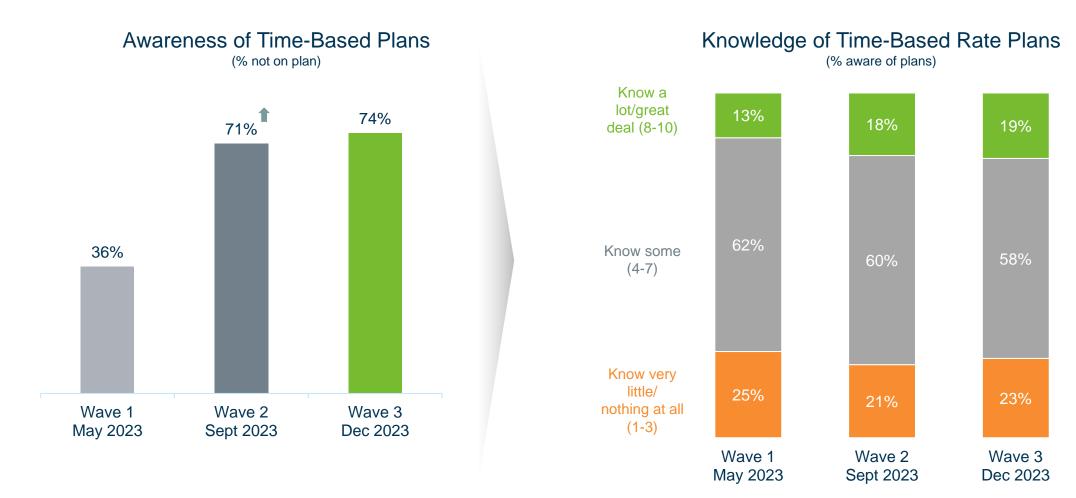
- Awareness
- Understanding of the plan
- Recalled messages
- Plan perceptions
- Interest in the Time of Use Plans





Time of Use Rate Plans

Awareness of the TOU plans has more than doubled since W1.



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Most understand the basic premise of the plan.

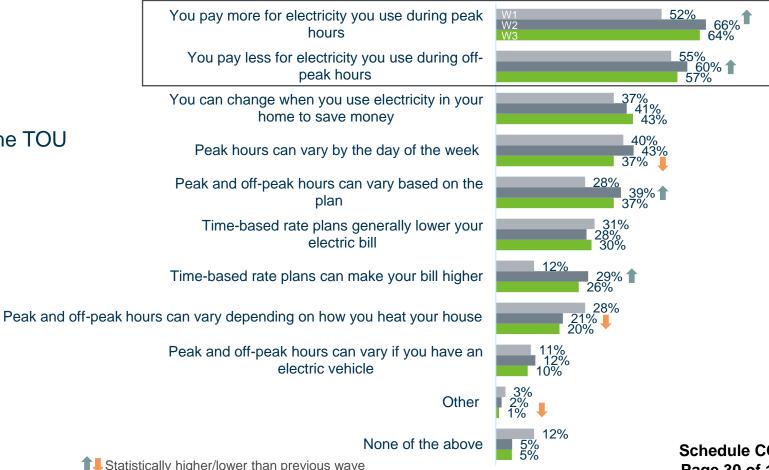
Many understand you pay more for your electricity during peak hours and less off-peak

However, there is room for improvement; less than half believe you can change when you use electricity in your home to save money, 43%.

There remains some division on whether the TOU plan will save money

Around 30% indicated time-based plan would lower your electric bill, while 26% indicated the plan could make your bill higher.

What Customers Believe About the Rate Plans

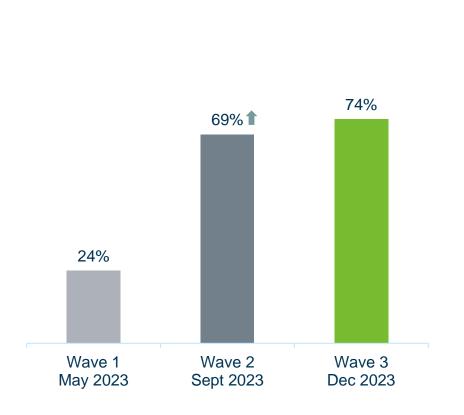




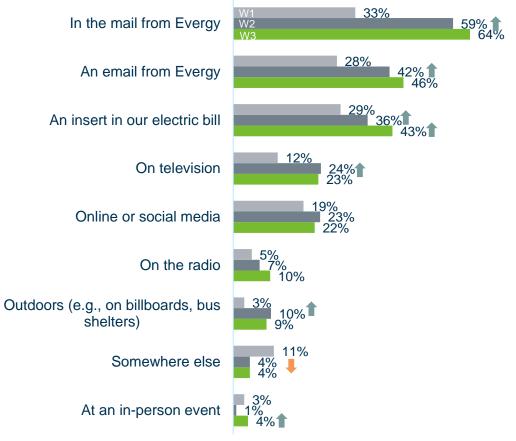
Customer Are Increasingly Informed About the TOU Plans

Communication channels such as mail, emails, and inserts are most effective.

Recall Rate Plan Communications



Where Customers Have Heard Communications

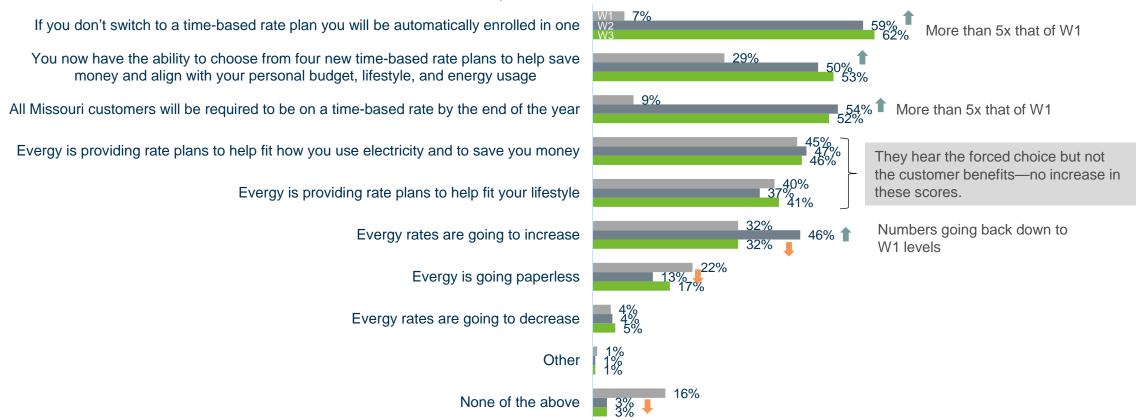




Message Retention

Most customers are aware that if they do not switch, they will be automatically enrolled in a plan, up significantly since W1.

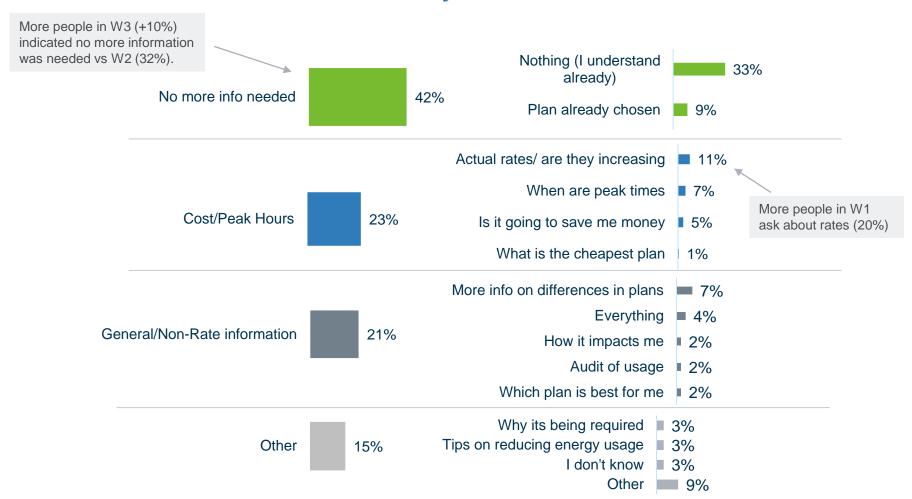
Changes to Electric Services
Respondents Have Heard About





Future Communications Preference

Over half (58%) want more information, although many feel as if they already have the information they need.



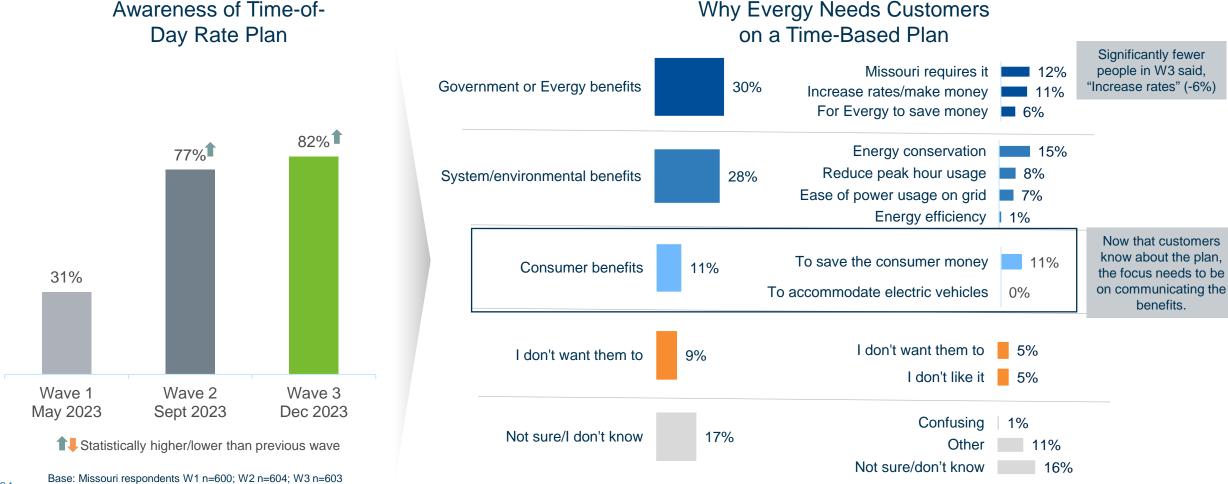
Customer Comments

- "What are the different time frames?"
- "How can I use less energy?"
- "Nothing, I already have one."
- "What is my cheapest route?"
- "Which one is most cost-effective?"
- "What choices are there? Are there options to use energy during the day and not pay so much extra for workfrom-home employees?"
- "Cost differentials, what would it cost the same energy usage on a different plan?"



Awareness Continues to Increase

More believed the benefits of TOU were for the government, Evergy, or the environment and less for the benefits of the consumer.





Perceptions of Why Evergy is Switching to TOU Plans

Several perceptions saw increases in W3.

Why Customers Believe **Evergy** is Switching

Time-based rate plans reduce the load on the energy grid

It will save Evergy money on generation costs

Time-based rate plans are better for Evergy's infrastructure

The Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) is making Evergy do this

It will save Evergy money on maintenance costs

It will save you/customers money on their electric bill

Time-based rate plans give customers more control over their electric bill

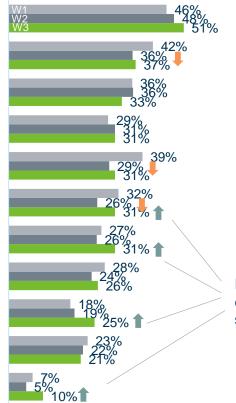
Time-based rate plans are better for the environment

Evergy wants their customers to have options

Time-based rate plans reduce the use of fossil fuels to generate electricity

Customers want time-based rate plans

None of the above



Evergy increases in W3 are related to the customer feeling more positive about Evergy switching.

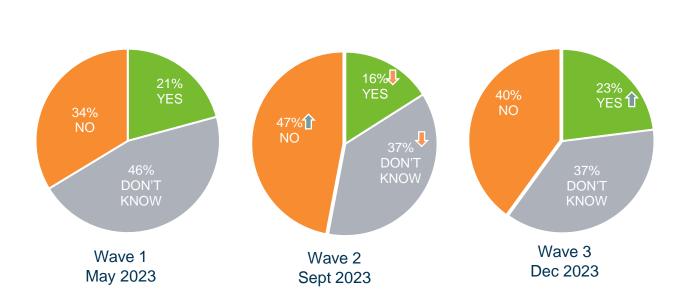


Uncertainty Exists on Money Saving Ability of TOU Plans

However, most customers who believe they will save money, believe they will save more than just a little.

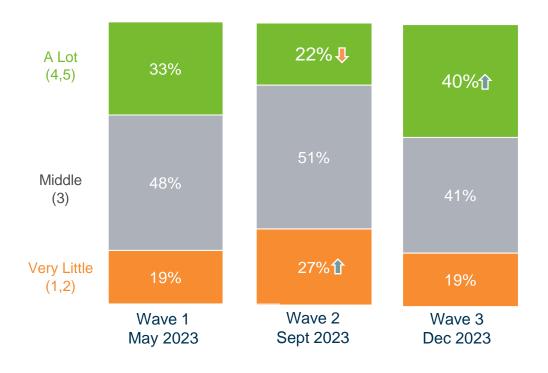
Perception of Saving Money on a Time-of-Use Rate Plan

(% all respondents)



Amount Saved

(% of those who believe it will save money)



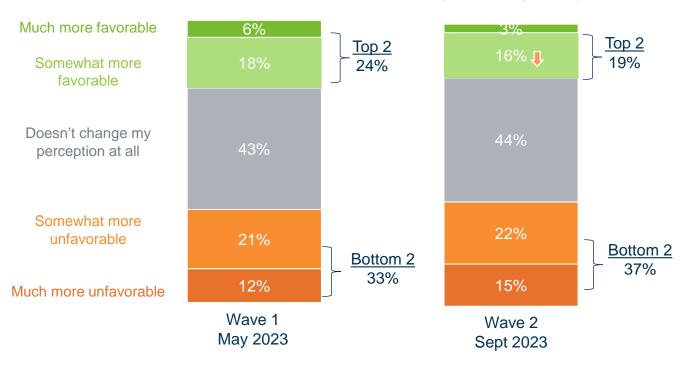


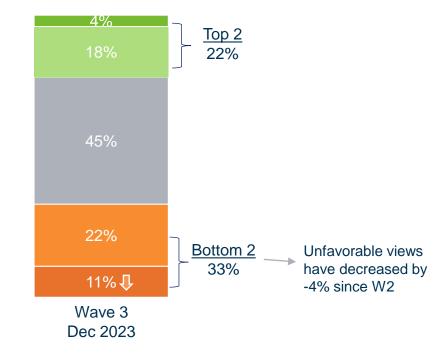
How Evergy Switching to TOU Affects Perceptions

Unfavorable views have decreased since wave 2. The remaining customers are divided.



(% overall respondents)





Research Demographics

- Home Ownership
- Education
- Age
- Gender
- Profession
- Income





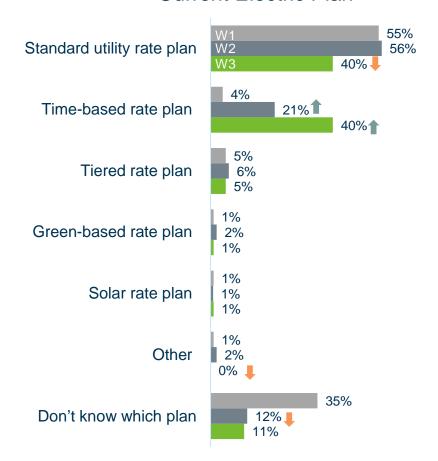
Current Electric Plan (Selectors and Non-Selectors)

The trend of embracing the TOU plan has continued to gain momentum consistently across successive waves.

The likelihood of being on the standard utility rate plan or the time-based rate plan is evening out

The proportion of these customers who did not know their plan dropped significantly from Wave 1. Only 11% indicated they did not know which plan they were on in Wave 2 compared to 35% in Wave 1.

Current Electric Plan



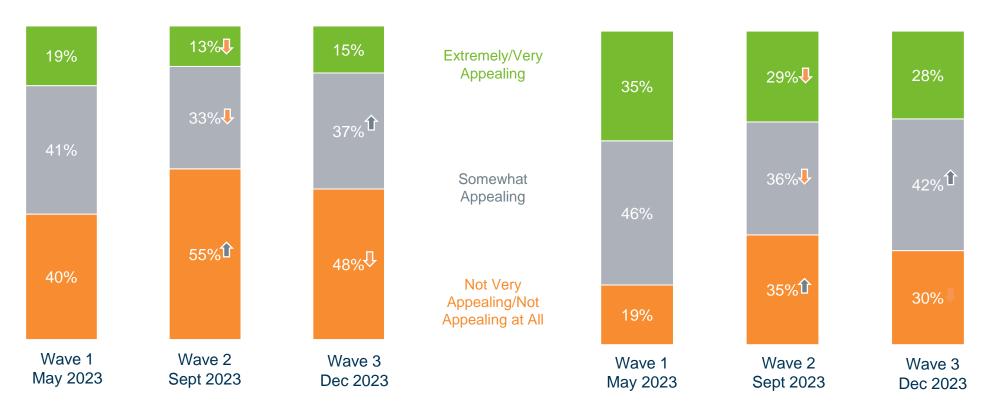


The Overall Appeal of the TOU Plan is split

However, most residents found the ability to choose their rate plan at least somewhat appealing.







Base: Missouri respondents W1 n=604: W2 n=604: W3 n=603

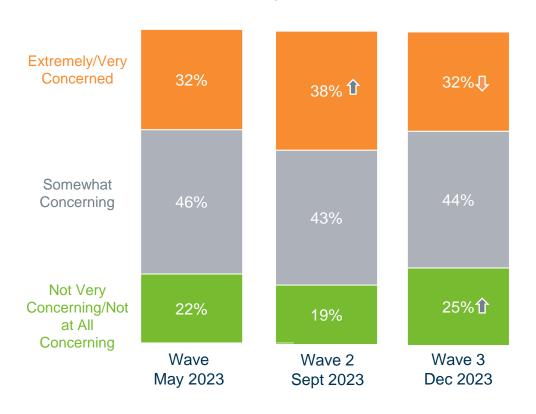
Statistically higher/lower than previous wave



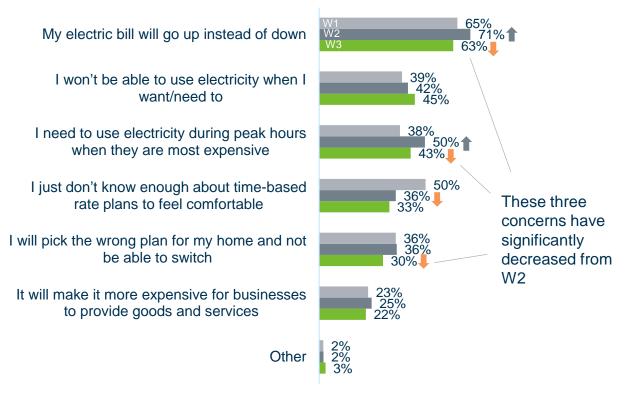
Customers Express Concerns About Switching to TOU

Many customers are concerned about their electric bills rising.

Level of Concern About Moving to New Rate Plan



Concerns Customers Have About Switching Rate Plan





Demographics

	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 3				
Home Ownership							
Rent	41%	36%	37%				
Own	59%	64%	63%				
Education							
Some high school	2%	2%	2%				
High school graduate	23%	20%	21%				
Some college	27%	28%	28%				
Trade or vocational training	8%	6%	7%				
College graduate	26%	30%	30%				
Postgraduate study or degree	14%	14%	13%				
Age							
18-34	23%	22%	21%				
35-44	23%	23%	22%				
45-54	13%	18%	18%				
55-64	17%	18%	19%				
65+	25%	20%	20%				
Gender							
Male	33%	31%	32%				
Female	67%	69%	68%				

	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 3
Profession			
Healthcare/Pharmaceuticals	13%	14%	14%
Education	10%	10%	8%
Retail	11%	8%	7%
Food/Beverages	9%	6%	6%
Transportation/Shipping	7%	4%	5%
Government/Politics	5%	4%	4%
Financial Services/Insurance	6%	4%	4%
Real Estate/Construction	5%	4%	3%
Automotive	5%	3%	3%
Telecommunications	1%	2%	3%
Restaurants	3%	3%	2%
Marketing/Market Research	2%	1%	2%
Utilities	n/a	0%	2%
Advertising/Public Relations	n/a	0%	2%
Beauty/Cosmetics	2%	1%	1%
Entertainment	3%	1%	1%
Travel/Tourism	1%	1%	1%
Media	2%	1%	1%
Energy, Oil or Gas Services	1%	1%	1%
None of these	42%	47%	48%
Income			
Under \$50k	41%	45%	45%
\$50k-74K	23%	20%	22%
\$75k+	31%	33%	32% Pa

Report Appendix



TOU Education and Outreach Campaign Dashboard Measured Date: June – December 2023

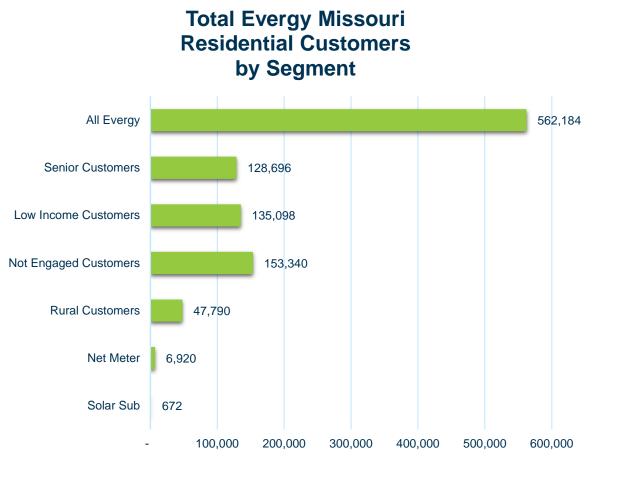
*Most outreach tactics ended in November or December and will not have additional updates moving forward.

Channel Performance							
Tactic	Impressions To Date	Goal #1	Result	Benchmark	Goal #2	Result	Benchmark
Bill Message/Insert	3,502,500	General Awareness	N/A	N/A	URL Visits	24,362	1500 site visits by 10/1
Billboards	179,670,189	General Awareness	N/A	N/A	URL Visits	2,309	1000 site visits by 10/1
Digital Display	11,635,311	Click-Through Rate	0.11%	0.09%	Cost Per Click	\$3.84	\$5.60
Direct Mail	1,960,767	General Awareness	N/A	N/A	URL Visits	46,379	12,000 by 10/1
Email	1,607,124	Open Rate	38.78%	20%	Click Through Rate	11.63%	5%
Events	N/A	# of Events	72	60 events by 12/1	# Customer Reached	8,888	5000 customer by 12/1
Media Relations	217,077,000	Story Sentiment	Neutral: 79.5% Positive: 8% Negative: 12.5%	80% Neutral or Positive	Message Pull Through	239 out of 239	At least 1 key message
Newspaper & Church Ads	501,124	General Awareness	N/A	N/A	URL Visits	1,030	800 site visits by 10/1
Paid Search	127,842	Click-Through Rate	35.14%	28.0%	Cost Per Click	\$0.63	\$1.73
Paid Social	430,638	Click-Through Rate	22.01%	2.59%	Engagement Rate	6.51%	10.3%
Radio & Streaming Audio	7,725,086	General Awareness	N/A	N/A	URL Visits	2,006	500 site visits by 10/1
Digital Video	3,645,637	Video Completion Rate	73.3%	31.0%	Click-Through Rate	0.08%	0.08%
High Impact Display	3,400,276	Click-through Rate	1.131%	1.50%	Engagement Rate	8.73%	10.0%

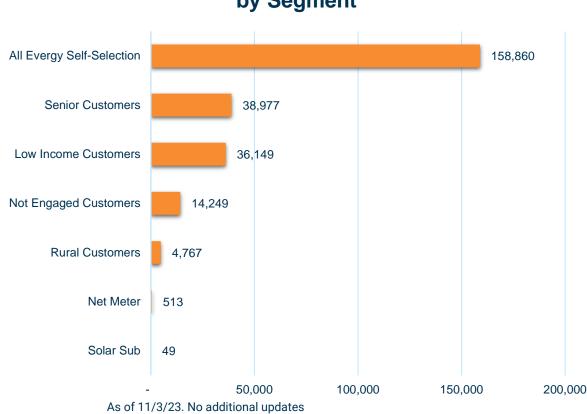


Enrollment Summary by Segments

*No additional updates moving forward as all customers are now moved to TOU.



Missouri Customers Pre-Enrolled in TOU by Segment





^{*} Customers can be in more than one category.

^{**} Evergy uses Acxiom to help determine segment and it is used as a guide and estimate.

^{***} Net Metering and Solar Subscription customers only have one option and are not needing to select a plan

Campaign Strategy, Outreach Examples and Special Customer Group Approach



Communication
Strategy & Special
Group Customer
Details





Goals

- 1. Prepare customers for the upcoming change in rate structures, including the new mandatory rate, and how TOU rates work.
- 2. Offer choice and inform customers of their rate options and the benefits depending on the customer's lifestyle.
- 3. Provide customers with tools, resources, and reports that serve to help them understand TOU rates and options, empower them to choose their rate, and provide guidance to modify their behaviors so that they can mitigate usage and bill impact to increase their success on a TOU rate.
- 4. Help all customers (and with increased emphasis on special customer groups) be successful before, during and after the mandatory TOU rate transition and/or enrollment on their selected TOU rate option.



Education and Awareness Strategy

Strategy Overview: Use a phased approach, that incorporates both mass awareness and direct marketing tactics, to move a customer from **awareness** to **action** and then finally to **transition** and **success**.

Campaign Phase	Objective	Message Idea	Tactic Type
Phase 1 Awareness & Education June 15 th – Nov. 30 th , 2023	Inform customers that Missouri is changing rate structures soon and educate them on how TOU rates work.	Missouri will be changing electric rate structures starting this Fall. Learn how to prepare.	Mass Awareness
Phase 2 Action & Preparation Aug. 1 st - Nov. 30 th , 2023	Prepare customers for the upcoming change, inform them of their rate options & how they work, and encourage pre-selection of a rate.	As Missouri moves to TOU rates, Evergy is offering new personal power plans. Learn about your plan options and select a plan before October.	Mass Awareness and Direct
Phase 3 Transition & Coaching Oct. 1 st – Dec. 31 st , 2023	Ensure customers know they will be defaulted into a new rate and provide coaching to help them be successful on the new plan.	Your rate will change on X date. We are here to support your transition to TOU.	Direct
Phase 4 Success & Coaching Jan. 1 st – April 30 th , 2024	Success & Coaching and encourage shifting usage to off-peak times. Peak times. Here are tips and tricks to help you save.		Direct
Phase 5 Summer Prep & Coaching May 1 st – Sept. 30 th , 2024	Prepare customers for the change in summer pricing and provide tools, tips, and resources to avoid summer peak usage.	Prices change in the summer, start preparing your home and family to avoid high usage during the summer.	Mass Awareness and Direct



Mid-June July Aug. Sept. Oct Nov. Dec.

Phase 1: Awareness & Education

June 15th - Nov. 30th

Phase Objective

Inform customers that Missouri is changing rate structures soon and educate them on how TOU rates work.

Main Message Idea

Missouri will be changing electric rate structures starting this Fall. Learn how to prepare.

Tactics

Out-of-Home, Social, Digital Display, Email, Bill Inserts/Message, Website, Media Relations, Search

Creative Approach

Text over branded background. CTA: Learn more at evergy.com

Phase 2: Action & Preparation

Aug. 1^{st} – Nov. 30^{th}

Phase Objective

Prepare customers for the upcoming change, inform them of their rate options & how they work, and encourage pre-selection of a rate.

Main Message Idea

As Missouri moves to TOU rates, Evergy is offering new personal power plans. Learn about your options & select a plan before Oct.

Tactics

Out-of-Home, Radio, Digital Display, Search, Social, Media Relations, Rate Education Reports, Direct Mail, Community Events & Special Group* 1:1 Support, Website

Creative Approach

Addition of lifestyle images and rate plan creative. CTA: select your rate now.

Phase 3: Transition & Coaching

Oct. 1st - Dec. 31st

Phase Objective

Ensure customers know they will be defaulted into a new rate and provide coaching to help them be successful on the new plan.

Main Message Idea

Your rate will change on X date. We are here to support your transition to TOU.

Tactics

Direct Mail, Email, Energy Coach Emails and Weekly Reports, Community Events & Special Group* 1:1 Support

Creative Approach

Energy Coach and detailed plan information.

Q1 2024

Q2 2024

Q3 2024

Q4 2024

Phase 4: Success & Coaching

Jan. 1st - April 30th, 2024

Phase Objective

Help customers understand how their rate works and encourage shifting usage to off-peak times.

Main Message Idea

Your new rate allows you to save money by shifting to off-peak times. Here are tips and tricks to help you save.

Tactics

Email, Direct Mail, Bill Inserts, Search, Digital, Energy Coach Emails, Rate Education Report, Special Group* 1:1 Support

Phase 5: Summer Prep & Coaching

May 1st – Sept. 30th, 2024

Phase Objective

Prepare customers for the change in summer pricing and provide tools, tips, and resources to avoid summer peak usage.

Main Message Idea

Prices change in the summer, start preparing your home and family to avoid high usage during the summer peak.

Tactics

Out-of-Home, Radio, Social, Email, Bill inserts, Direct Mail, Special Group* 1:1 Support

Messaging Strategy

Overarching Campaign Message

Missouri is changing electric rate structures this Fall, and Evergy is here to help you understand your new rate options, how to pick a plan that is best for your home, and how to be successful on the new plan as the seasons change. This means that Missouri customers will have a choice of electric rate plans that fit their household. The new rate plans will help you save money when using less energy during peak times, when people use it most.

Sub Message by Campaign Phase

Phase 1

Missouri will be changing electric rate structures starting this Fall. Learn how to prepare and review your new plan options.

Phase 2

Evergy is offering new rate plans to help you save money by using less energy during peak times, when people use it most. Learn which plan may be best for you and select an option by October 2023.

Phase 3

Your new rate plan will start in October/November. You can save money on your new rate plan by shifting usage away from peak hours of 4-8pm, learn how.

Phase 4 & 5

As the seasons change, Evergy will support you with customized rate education and usage reports to help you maximize savings with on your new time-based rate plan.





	Phase 1 Phase 2		Phase 3	Phase 4 & 5
Objective	Inform customers that Missouri is changing rate structures soon and educate them on how TOU rates work.	Prepare customers for the upcoming change, inform them of their rate options & how they work, and encourage pre-selection of a rate.	Ensure customers know they will be defaulted into a new rate and provide coaching to help them be successful on the new plan.	Prepare customers for behaviors needed to lessen impact of high usage season.
Primary Message	Missouri is moving to time-based rate plans this Fall.	We have 4 new time-based rate plan options. Select your plan before October.	Your energy rate plan is changing to the {Rate Plan Name}. Evergy is here to help during the transition.	We are heading into high energy use season and we want to make sure you are managing your new rate plan during seasonal changes.
Supporting Message	Timing plays a crucial role in the cost of energy. That is why Missouri is moving to time-based rate plans. As the demand for energy rises, so does the cost of producing electricity. This usually takes place during the busy peak hours of 4-8pm. Conversely, the demand for energy decreases during off-peak times, typically in the early morning and overnight, resulting in lower energy costs.	Missouri is changing how electric rate plans work this Fall, so Evergy has introduced four new rate plan options to fit your household needs. To help you choose the best option for you, we have developed new tools that analyze your energy usage and determine the plan that offers the greatest savings. Every household is different, so your savings will depend on how much energy you're able to shift to times when the demand is lower and energy is cheaper. If you don't want to make a choice by October, you'll be moved to the Standard Peak Saver plan. Timing plays a crucial role in the cost of energy, which is why Missouri is moving to time-based rate plans. As the demand for energy rises, so does the cost of producing electricity. This usually takes place during the busy peak hours of 4-8pm. Conversely, during off-peak times, typically in the early morning and overnight, the demand for energy decreases, resulting in lower energy costs. According to our analysis, the time-based rate plan offers a modest cost reduction for the majority of customers, with savings varying depending on the season.	Since you have transitioned to a time-based energy rate plan, it is important to minimize significant energy usage between 4-8pm. During this period, we recommend reducing use of high-energy appliances or activities that consume a substantial amount of electricity. By avoiding peak hours, you can reduce your energy usage and benefit from lower costs. As the demand for energy rises, so does the cost of producing electricity. This usually takes place during the busy peak hours of 4-8pm. Conversely, during off-peak times, typically in the early morning and overnight, the demand for energy decreases, resulting in lower energy costs. According to our analysis, the time-based rate plan offers a modest cost reduction for the majority of customers, with savings varying depending on the season.	TBD
СТА	Learn about the changes coming to your rate plan	Learn about Evergy's new Personal Power plans and choose the one that fits your household	Learn about your new Personal Power plan and how to save energy and save money	TBD



Helping Groups At-Risk with New Rates

Income-Eligible & Seniors

Strategy: Leverage community events and trusted agency partners to offer more educational opportunities.

Electric Heat Customers

Strategy: Increase customer engagement with TOU plans through targeted direct mail, email, and trade ally network efforts.



Strategy: Proactively inform these customer they are moving into the Default Time Based Plan and educate on how the rate works.







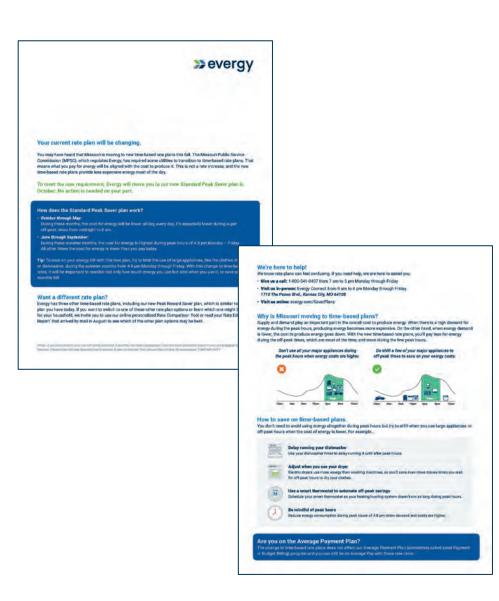


Income-Eligible and Seniors

Strategy: Enhance TOU engagements by leveraging community events and collaborating with trusted agency partners to offer more touchpoint and educational opportunities.

Special Support Tactics:

- Conduct training workshops for agency partners to enhance their knowledge and ability to promote our services.
- Develop a bilingual handout and video on Time-of-Use (TOU) plans in Spanish to facilitate customer understanding and engagement.
- Participate in over 70 community events from June to October to create awareness about our services and engage with potential customers.
- Organize Connect Center events to offer in-person assistance and support to customers.
- Increase the frequency of email and direct mail campaigns to better inform and engage customers about our services.
- Offer both in-person and virtual appointments to provide more convenient options for customers to learn about and sign up for our services.
- Targeted paid media tactics to provide additional touchpoints.
- Specialized TOU support number highlighted on education material.
- Food bank and Library outreach events and materials







Income-Eligible and Senior Outreach Events

Agency Partner Webinars	
Agency Partner Webinar 7.13	7/13/2023
Agency Partner Webinar 8.15	8/15/2023
Agency Partner Webinar 9.21	9/21/2023
LIHEAP Events @ Connect	
July	7/18/2023
September	9/12/2023
Community Events	
Marlborough Community Coalition	
Heartland Renewable Energy Society	9/19/2023
Columbus Park	9/20/2023
Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council	8/17/2023
Urban Summit	9/22/23
Nevada Resource Fair	8/1/2023
Platte County BTS	8/3/2023
Belton HS BTS	8/8/2023
BTS Fair @ West Bluff HAKC	8/9/2023
BTS Fair @ Riverview HAKC	8/9/2023
Back to School Fair - CSL	8/10/2023
Back to School Fair - Mattie Rhodes	8/10/2023
BTS Rally - VTCLC	8/11/2023
Oak Grove Project Connect	8/14/2023
KC Connect - LIHEAP	8/15/2023
Oak Grove BTS	8/16/2023
Community LINC BTS Fair	8/17/2023
BTS Fair @ KC Public Library NE Branch	8/19/2023
Ruskin High School BTS	8/20/2023
KC Connect - LIHEAP	8/22/2023
NKC YMCA Head Start BTS	8/23/2023
Community Resource Day w/Front Porch Alliance	8/25/2023
	9/5/2023

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Greg Klice Community Center	9/6/2023		
Liberty at Shoal Creek-Senior Living	9/7/2023		
Palestine Gardens North	9/8/2023		
Prairie Estates Senior Living	9/11/2023		
LIHEAP Event at Connect	9/12/2023		
LIHEAP Event at Connect-overflow	9/13/2023		
Key Coalition Neighborhood Assoc	9/16/2023		
Hillside Christian Church	9/19/2023		
Columbus Park Neighborhood Assoc	9/20/2023		
Phoenix Family	9/20/2023		
Oak Grove Manor Apts	9/21/2023		
Lions Club-Belton	9/21/2023		
Warrensburg Trails Regional Library	9/22/2023		
Northland Shepherd's Center	9/25/2023		
Tri-Blenheim Neighborhood Assoc	9/25/2023		
KC Landlords	9/26/2023		
Summit Grove Senior Center	9/27/2023		
KC Public Library – SE Branch	9/9/2023		
5th District Community Meeting	10/2/2023		
Foxwood Springs Senior Living	10/3/2023		
Possibly Cass County Public Library- Belton	10/3/2023		
Palenstine Gardens North	10/4/2023		
MCPL Antioch Branch	10/4/2023		
Tarkio Senior Center	10/10/2023		
Guadalupe Center (Spanish)	10/11/2023		
Kansas City Federation of Teachers	10/12/2023		
Posada del Sol (Spanish)	10/12/2023		
Redemptorist (Spanish)	10/12/2023		
3 rd District Community Meeting	10/17/2023		
KC Public Library - Plaza Branch	10/17/2023		
Liberty Community Center/Senior	10/18/2023		
Southern communities Coalition	10/18/2023		
Don Bosco Senior Center	10/19/2023		
(seniors) - Vine Street Manor	10/23/2023		
(seniors) - The Woodlands at Citadel	10/24/2023		
(seniors) - Destiny Towers	10/25/2023		
(seniors) - Prairie Estates	10/26/2023		

NLBM Trunk or Treat	10/27/2023
Energy Supplier Diversity Summit	11/1/2023
Calvary Chapel	11/03/2023
16th Annual Urban Summit Conference	11/04/2023
Central Presbyterian Church	11/6/2023
Villas Of Autumn Bend Low Income Housing	11/7/2023
KC Public Library - SE Branch	11/8/2023
Richardson Elementary	11/9/2023
Impact MO- KCPS	11/14/2023
MEEAC Low Income Working Group	11/14/2023
Raytown Christian Church (Shephard Center of Raytown)	11/15/2023
Dept of Social Services – Raytown	11/16/2023
6th District Council Community Meeting	11/28/2023
Trails Regional Library – Concordia	11/30/2023
Coats & Cocoa Event w/KCPD South Patrol	12/7/2023
HCC Network Social Services Meeting	12/12/2023
Dept of Social Services – Downtown	12/13/2023

So far, we have attended 70 outreach events and reached over 9,000 customers. Evergy's customer affairs team continues to attend outreach events though out the year to discuss assistance and other billing, TOU and energy efficiency topics. We are no longer hosting separate TOU events in 2024.





Food Pantries & Library - TOU Handout Distribution

Library Locations

Food Pantry Locations Catholic Charities (7 locations) Metro Lutheran Ministries Jewish Family Services Community Services League (3 locations) Bishop Sullivan Center Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy West Central Community Action Agency Central Presbyterian Church Calvary Chapel Church of God In Christ Open Door Services Center Redemptorist Center Second Harvest Community Food Bank Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Central Presbyterian Church Calvary Chapel Church of God in Christ First Baptist Church Blue Springs Coldwater of Lees Summit

Second Harvest Community Food Bank

Library Locations
Mid-Continent Public Library - Antioch Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Blue Ridge Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Blue Springs North Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Blue Springs South Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Buckner Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Camden Point Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - ClayComo Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Colbern Road Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Dearborn Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - East Lee's Summit Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Edgerton Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Excelsiors Spring Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Fairview Neighborhood Library Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Grandview Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Greenhills Library Center
Mid-Continent Public Library - Lee's Summit Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Lone Jack Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - North Oak Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library - Parkville Branch

Library Locations				
Mid-Continent Public Library - Platte City Branch				
Mid-Continent Public Library - Raytown Branch				
Mid-Continent Public Library - Red Bridge Branch				
Mid-Continent Public Library - Riverside Branch				
Mid-Continent Public Library - Smithville Branch				
Mid-Continent Public Library - Weston Branch				
Mid-Continent Public Library - Withers Branch				
Mid-Continent Public Library - Woodneath Library Center				
KC Public Library - Central Library Branch				
St. Joseph Downtown Library				
Rock Port Library				
Mound City Library				
Oregon Public Library				
Cass County Public Library				
Cass County Public Library Northern Resource Center				
Cass County Public Library Pleasant Hill Branch				
The Henry County Library				
Trails Regional Library Hold				
Butler Public Library				





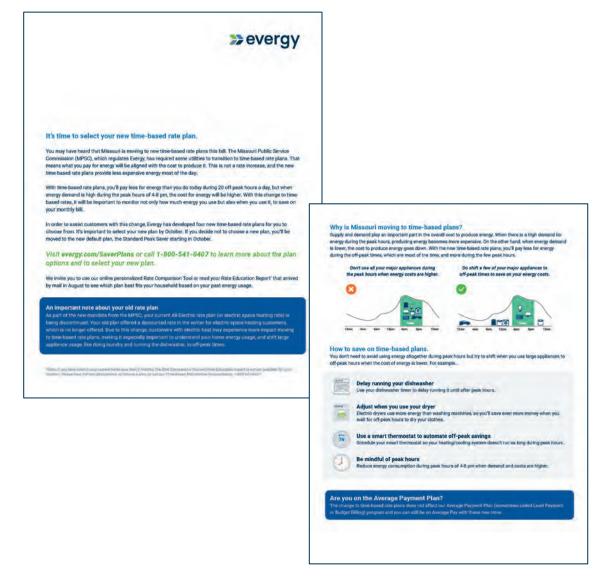
Electric Heat Customers

Strategy:

Increase customer engagement with TOU plans through targeted direct mail, email, and trade ally network efforts, emphasizing the best available rates and winter savings tips.

Special Support Tactics:

- Conducted a workshop with trade allies in May to educate them about the change with Electric Heat Rate.
- Will send an additional Rate Education Reports (RER) for customers who are not on the best plan.
- Increase direct mail and email campaigns to electric heat rate customers.
- Provide winter heating coaching support as part of Phase 4, to assist customers in maximizing their savings during the winter season.







Net-Meter & Solar Subscription Customers

Strategy:

Proactively informed net-meter customers of the change in their rate to the Peak Reward Saver plan and provided them with comprehensive information on how the rate works.

Special Support Tactics:

- Sent a direct mail letter to all net-meter customers, providing them with clear and concise information about the upcoming change in their rate and how it will impact them.
- Followed up with multiple email touchpoints to remind and update customers about the rate change, and to offer additional support and assistance as needed.
- Provided specialized TOU support number for netmeter customers to provide assistance and answer any questions.







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It's time to pick your new time-based rate plan.

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your household? We have a tool for that!

Visit evergy.com/TimePlans

Example of Special Group Customer Outreach Journey



Early August - Postcard



A note about electric heating

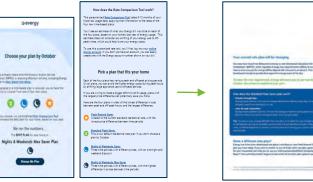




Introducing: Your New Rate Plans How do I change my plan?



Early August - General Email



Early September - General Email

Mid-August - Personalized Rate Education Report Letter and Email

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Mid-August - Special Group Customized Email



Mid-September – Special Group Customized Letter

Mid-September - Special Group Customized Email



Early October - Letter and Email



Early November - Mailed Welcome Kit

Other Items:

- Monthly Bill Inserts
- Community Events
- Connect Visits and Events
- **Agency Webinars**
- Videos
- Continue outreach in Winter 2023 and 2024





2023 Tactics and Audience Summary

Channel				Hard-to-Reach				
	General Audience	Low Income	Seniors	Rural	Non-Digital	Less Energy Engaged	Electric Heat Customers	Net-Meter Customers
Paid								
Out-of-Home								
Traditional Billboards	X							
Posters	X	X		X	X	X		
Print								
Newspapers	X			X	X			
Church Bulletins	X		X	X	X			
Audio								
Non-Metro Radio	X		X	X	X			
Streaming Audio	X	X				X		
Digital & Social								
Programmatic Display	X	X				X		
High Impact Display	X	X				X		
Digital Video	X	X				X		
Social Video	X			X		X		
Social Image	X			X		X		
Paid Search	X	X		X		X		
Earned								
Media Outreach	X		Х	Х	Х	X		
Community Events	X	Х	Х	Х	X	Х		
Connect Center	X	Х	Х		Х			
Shared								
Video	Х	Х						
Organic Social	X			x				
Owned								
Email	Х	Х		х			Х	x
Website	X	X						X
Rate Education Reports	X			x	X	Х	X	
Direct Mail	X	Х	х	x	Х		Х	Schedule CC-3
Bill Message and Inserts	Х	Х		х	Х			Page 60 of 143



Campaign Goals and Measurement Plan

Goals

Customer Awareness

Channel Performance

- Prepare customers for the upcoming change in rate structures, including the new mandatory rate, and how TOU rates work.
- Offer choice and inform customers of their rate options and the benefits depending on the customer's lifestyle.
- Provide customers with tools, resources, and reports that serve to help them understand TOU rates and options, empower them to choose their rate, and provide guidance to modify their behaviors so that they can mitigate usage and bill impact to increase their success on a TOU rate.
- Help all customers (and with increased emphasis on special customer groups) be successful before, during and after the mandatory TOU rate transition and/or enrollment on their selected TOU rate option.

Measurement

Awareness & **Understanding Study**

Baselined after May pre-campaign study

Self-Selection into Rate

Customers who have preselected a TOU option

Business Impacts Monitoring

Customer Feedback

Monitor customer calls, emails and web form feedback

Paid

Overall impressions, click-through rate, bounce rate and page views based on benchmarks per channel.

Earned

Message recall and story sentiment.

Shared

Overall impressions, click-through rate, cost-per-click and landing page views based on benchmarks.

Owned

Open rates, landing page views and bounce rates.

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Customers enrolled in Average Payment Plan

 Evergy has worked to add information about the Average Payment Plan onto outbound communications, like letters, postcards and emails and on Evergy.com TOU landing page.

on the next business day. Depending on where you are at in your billing cycle when your rate change becomes effective, you will either receive a final, separate bill for charges on your current rate plan or for the charges incurred up to the point of billing on your new rate plan. If you are enrolled in the Average Payment Plan, changing your rate will unenroll you from that plan. If you have an Average Payment Plan balance, that amount will be added to the final balance due for your current rate plan. Once your rate is changed, you will have the ontion to re-enroll in Average Payment Plan. All subsequent

By submitting, you authorize Evergy to change your rate plan. Your new rate plan will become effective

You may change your rate to another available rate option at any time, but we recommend staying on a plan for 3 months to understand usage patterns and determine impact. Changing your rate plan does

bills will include charges on your new rate plan. There will be no interruption in your electric service

Your current rate plan will be changing in October.

You may have heard that Missouri is moving to new time-based rate plans this fall. The Missouri Public Service Commission, which regulates Evergy, has required some utilities to transition to timebased rate plans. That means what you pay for energy will be aligned with the cost to produce it. This is not a rate increase, and the new time-based rate plans provide less expensive energy most of the day.

Why is Missouri moving to time-based plans?

When there is a high demand for energy during peak hours, producing energy becomes more expensive. On the other hand, when energy demand is lower, the cost to produce energy goes down. With the new time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy during the off-peak times, which are most of the time, and more during the few peak hours.

Shift a few of your major appliances, like the dishwasher or dryer. to off-peak times to save on your energy costs. It's ok to use appliances that use less energy, like lights and computers.



How to save on time-based plans.

You don't need to avoid using energy altogether during peak hours but try to shift when you use large appliances to offpeak hours when the cost of energy is lower. For example...

Delay running your dishwasher

Use your dishwasher timer to delay running it until after peak hours.



Adjust when you use your dryer

Electric dryers use more energy than washing machines, so you'll save even more money when you wait for off-peak hours to dry your clothes.



Use a smart thermostat to automate off-peak savings

Schedule your smart thermostat so your heating/ cooling system doesn't run as long during peak hours.



Be mindful of peak hours

Reduce energy consumption during peak hours of 4-8 pm when demand and costs are higher

Are you on the Average Payment Plan?

The change to time-based rate plans does not affect our Average Payment Plan program (sometimes called Level Payment or Budget Billing) and you can still be on Average Pay with these new rates.

Be mindful of peak and off-peak hours Energy costs are higher during peak hours of 4-8 pm, and off-

STEP ONE:

Demand for energy is lower Demand for energy is highe during these times, so you're during these few hours, so charged less. Off-peak times energy costs more during vary by plan but are typically peak hours. Peak hours ar late at night and in the early 4-8 nm and vary by day and

> Get your plan's peak and off-peak times at evergy.com/SaverPlans

STEP THREE:

Optimize when you use your large appliances You don't need to avoid using energy altogether during peak hours but try to shift when you use large appliances to off-peak times.

STEP TWO:



Energy Engagement Portal With our weekly Rate MyAccount portal you can see Coach emails, you'll ge your usage patterns broken dow by hour, helping identify when an email every weel that breaks down your you're using the most energy. weekly energy usage by each hour of the day helping you to see when

you're using energy and how to save money.

Use our Evergy energy engagement tools

High Bill Alerts When you enroll in ou High Bill Alert emails you'll receive a notice

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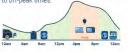
normal bill.

Use our online rate compare tool to see which time-based rate plan

Average Payment Plan this program averages your bills each month to help keep payments level throughout the year

Be mindful of peak and off-peak hours

You don't need to avoid using energy altogether during peak hours but try to shift when you use large appliances to off-peak times







Optimize when you use your large appliances

Reduce large appliance use during peak hours of 4-8 pm.





Adjust your thermostat Shift when you use Set your EV or other appliances to avoid peak hours your clothes dryer

Here to help you with time-based

Evergy has personalized tools to help you find ways to shift some of your energy usage manage costs, or choose another rate plan option that best fits your household.

→ Our Average Payment Plan budget billing) averages your bills each month to help keep payments level and consistent throughout

→ With our weekly Rate Coach Emails, you'll get an email every week that breaks down vour weekly energy usage by each hour of the day. Not receiving these emails? Sign up online or give us a call.

→ Use our online Rate Compare Tool to see which time-based rate plan is best for you. Check back to see if a different rate may be best for you as your energy usage changes.

Depending on where you are at in your billing cycle when your rate change becomes effective, you will either receive a final, separate bill for changes on your current rate plan or you will receive a bill with both your final changes on your current rate plan and a prorated amount do for the changes incurred up to the point of billing on your new rate plan. A subsequent tills will include changes on your new rate plan. Your All rate plans start with the Budget Billing feature turned off. You can turn on Budget Billing in your preferences after your new rate plan ou have a Budget Billing account balance of \$210.05. This amount will be added to the final bill for your current rate plan. This balance is n estimate and may vary slightly at the time of billing. Standard Plan Time of tice Plan **Effective Date** ise <u>Energy Analyzer</u> to manage your energy usage, find energy saving tips and more.





Modifications Based on Customer Feedback

- Average Payment Plan (APP) Information: Evergy added information about APP on most TOU materials to help clarify that customers could still stay on their APP.
- Finding Monthly Breakdown Estimates: Updated Compare My Rate tool to make it easier to find estimated cost breakdown by month.
- Additional Graphics: Evergy worked to add more charts and graphics to help explain both the rate plans and how TOU works.
- Rate Descriptions: Added subheads under each plan name to give more details about the plan.
- Additional Rate Plan Differences: Due to the similar nature of many of the plans, Evergy provided additional descriptions of differences between plans to help customers make a selection.
- Additional Spanish Resources: Added a Spanish contractor to help with outreach events and translations to Spanish speaking groups and communities. Created Spanish video.

Copies of Customer Communications





Phase 1 – Awareness Tactics

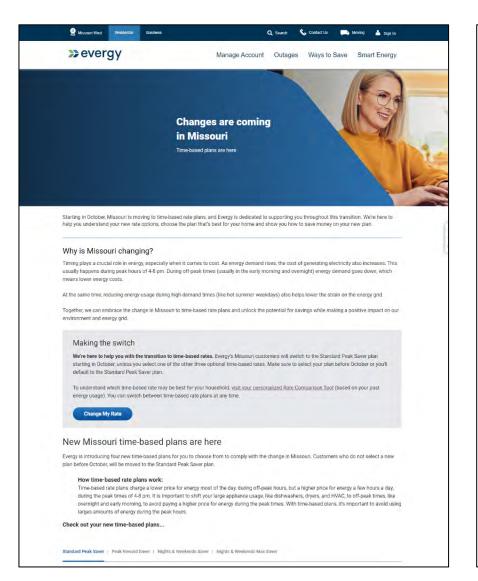
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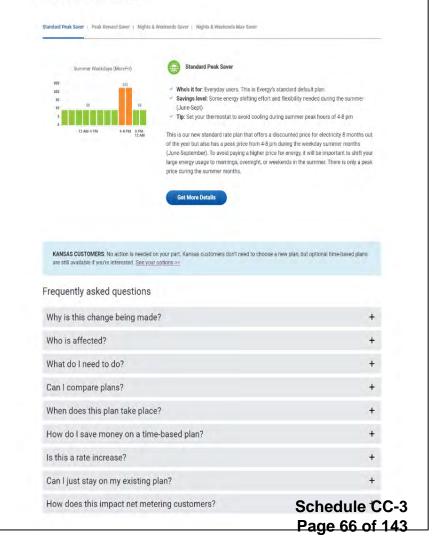
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Campaign Website Landing Page

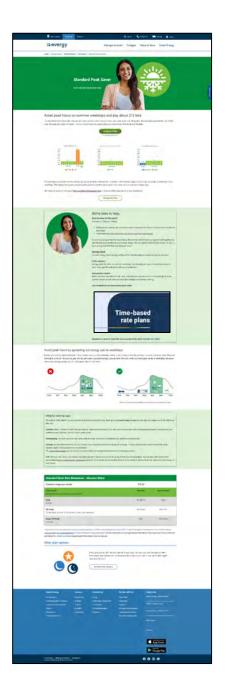
Audience: Mo Residential customers
Launched Date: June 2023





Check out your new time-based plans..

Plan Webpages









Out of Home - Billboard

Audience: Mo Residential customers Date: June-October 2023

Missouri is moving to time-based rate plans this fall.

Learn more at evergy.com/NewPlans

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Digital Banner Ads

Awareness Ad









Audience: Missouri Residential

customers

Send Date: June-October 2023

Print Advertising

Missouri Newspapers and Select Church bulletins Send Date: July 2023

Newspaper Print Ad

Church Bulletin Ads

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Missouri is moving to time-based rate plans this fall.

Pick your new plan by October at evergy.com/PickPlan



Place-Based Out of Home

(Located in places like grocery stores, laundromats, hair solans)

Audience: Mo Residential Customers Send Date: July - September 2023

Take-One Brochure

In-Store Banner/Sign

Missouri is moving to time-based electric rate plans this fall.

Missouri customers will have a choice of **four new rate plan options**. Evergy is here to help you understand your options and choose the rate plan that best fits your household.

Pick your new plan by October and learn more at evergy.com/Time

Why is Missouri changing to time-based rates?

Timing is everything when it comes to energy costs. Time-based rates match the cost you pay with the actual cost to produce energy. With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy during off-peak times, when demand for energy is lower, and more for energy used during the peak hours of 4-8 pm.







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Paid Social Posts



Audience: Mo Residential customers

Send Date: June-July 2023

Billing Communication

July Bill Insert

Missouri is moving to time-based rate plans this fall.

This summer we will provide you with additional details about the change and how to pick an Evergy time-based rate plan that best fits your household. Watch for more information by mail and email soon.

Learn more at evergy.com/TimePlans



Why is Missouri changing to time-based rates?

Timing is everything when it comes to energy costs. By switching to time-based rates, Missouri is working to match the cost you pay with the actual cost to produce energy. With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy during off-peak times, when demand for energy is lower, and more for energy used during the peak hours of 4-8pm.

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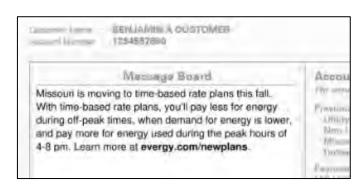
Learn more and review your new plan options at evergy.com/TimePlans

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Audience: Mo Res with paper billing

Send Date: July 2023

July Bill Message





Phase 2 – Preparation and Action Tactics

August

Billing Communication

August Bill Insert

It's time to choose your new time-based rate plan.

Missouri is changing how electric rate plans work this Fall, so Evergy has introduced four new rate plan options to fit your household needs.

If you have not selected a new plan by October, you will be moved to the Standard Peak Saver plan.

Choose your new plan now!

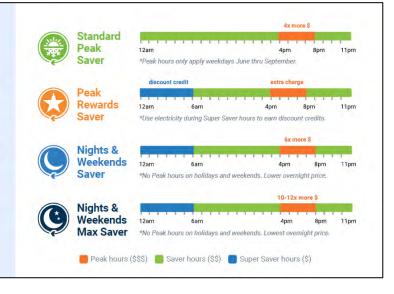
Select your time-based plan before October by going to evergy.com/TimePlans



Why is Missouri changing to time-based rates?

The Missouri Public Service Commission has ordered Missouri utilities, including Evergy, to transition to mandatory time-based rate plans. The goal of time-based rates is to match the costs you pay with the actual cost to produce energy. With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy used during off-peak times, when demand for energy is lower, and more for energy used during the peak hours of 4-8 pm.

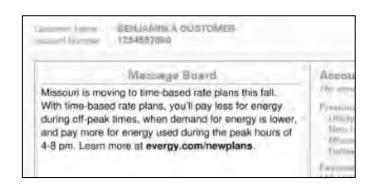
With time-based rate plans, you can take advantage of discounted off-peak pricing by shifting your larger appliance usage, like dishwashers and clothes drying, to off-peak hours.



Audience: Mo Res with paper billing

Send Date: August 2023

August Bill Message



August Customer Postcard

Audience: All Missouri Residential Customers

Send Date: August 7-15, 2023



Missouri is moving to time-based electric rate plans this fall.

Choose your new plan by October or you'll be placed into the Standard Peak Saver Plan.

It's time to choose your new time-based rate plan.

We're here to help:

To help you choose the best plan for your household, we have developed online tools and reports that analyze your energy usage and determine the plan that best fits your lifestyle.

Coming Soon: Watch for your Rate Education Report arriving soon or visit our online Compare My Rate tool.

Learn more at evergy.com/SaverPlans

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Four new time-based rate plans – Choose by October

With time-based rate plans, you can take advantage of discounted off-peak pricing by shifting your larger appliance usage, like dishwashers and clothes drying, to off-peak hours.



Standard Peak Saver New Default Residential Rate



Peak Reward Saver
Closest to the Current
Standard Residential Rate



Nights & Weekends Saver
Three Time Periods, Overnight
and Weekend Discount



Nights & Weekends Max Saver Three Time Periods, Largest Difference in Price

August Newspaper Ad

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It's time to choose your new time-based rate plan.

Evergy's Missouri customers will be automatically enrolled in the **Standard Peak Saver plan** if you don't choose one of the other three additional rate plan options before October.

Choose your plan now at evergy.com/TimePlans



Why is Missouri changing to time-based rates?

The Missouri Public Service Commission has ordered Missouri utilities, including Evergy, to transition to mandatory time-based rate plans. The goal of time-based rates is to match the costs you pay with the actual cost to produce energy. With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy used during off-peak times, when demand for energy is lower, and more for energy used during peak hours.

How time-based rate plans work:

With time-based rates, you'll pay less for any energy used during the 20 off-peak hours. But when energy demand is high during peak hours, the cost for energy will be higher. It is important to shift your large appliance usage, like dishwashers, dryers, and HVAC, to off-peak times, like overnight and early morning, to avoid paying a higher price for energy during the peak times.

We're here to help:

To help you choose the best plan for your household, we have developed online tools and reports that analyze your actual energy usage and determine the plan that best fits your lifestyle.

Four new time-based rate plans – Choose by October

With time-based rate plans, you can take advantage of lower off-peak pricing by shifting your larger appliance usage, like dishwashers and clothes drying, to off-peak hours.



Standard Peak Saver New Default Residential Rate



Peak Reward Saver Closest to the Current Standard Residential Rate



Nights & Weekends Saver Three Time Periods, Overnight and Weekend Discount



Nights & Weekends Max Saver Three Time Periods, Largest Difference in Price Missouri Newspapers Send Date: August 2023

Retargeting Digital Banner Ads

Retargeting Ads - Message 1









Digital banners

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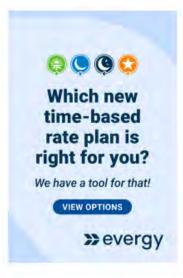
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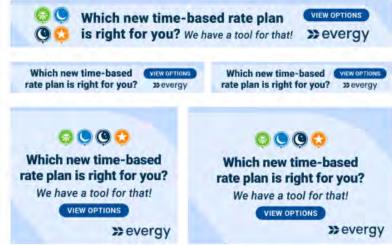
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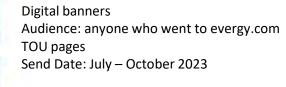
Retargeting Digital Banner Ads

Retargeting Ads - Message 2











Cover Letter Insert in the Rate Education Reports

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Welcome to your Rate Education Report

Missouri is moving to time-based rate plans this fall, and Evergy is here to support you through this change. That's why we're sending you the attached Rate Education Report. This report uses your home's past energy usage data to estimate the costs of each new time-based rate plan. This report will help you understand the possible costs of each of the new plan options and how you might be able to save money by shifting energy usage to off-peak times.

Select your plan by October!

Select your new plan before October by going to evergy.com/PickMyRate. If you have not selected a new plan by October, you will be moved to the Standard Peak Saver plan.

Why is Missouri changing to time-based rates?

Timing is everything when it comes to energy costs. By switching to time-based rates, Missouri is working to match the cost you pay with the actual cost to produce energy. With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy used during off-peak times, when demand for energy is lower, and more for energy used during the peak hours of 4-8 pm.

With time-based rate plans, you can take advantage of discounted off-peak pricing by shifting your larger appliance usage, like dishwashers and clothes drying, to off-peak hours.

How to read your Rate Education Report

The attached report estimates what your average monthly Evergy bill might be on each of the new time-based plan options, based on your home's last year of energy usage. Please note that this is only an estimate, and any changes in your home or household members could affect the estimated cost of each plan. Additionally, this estimate does not consider any shifting of your energy use to off-peak times, which could help lower your monthly energy costs.

Questions about the plans or your estimated costs?

- · Visit evergy.com/My-Plans for plan details and your personalized Rate Comparison.
- · Talk with a rate plan specialist: 800-541-0407.
- Keep a look out for our weekly Rate Plan Coach emails, which provide a weekly breakdown of your energy usage and costs by time of day.



Letter with the Rate Education

Paper Report

Audience: All Missouri

customers

Send Date: August 15-31, 2023

Rate Education Reports Paper Version

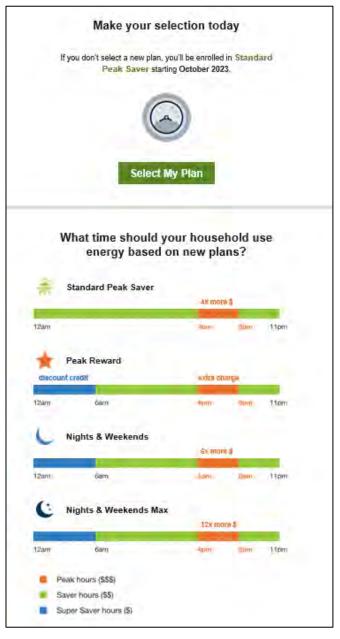
Audience: All Missouri customers Send Date: August 15-31, 2023





Rate Education Reports Email





Audience: All Missouri customers with emails Send Date: August 16-31st, 2023



Customer Event Handout

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Missouri's Time-Based Rate Transition

In October, customers will be moved to time-based rate plans

Evergy's Missouri customers will be automatically enrolled in the Standard Peak Saver plan if you don't choose one of the other three additional rate plan options before October.

Why is Missouri changing to time-based rates?

The Missouri Public Service Commission has ordered Missouri utilities, including Evergy, to transition to mandatory time-based rate plans. The goal of time-based rates is to match the costs you pay with the actual cost to produce energy. With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy used during off-peak times, when demand for energy is lower, and more for energy used during peak hours.

How time-based rate plans work:

With time-based rates, you'll pay less for any energy used during the 20 off-peak hours. But when energy demand is high during peak hours, the cost for energy will be higher. It is important to shift your large appliance usage, like dishwashers, dryers, and HVAC, to off-peak times, like overnight and early morning, to avoid paying a higher price for energy during the peak times. With time-based plans, it's important to avoid using large amounts of energy during peak hours.





Peak Reward Saver Clustest to the Current Standard Residential Rate

Difference in Price

Questions?

We're here to help you with your

Visit: evergy.com/PeakPlans

Compare My Rate tool to see

which plan might be best for you.

Call: 800-541-0407

Analyze: Use our online

transition to time-based rate plans.



Nights & Weekends Saver Three Time Periods, Overnight and Weekend Discount



Nights & Weekends Max Saver
Three Time Periods, Largest

Time-Based Plans - Savings Tips



Delay running your dishwasher: Use your dishwasher timer to delay running it until after peak hours.



Adjust when you use your dryer: Electric dryers use more energy than washing machines, so you'll save even more money when you wait for off-peak hours to dry your clothes.



Adjust your thermostat to automate off-peak savings: Adjust your thermostat so your heating/cooling system doesn't run as long during peak hours.



Be mindful of peak hours: Reduce large appliance energy consumption during peak hours of 4-8 pm when demand and costs are higher.

Transición a tarifa basada en la hora de uso de Missouri

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En octubre, los clientes pasarán a planes de tarifas basadas en la hora de uso

Los clientes de Evergy en Missouri quedarán inscritos automáticamente en el plan **Standard Peak Saver** si no se elige una de las otras tres opciones de planes de tarifas adicionales antes de octubre.

¿Por qué se realiza el cambio a tarifas basadas en la hora de uso en Missouri?

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Missouri ha ordenado a los proveedores de servicios públicos de Missouri, incluido Evergy, que realicen la transición a planes obligatorios de tarifas basadas en la hora de uso. El bójetivo de las tarifas basadas en la hora de uso es equilibrar los costos que se pagan con el costo real de producir energía. Con los planes de tarifas basadas en la hora de uso, pagará menos por la energía utilizada durante las horas de menor actividad, cuando la demanda de energía es menor, y más por la energía utilizada durante las horas de mas demanda.

¿Tiene preguntas?

Estamos aquí para ayudarle con su transición a planes de tarifas basadas en la hora de uso.

Visite: evergy.com/PeakPlans

Llame: 800-541-0407

Analice: utilice Compare My Rate, nuestra herramienta en línea para comparar tarifas, para ver cuál plan podría ser el mejor para usted.

Cómo funcionan los planes de tarifas basadas en la hora de uso:

Con las tarifas basadas en la hora de uso, pagará menos por la energía utilizada durante las 20 horas de menor actividad. Pero cuando la demanda de energía es alta durante las horas de mas demanda, el costo de la energía esé mayor. Es importante cambiar el uso de grandes electrodomésticos, como lavavajillas, secadoras y sistemas de calefacción y aire acondicado, a horas de menor actividad, como durante la noche y a primera hora de la mañana, para evitar pagar un precio más alto por la energía durante las horas de mas demanda. Con los planes basados en la hora de uso, es importante evitar el uso de grandes cantidades de energía durante las horas de mas demanda.



Standard Peak Saver

Nueva tarifa residencial predeterminada



Peak Reward Saver
El plan más centante a la tarilla
tenicle pocial poblada actual



Nights & Weekends Saver Tres periodos de tiempo; descuentos noctumos y de fin de semana



Nights & Weekends Max Saver

Tres periodos de tiempo; la mayor diferencia de precio

Planes basados en la hora de uso - Consejos para ahorrar



Retrase el uso del lavavajillas: utilice el temporizador del lavavajillas para retrasar su uso hasta después de las horas pico.



Ajuste la hora de uso de la secadora: las secadoras eléctricas consumen más energía que las lavadoras, por lo que ahorrará aún más dinero si deja el secado de la ropa para las horas de menor actividad.



Ajuste su termostato para automatizar los ahorros en las horas de menor actividad: ajuste su termostato para que su sistema de calefacción/aire acondicionado no opere durante tanto tiempo durante las horas pico.



Tenga en cuenta las horas pico: reduzca el consumo de energía de los electrodomésticos grandes durante las horas pico, de 4:00 a 8:00 p. m., cuando la demanda y los costos son mayores.

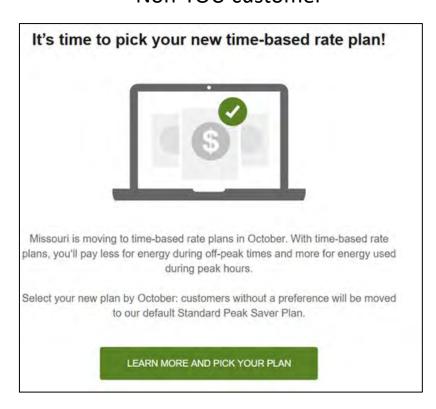
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Promotional pod in the weekly energy analysis emails

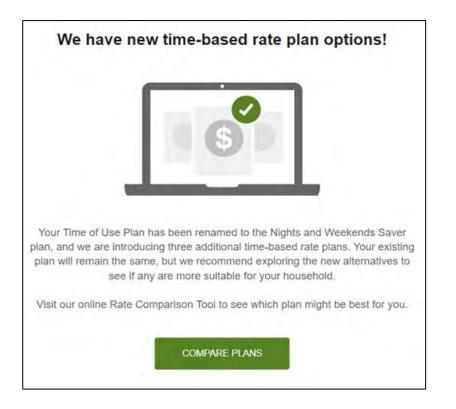
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Send Date: August – October, 2023

Non-TOU customer



Customers on TOU Pilot



All Mo Customers: August Email



Introducing: Your New Rate Plans

You may have heard: Missouri is moving to time-based rate plans this fall

The Missouri Public Service Commission has required utilities, including Evergy, to transition to mandatory time-based rate plans. In order to assist customers with this change, Evergy has four new time-based rate plans for you to choose from. These plans offer you the flexibility to select the plan that best fits your household's needs.

With time-based rates, you'll pay less for energy used during 20 offpeak hours a day, and more for energy used during a four-hour peak period.

It's important to pick your new plan by October. If you decide not to choose one, you will be moved to the new default plan, the Standard

Compare Plans

We're here to help

Evergy has introduced new four rate plan options, along with our Rate Comparison Tool*, which shows your expected annual cost on each of the new plans, based on your past energy usage. In addition, we will send you weekly usage reports, to show which time of day you're using the most energy.

All Missouri customers are encouraged to compare the new plans and make a choice by October. If you decide not to choose one, then you will automatically change to the Standard Peak Saver plan.

Note that you don't have to keep the Standard Peak Saver plan after October. You can change to one of the four new plans anytime

See more details on the Missouri changes, and what they mean for

Why is Missouri changing?

Timing plays a crucial role in the cost of energy, which is why Missouri is changing. As the demand for energy rises, so does the cost of producing electricity, resulting in "peak" and "off-peak" times.

During off-peak times, the demand for energy decreases, resulting in lower energy costs. By shifting your large-appliance use-like running the dishwasher and doing laundry-to off-peak times, you'll potentially save both energy and money on these new plans. With time-based rates, you'll pay less for energy most of the time.

According to our analysis, time-based rate plans may result in a small annual savings for most customers, depending on the season and household.

A note about electric heating

Since your home uses electric heat, it's especially important to understand how your home uses energy, and to shift largeappliance usage like laundry and dishwasher use to off-peak times.

Smart thermostats can be a huge benefit, allowing you to create a home heating schedule that optimizes usage around time-based rate plans. If you don't have a smart thermostat, Evergy offers free and discounted models.

You can start by using our Home Profile tool, which can show you where your home uses energy, along with suggestions on how to

*Note: If you have lived in your current home less than 9 months, the Rate Comparison Tool will not yet have enough data to provide cost estimates. Please view each rate description to choose a plan, or call our Time-Based Plan Hotline for assistance: 1-800-541-0407



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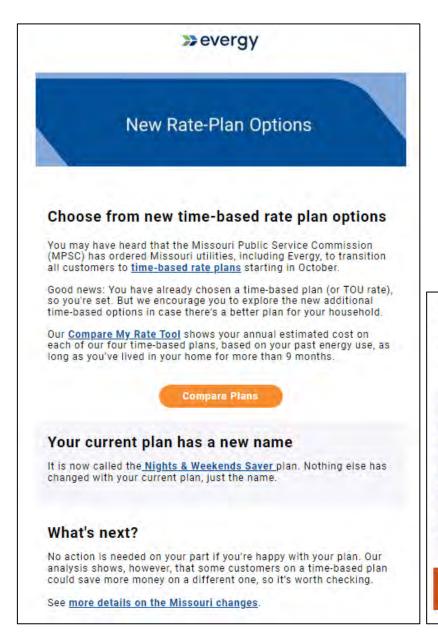
Subject: Missouri, it's time to pick your new rate plan Audience: Mo Residential (excluding already on TOU, net

metering, solar sub, non-AMI), ~400,000

Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating customers

Send Date: August 2, 2023

Pilot TOU Customers: August Email



Subject: Are you on the best plan for your home

Audience: Mo Residential that are already on a TOU plan prior to Jan 1, 2023, ~8,000

Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating customers

Send Date: August 2, 2023

What's next?

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No action is needed on your part if you're happy with your plan. Our

analysis shows, however, that some customers on a time-based plan could save more money on a different one, so it's worth checking.

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Introducing: Your New Rate Plans

New plans are here

You may have heard that the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) has ordered Missouri utilities, including Evergy, to transition all customers to time-based rate plans starting in October.

To support customers in this change, four new rate plans have been created to reflect the actual cost of energy, which varies throughout the day depending on demand.

Please look for your Rate Education Report, coming to you by postal mail in August, which will contain more information on your home's energy use, along with which new rate plan will be best for your home.

What does this mean for me?

This means that all customers now have the opportunity to select from four new plans, designed to provide lower prices for the majority of the day. However, it's important to choose a plan by October. If no selection is made by that time, you will be moved to the Standard Peak Saver plan.

Keep in mind that this may not be the most cost-effective option for your specific needs. We recommend you explore your rate-plan options with our <u>Rate Comparison Tool</u> and make an informed choice before the October deadline.

Compare Plans

How do I change my plan?

If you need help, we are here to assist you.

- . Change your plan online before October
- Call our special hotline at 1-800-541-0407 from 7 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday
- In Kansas City, stop by our <u>Connect Center</u> for in-person assistance

We understand that time-based plans are a big change. Evergy is committed to providing the information and tools you need to save the most on these new plans.

See more details on the Missouri changes, and what they mean for

Seniors & Low Income: August Email

A note about electric heating

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You can start by using our <u>Home Profile tool</u>, which can show you where your home uses energy, along with suggestions on how to save.

Suggestions to save on time-based plans

By shifting some of your energy use to off-peak times, you can pay lower rates of 75% or more compared to peak times. The more you shift, the more you save.

Laundry

- · Wash clothes on cold. They get just as clean and save energy
- . Run your dryer after 8 pm on weekdays, or on weekends

Dishwashing

· Run full loads and wait until after 8pm on summer weekdays

Heating and cooling

- Adjust your thermostat to cool your home a few degrees lower before peak hours begin to delay using the AC when energy is more expensive.
- In winter, warm your home a few extra degrees before peak hours begin.

You can also check out this chart to understand which appliances tend to use the most electricity in your home.

Energy Use Chart

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Subject: This Fall: New rate plan options

Audience: Mo Residential seniors and low income,

~70,000

Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating

customers

Send Date: August 10, 2023

Non Saver: August Email

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Missouri Rate Update

Missouri makes changes to rate plans for Evergy customers

You may have heard that the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) has ordered Missouri utilities, including Evergy, to transition all customers to time-based rate plans starting in October.

While many customers, based on their current usage, are expected see a modest reduction on their energy bill, others will not. Those customers will need to offset the increased costs by shifting the use of large appliances away from the peak hours (just four hours per day and never on weekends), when energy costs will be highest.

Impact to your home

Based on your past usage history, time-based plans may increase your overall energy bill if you don't make some effort to shift energy usage to the 20 hours of the day when energy will cost less.

What you can do

By October, choose one of the four time-based plans that will be least expensive for you, based on how you currently use energy. Our <u>Rate Comparison Tool</u> shows you what you would pay on each of the four new plans, based on 9 months of your prior usage.

Choose Now

We're here to help

If you need help choosing a plan, we have a special hotline to help from 7am to 5pm Monday through Friday: 1-800-541-0407. Or you can visit us in person at our Evergy Connect location.

Lastly, once you sign up for your new plan, you'll receive tips and strategies to avoid higher costs.

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See more details on the Missouri changes, and what they mean for

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Energy Use Chart

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Subject: Important updates regarding your Evergy rate plan Audience: Mo Residential who are not expected to save on a new TOU plan,

Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating customers

Send Date: August 14, 2023

Net Metering: August Email



As a participant in our Net Metering program, your rate plan will change to the new Peak Reward Saver plan this fall.

Peak Reward Saver

No changes to your net-metering agreement

Although your plan is changing, your net-metering agreement is not. Just as now, the energy you generate will continue to offset your bill.

Also unchanged from your current agreement is the purchase of excess energy over and above what you use per billing cycle. This energy will continue to be purchased at the Cost of Fuel rate.

The <u>Peak Reward Saver plan</u> is similar to your current plan in that it is a tiered plan, with prices that change based on the amount of energy used, and with variation in summer and winter.

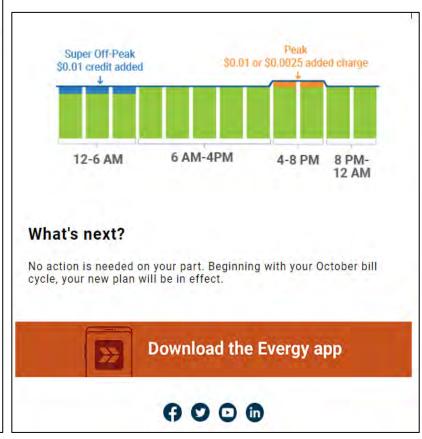
Additionally, on the Peak Reward Saver plan, there is a small surcharge (one-cent or less per kWh) during peak hours of 4-8 pm. This means that any energy received from your system during those peak times could provide even greater savings.

Subject: Your new rate plan is coming soon

Audience: Net-metering ~6,000

Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating customers

Send Date: August 25th



Solar Subscription: August Email



Subject: Your new rate plan is coming soon Audience: Solar Subscription Customers ~900

Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating customers

Send Date: August 23rd

Plan changes in Missouri

You may have heard that the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) has ordered Missouri utilities, including Evergy, to transition all customers to <u>time-based rate plans</u> starting in October.

As a participant in our Solar Subscription program, your rate plan will change to the new Peak Reward Saver plan this fall.

Peak Reward Saver

The <u>Peak Reward Saver plan</u> is similar to your current plan in that it is a tiered plan, with rates that change based on the amount of energy used, and with variation in summer and winter.

Additionally, on the Peak Reward Saver plan, there is a small surcharge (one-cent or less per kWh) during peak hours of 4-8 pm. There is also a one-cent discount on energy used between midnight and 6 am.

What's next?

No action is needed on your part. Beginning with your October bill cycle, your new plan will be in effect.

Can I pick one of the other time-based plans?

You may have heard that additional time-based plans are available to Missouri customers.

Currently, the Peak Reward Saver plan is the only plan compatible with Solar Subscription. However, we will reach out as other plan choices become available.



Phase 2 – Preparation and Action Tactics

September and October

Customer Postcard - September

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It's time to pick your new time-based rate plan.

Four new plan options. Which plan is right for your household? **We have a tool for that!**

Visit our online Rate Comparison Tool to see which plan may be best for your home based on your past usage history.

Visit evergy.com/TimePlans



Audience: Mo Residential (excluding already on TOU, net metering, solar sub)

~450,000

Send Date: September 15-20, 2023

Your current rate plan will be changing in October.

You may have heard that Missouri is moving to new time-based rate plans this fall. The Missouri Public Service Commission, which regulates Evergy, has required some utilities to transition to time-based rate plans. That means what you pay for energy will be aligned with the cost to produce it. This is not a rate increase, and the new time-based rate plans provide less expensive energy most of the day.

Why is Missouri moving to time-based plans?

When there is a high demand for energy during peak hours, producing energy becomes more expensive. On the other hand, when energy demand is lower, the cost to produce energy goes down. With the new time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy during the off-peak times, which are most of the time, and more during the few peak hours.

Shift a few of your major appliances, like the dishwasher or dryer, to off-peak times to save on your energy costs. It's ok to use appliances that use less energy, like lights and computers.



How to save on time-based plans.

You don't need to avoid using energy altogether during peak hours but try to shift when you use large appliances to offpeak hours when the cost of energy is lower. For example...

Delay running your dishwasher

Use your dishwasher timer to delay running it until after peak hours.



Adjust when you use your dryer

Electric dryers use more energy than washing machines, so you'll save even more money when you wait for off-peak hours to dry your clothes.



Use a smart thermostat to automate off-peak savings

Schedule your smart thermostat so your heating/ cooling system doesn't run as long during peak hours.



Be mindful of peak hours

Reduce energy consumption during peak hours of 4-8 pm when demand and costs are higher.

Are you on the Average Payment Plan?

The change to time-based rate plans does not affect our Average Payment Plan program (sometimes called Level Payment or Budget Billing) and you can still be on Average Pay with these new rates.

Billing Communication

September Bill Insert

Missouri's Time-Based Rate Transition

In October, customers will move to time-based rate plans

Evergy's Missouri customers will be automatically enrolled in the **Standard Peak Saver plan** if you don't choose one of the other three additional rate plan options.

Choose your new plan now!

Select your time-based plan before October by going to evergy.com/TimePlans



Audience: Mo Res with paper billing Send Date: September 2023

Bill Message

It's time to choose your new rate plan. Evergy's Missouri customers will be switching to time-based rate plans starting in October. With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy during off-peak times and more for energy used during the peak hours. Select your new plan at evergy.com/NewPlans.

Why is Missouri changing to time-based rates?

The Missouri Public Service Commission has ordered Missouri utilities, including Evergy, to transition to mandatory time-based rate plans. The goal of time-based rates is to match the costs you pay with the actual cost to produce energy. With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy used during off-peak times, when demand for energy is lower, and more for energy used during peak hours.

How time-based rate plans work:

With time-based rates, you'll pay less for any energy used during the 20 off-peak hours. But when energy demand is high during peak hours, the cost for energy will be higher. It is important to shift your large appliance usage, like dishwashers, dryers, and HVAC, to off-peak times, like overnight and early morning, to avoid paying a higher price for energy during the peak times.

Which plan is right for your household? We have a tool for that! Visit our online Rate Comparison Tool* to see which plan may be best for your home based on your past usage history. Visit evergy.com/TimePlans

'At least 9 months of usage history at your current home is needed to use the Rate Comparison Tool.



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All MO: September Email



How does the Rate Comparison Tool work?

This personalized Rate Comparison Tool takes 9-12 months of your historical usage data, applying that information to the rates of the four new time-based plans.

You'll see an estimate of what your Evergy bill would be on each of the four plans, based on your home's last year of energy usage. This estimate does not consider any shifting of your energy use to offpeak times, which could help lower your energy costs.

To use this customized rate tool, you'll first log into your online Evergy account. If you don't yet have an account, you can easily create one with the Evergy account number shown on your bill.

Pick a plan that fits your home

Each of the four plans has various peak and off-peak pricing periods On all plans, you can avoid the higher energy costs during peak hours by shifting large appliance use to off-peak periods.

If you are willing to make a bigger effort to shift usage, plans with the largest price difference can potentially save you more.

Here are the four plans in order of the lowest difference in cost between peak and off-peak hours, and the largest difference.

Peak Reward Saver

Closest to the current standard residential rate, with the lowest price difference between time periods

Standard Peak Saver

This is our default residential rate plan if you don't choose a plan by October

Three time periods with different prices, with an overnight and weekend discount

Nights & Weekends Max Saver

Three time periods with different prices, with the highest difference in prices between time periods

What happens if I don't choose?

If you don't decide to switch to one of the new plans, you'll be automatically enrolled in the default rate plan, the Standard Peak

We encourage you to check out all the plans in case there's a better one for your household.



How well do you know your home?

You can avoid higher peak-hour prices by spreading your energy use throughout the day, especially when it comes to larger appliances.

Using your laundry machines during off-peak hours, for example, can cost less. But smaller items, like hair dryers or cell-phone charging, won't make much difference.

Appliance Chart

You can get personalized information about your home's energy use with our Energy Analyzer tools.

A note about electric heating

As part of the new mandate from the MPSC, your promotional All-Electric rate plan is being discontinued, and these new time-based plans may impact your home this winter (depending on the weather). There are steps you can take to reduce that possibility.

- Plan to shift some of your large-appliance usage, like laundry and dishwashing, to off-peak times.
- 2. Take time now to seal window leaks, install draft stoppers, and
- 3. Pre-heat your home during the day, taking advantage of lower daytime rates.

The most important tip? Choose the right rate plan. Use our tool to compare last year's usage to what you would have spent on each of the four new plans. Then simply choose the most cost-effective plan.

Compare Plans



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Subject: Action Needed: It's time to choose your new plan Audience: Mo Residential (excluding already on TOU, net

metering, solar sub, non-AMI), ~320,000

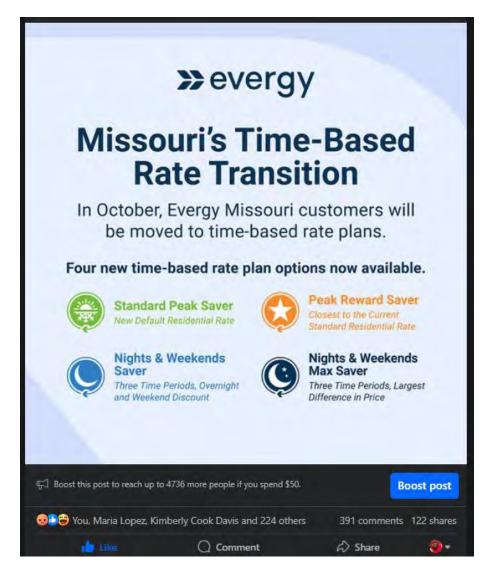
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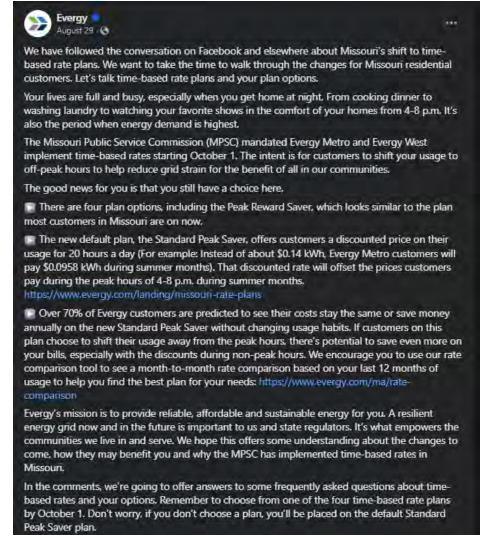
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Electric Heat Customers: September Letter

Audience: Customers on the Space Heating Rate ~103,749

Send Date: September 5-15, 2023



It's time to select your new time-based rate plan.

You may have heard that Missouri is moving to new time-based rate plans this fall. The Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC), which regulates Evergy, has required some utilities to transition to time-based rate plans. That means what you pay for energy will be aligned with the cost to produce it. This is not a rate increase, and the new time-based rate plans provide less expensive energy most of the day.

With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy than you do today during 20 off-peak hours a day, but when energy demand is high during the peak hours of 4-8 pm, the cost for energy will be higher. With this change to time-based rates, it will be important to monitor not only how much energy you use but also when you use it, to save on your monthly bill.

In order to assist customers with this change, Evergy has developed four new time-based rate plans for you to choose from. It's important to select your new plan by October. If you decide not to choose a new plan, you'll be moved to the new default plan, the Standard Peak Saver starting in October.

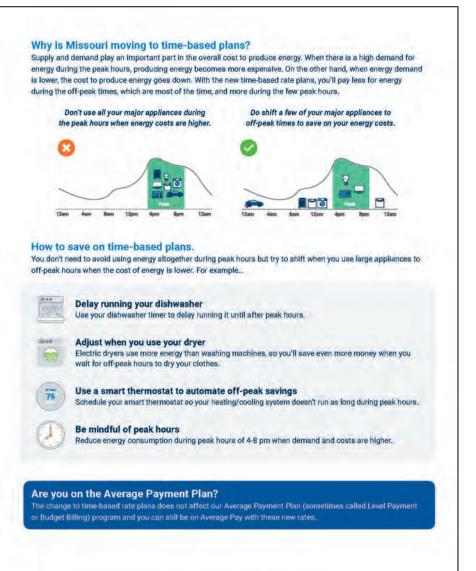
Visit evergy.com/SaverPlans or call 1-800-541-0407 to learn more about the plan options and to select your new plan.

We invite you to use our online personalized Rate Comparison Tool or read your Rate Education Report' that arrived by mall in August to see which plan best fits your household based on your past energy usage.

An important note about your old rate plan

As part of the new mandate from the MPSC, your current All-Electric rate plan (or electric space heating rate) is being discontinued. Your old plan offered a discounted rate in the winter for electric space heating customers, which is no longer offered. Due to this change, customers with electric heat may experience more impact moving to time-based rate plans, making it especially important to understand your home energy usage, and shift large appliance usage, like doing laundry and running the dishwasher, to off-peak times.

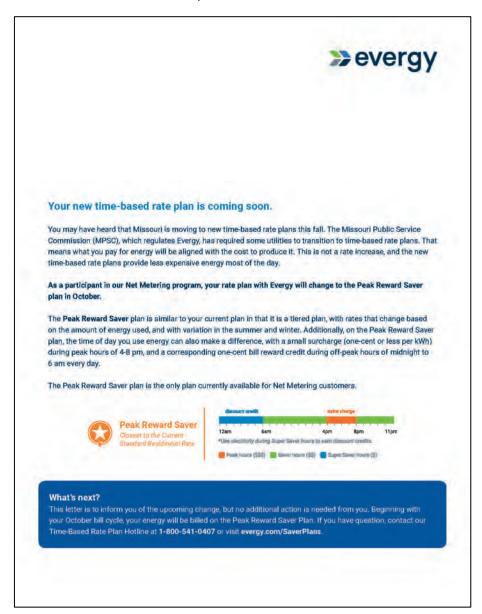
*Note: If you have lived in your current home less than 9 months; the Rate Companison Tool and Rate Education Report is not yet available for your location. Please view the rate descriptions to choose a plan, or call our Time-Based Plan Hofinia for assistance: 1-800-541-0407.



Net Metering Customers: September Letter

Audience: Customers on the Net Metering Rate ~6,766

Send Date: September 5-15, 2023



Why is Missouri moving to time-based plans?

Supply and demand play an important part in the overall cost to produce energy. When there is a high demand for energy during the peak hours, producing energy becomes more expensive. On the other hand, when energy demand is lower, the cost to produce energy goes down. With the new time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy during the off-peak times, which are most of the time, and more during the few peak hours.

Why can't I pick one of the other time-based rate plans?

The MPSC has ordered that Net Metering customers move to the Peak Reward Saver plan. This is partly due to Missouri state statute that specifies how net metering is to be calculated and when it is to be available. The Peak Reward Saver plan is currently the only rate plan that meets the Missouri statute criteria.

Are there changes to my net metering agreement?

Although your rate plan is changing, your net metering agreement is not. Just as now, Evergy will purchase energy from you at the Cost to Fuel rate.

How to save on the Peak Reward Saver plan.

This plan is very similar to your current rate, but you can save money by shifting some energy to overnight times. You don't need to avoid using energy altogether during peak hours but try to shift when you use large appliances to off-peak hours when the cost of energy is lower. For example...

Delay running your dishwasher

Use your dishwasher timer to delay running it until after peak hours.



Adjust when you use your dryer

Electric dryers use more energy than washing machines, so you'll save even more money when you wait for off-peak hours to dry your clothes.



Use a smart thermostat to automate off-peak savings

Schedule your smart thermostat so your heating/cooling system doesn't run as long during peak hours.



Be mindful of peak hours

Reduce energy consumption during peak hours of 4-8 pm when demand and costs are higher.

Are you on the Average Payment Plan?

The change to time-based rate plans does not affect our Average Payment Plan (sometimes called Level Payment or Budget Billing) program and you can still be on Average Pay with these new rates.

Net-Metering: September Email



Get to know your new plan

You may have heard that the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) has ordered Missouri utilities, including Evergy, to transition all customers to time-based rate plans starting in October.

As a participant in our Net Metering program, your rate plan will change to the new Peak Reward Saver plan this fall.

Peak Reward Saver

No changes to your net-metering agreement

Although your plan is changing, your net-metering agreement is not. Just as now, the energy you generate will continue to offset your bill.

Also unchanged from your current agreement is the purchase of excess energy over and above what you use per billing cycle. This energy will continue to be purchased at the Cost of Fuel rate.

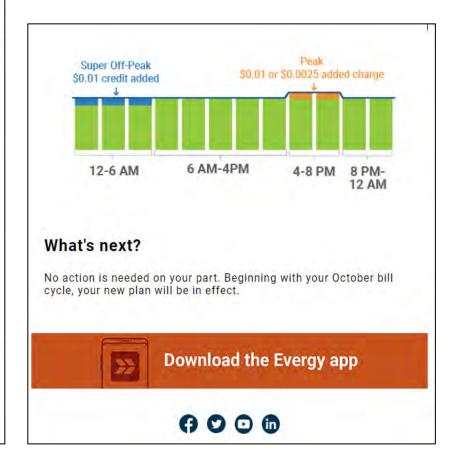
The <u>Peak Reward Saver plan</u> is similar to your current plan in that it is a tiered plan, with prices that change based on the amount of energy used, and with variation in summer and winter.

Additionally, on the Peak Reward Saver plan, there is a small surcharge (one-cent or less per kWh) during peak hours of 4-8 pm. This means that any energy received from your system during those peak times could provide even greater savings.

Subject: Your new rate plan is coming soon

Audience: Resend to non-opens from August: Net-metering, ~3,000 Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating customers

Send Date: September 2023



Low Income and Seniors: September Letter



Your current rate plan will be changing.

You may have heard that Missouri is moving to new time-based rate plans this fall. The Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC), which regulates Evergy, has required some utilities to transition to time-based rate plans. That means what you pay for energy will be aligned with the cost to produce it. This is not a rate increase, and the new time-based rate plans provide less expensive energy most of the day.

To meet the new requirement, Evergy will move you to our new Standard Peak Saver plan in October. No action is needed on your part.

How does the Standard Peak Saver plan work?

- · October through May:
- During these months, the cost for energy will be lower all day, every day. It's especially lower during super off-peak times from midnight to 6 am.
- June through September

During these summer months, the cost for energy is highest during peak hours of 4-8 pm Monday ~ Friday. All other times the cost for energy is lower than you pay today.

Tip: To save on your energy bill with this new plan, try to limit the use of large appliances, like the clothes dryer or dishwasher, during the summer months from 4-8 pm Monday through Friday. With this change to time-based rates, it will be important to monitor not only how much energy you use but also when you use it, to save on your monthly bill.

Want a different rate plan?

Evergy has three other time-based rate plans, including our new Peak Reward Saver plan, which is similar to the plan you have today. If you want to switch to one of these other rate plan options or learn which one might be best for your household, we invite you to use our online personalized Rate Comparison Tool or read your Rate Education Report* that arrived by mail in August to see which of the other plan options may be best.

"Note: If you have lived in your current home less than 9 months, the Rate Companion Tool and Rate Education Report is not yet available for your location. Please view the rate descriptions to choose a plan, or call our Time-Based Plan Hotline for assistance." I-800-541-0407

We're here to help!

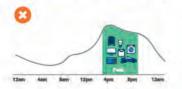
We know rate plans can feel confusing. If you need help, we are here to assist you.

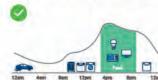
- · Give us a call: 1-800-541-0407 from 7 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday
- Visit us in-person: Evergy Connect from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday 1710 The Paseo Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108
- · Visit us online: evergy.com/SaverPlans

Why is Missouri moving to time-based plans?

Supply and demand play an important part in the overall cost to produce energy. When there is a high demand for energy during the peak hours, producing energy becomes more expensive. On the other hand, when energy demand is lower, the cost to produce energy goes down. With the new time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy during the off-peak times, which are most of the time, and more during the few peak hours.

Don't use all your major appliances during the peak hours when energy costs are higher. Do shift a few of your major appliances to off-peak times to save on your energy costs.





How to save on time-based plans.

You don't need to avoid using energy altogether during peak hours but try to shift when you use large appliances to off-peak hours when the cost of energy is lower. For example...

911

Delay running your dishwasher

Use your dishwasher timer to delay running it until after peak hours.



Adjust when you use your dryer

Electric dryers use more energy than washing machines, so you'll save even more money when you wait for off-peak hours to dry your clothes.



Use a smart thermostat to automate off-peak savings

Schedule your smart thermostat so your heating/cooling system doesn't run as long during peak hours.

Be mindful of peak hours

Reduce energy consumption during peak hours of 4-8 pm when demand and costs are higher.

Are you on the Average Payment Plan?

The change to time-based rate plans does not affect our Average Payment Plan (sometimes called Level Payment or Budget Billing) program and you can still be on Average Pay with these new rates.

Audience: Customers identified as lower income or a senior ~187,293 Send Date: September 5-15, 2023

Seniors & Low Income: September Email

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Update Your Rate Plan

It's time to choose your new rate plan

The Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) has required utilities, including Evergy, to change to <u>time-based rate plans</u> by October. We've made it quick and easy to make your choice right now.

We understand that time-based plans are a big change. Evergy is committed to providing the information and tools you need to manage your usage and be successful on your new plan.

Plan Options

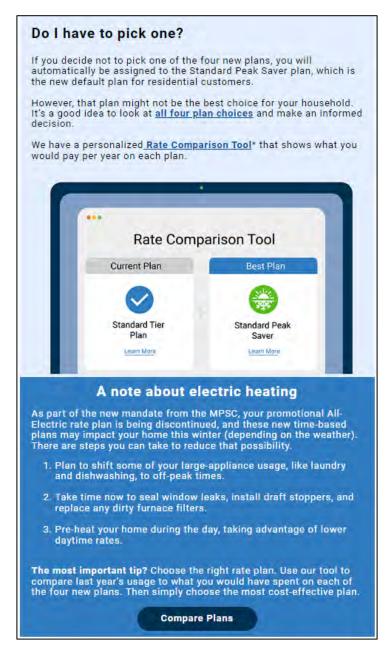
How do I change my plan?

If you need help, we are here to assist you.

- . Change your plan online before October.
- Call our rate plan hotline at 1-800-541-0407 from 7 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.
- In Kansas City, stop by our <u>Connect Center</u> for in-person assistance.

Evergy is committed to providing the information and tools you need to save the most on these new plans.

See more details on the Missouri changes, and what they mean for you.



Subject: Action needed: Update your rate plan

Audience: Mo Residential seniors and low income, ~70,000

Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating

customers

Send Date: September 2023

Non-Digital Customers: September Letter

Audience: Customers identified at non-digital ~32,708

Send Date: September 5-15, 2023



It's time to select your new time-based rate plan.

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With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy during 20 off-peak hours a day, but when energy demand is high during the peak hours of 4-8 pm, the cost for energy will be higher. With this change to time-based rates, it will be important to monitor not only how much energy you use but also when you use it, to save on your monthly bill.

In order to assist customers with this change, Evergy has four new time-based rate plans for you to choose from. It's important to select your new plan by October. If you don't select a new plan, you'll be moved to the new default Standard Peak Saver plan starting in October.

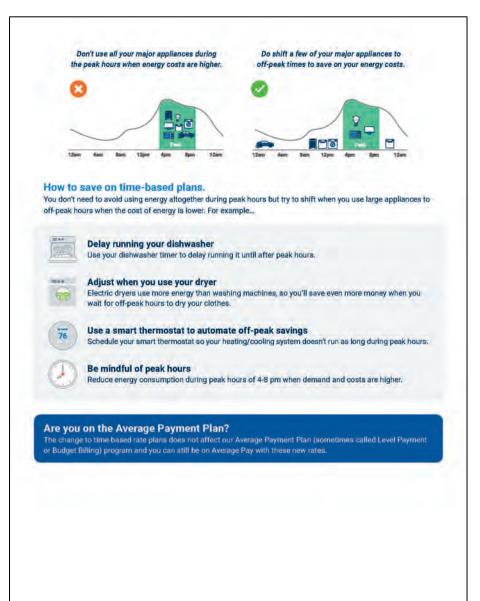
Visit evergy.com/SaverPlans or call 1-800-541-0407 to learn more about the plan options and to select your new plan.

We invite you to use our online personalized Rate Comparison Tool or read your Rate Education Report" that arrived by mail in August to see which plan best fits your household based on your past energy usage.

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Non-Saver: September Email

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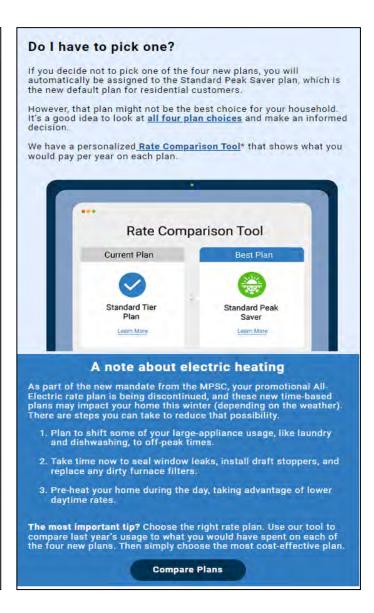
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Subject: Action Needed: Update your rate plan

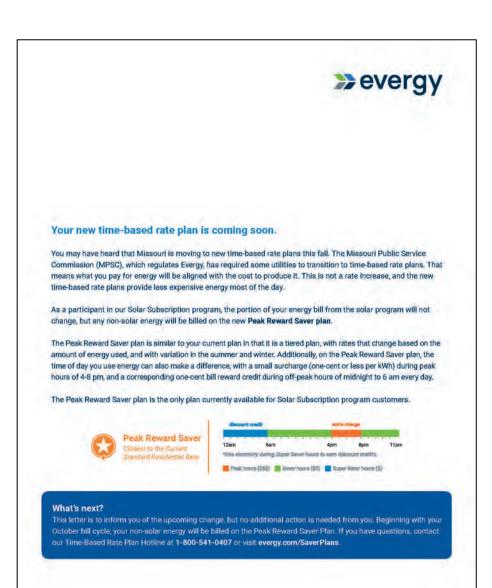
Audience: Mo Residential who are not expected to save on a

new TOU plan, ~70,000

Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating customers

Send Date: September 2023

Solar Subscription Customers: September Letter





Audience: Customers on Solar Subscription Program ~700 Send Date: September 5-15, 2023

Solar Subscription: Email



Subject: Your new rate plan is coming soon

Audience: Solar Subscription Customers ~600. Resend to customers

who did not open in August Send Date: September 2023

Plan changes in Missouri

You may have heard that the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) has ordered Missouri utilities, including Evergy, to transition all customers to time-based rate plans starting in October.

As a participant in our Solar Subscription program, your rate plan will change to the new Peak Reward Saver plan this fall.

Peak Reward Saver

The <u>Peak Reward Saver plan</u> is similar to your current plan in that it is a tiered plan, with rates that change based on the amount of energy used, and with variation in summer and winter.

Additionally, on the Peak Reward Saver plan, there is a small surcharge (one-cent or less per kWh) during peak hours of 4-8 pm. There is also a one-cent discount on energy used between midnight and 6 am.

What's next?

No action is needed on your part. Beginning with your October bill cycle, your new plan will be in effect.

Can I pick one of the other time-based plans?

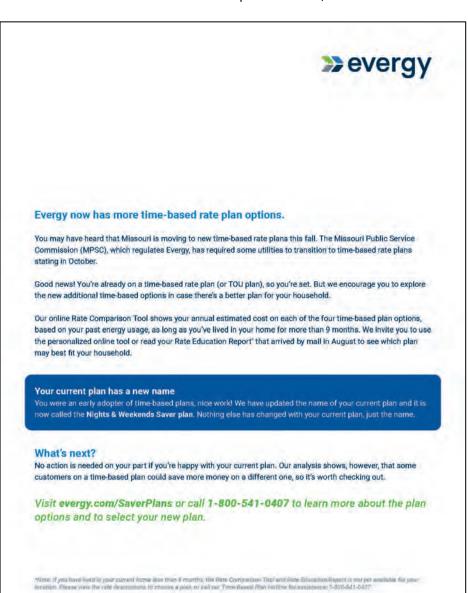
You may have heard that additional time-based plans are available to Missouri customers.

Currently, the Peak Reward Saver plan is the only plan compatible with Solar Subscription. However, we will reach out as other plan choices become available.

TOU Pilot Customers: September Letter

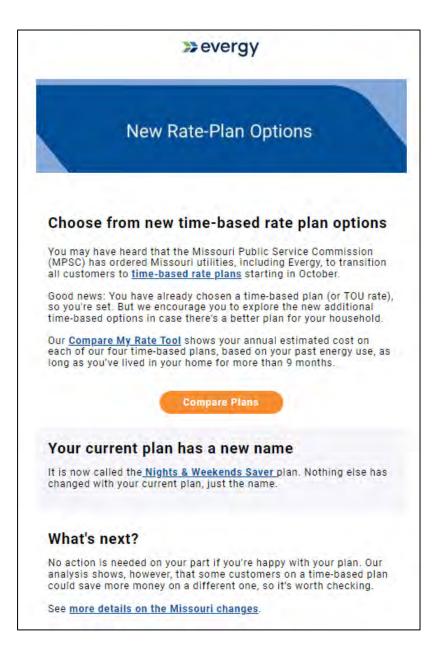
Audience: Customers who participated in the TOU Pilot Program ~7,000

Send Date: September 5-15, 2023





Pilot TOU Customers: September Email



Subject: Are you on the best plan for your home

Audience: Mo Residential that are already on a TOU plan prior to Jan 1, 2023, ~3,000

Note: electric heat pod only shows for space heating customers

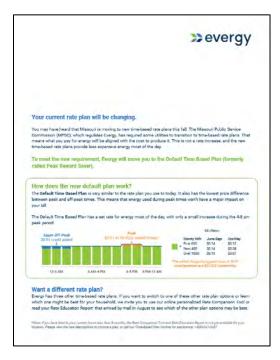
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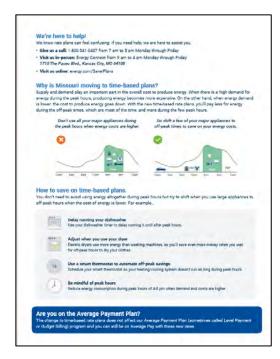


Request for Information: Packet Mailed by Request

Audience: Customers who requested to be sent additional information

Send Date: August - Present









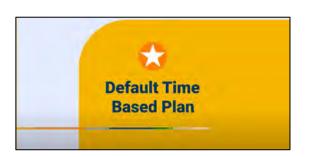
TOU Overview & Plan Videos

Uses: used on website and paid media advertising

Live: September 2023

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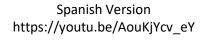
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TOU Informational and Training Videos

Uses: shared with community/agency partners to help inform

their customers. Live: October 2023

English Version https://youtu.be/navtQ4H5X_8







Radio and Streaming Audio

Audience: Missouri Radio Stations, Missouri streaming audio customers

Live: September 2023

Announcer-read spot

VO: Hey, [Radio Talent Name], here. If you're a Missouri resident like me, things are changing with your energy bill. That's because in October, Missouri is being mandated to move to time-based rate plans.

So what's that mean for us? Well, due to demand, we'll pay more for energy during peak hours. BUT, during the other 20 offpeak hours, we'll actually pay less.

Evergy has four time-based rates to help make the switch. They'll even recommend the best plan for you based on your usage history.

Learn more at evergy.com/myrate.

Produced spot

VO: Hey Missouri, have you heard? Missouri electric utilities, including Evergy, are being mandated to move to time-based rates beginning this October.

So what's that mean for you? Well, to help reduce the strain on the power grid you'll pay more for energy during peak hours. BUT, during the other 20 off-peak hours, you'll actually pay less.

Evergy has four time-based rates to help Missouri residents make the switch. To find the plan that best fits your lifestyle, check out our personalized "Rate Comparison" tool at evergy.com/myrate.



Digital Ad TOU Overview Videos

Audience: Mo Residential customers

Uses: Short informational digital ad videos, with option to click to learn more

Send Date: October 2023

How do time-based rates work



Picking a plan digital video



How to save on time-based rates digital video



Digital Ad - Undertones

Audience: Missouri Residential Customers

Live: October



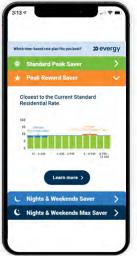
















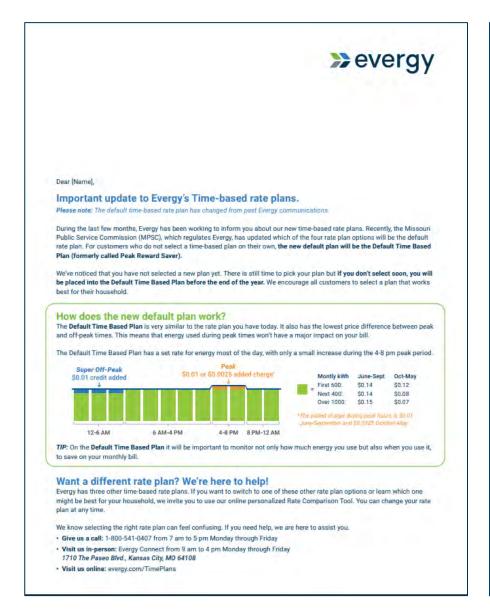
Animation: A quick, visual intro will engage viewers with our ad. We begin on a clock with rotating hands. The clock then transitions to a meter visual, illustrating low and then high energy usage. Our prompt animates in as each plan name enters on its unique color bar from the right. Once all plans have appeared, the bars stack on top of each other and become accordion tabs. The CTA message/button appears with a subtle rotation of the color wheel to encourage the viewer to tap.

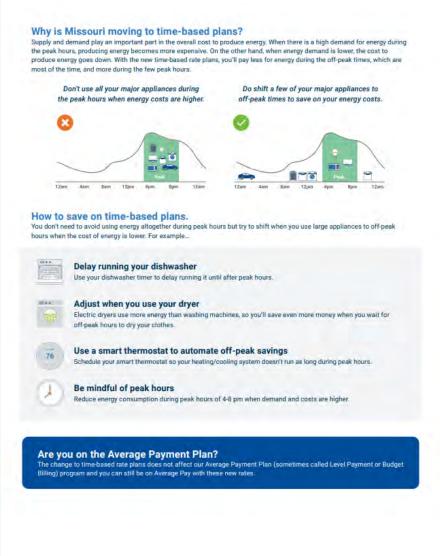


Default Plan Change letter

Audience: Customers who have not yet selected a rate. ~380,000

Send Date: October 9-14, 2023







Default Plan Change Email

Audience: Customers who have not yet selected a rate.

Send Date: October 9-18, 2023

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Changes to the default time-based plan

By now, you know that <u>Missouri is changing</u> to time-based rate plans this fall. You can choose from one of four new plans, or if you do not select one on your own, you will automatically be moved to the default plan.

Recently, the Public Service Commission (MPSC), which regulates Evergy, has updated which of the four rate plans will be the "default" plan. The new default plan will be the <u>Default Time Based Plan</u> (formerly called the Peak Reward Saver plan).



We requested this change based on feedback from customers. Among the four plans, the Default Time Based Plan is the most like Evergy's previous standard plan. It has the lowest price difference between peak and off-peak times.

This means that energy used during peak times won't have a major impact on your bill.

The Default Time Based Plan has a set rate for energy most of the day, with only a small increase during the 4-8 pm peak period.

Want a different plan?

It's not too late to choose one of the other time-based plans.

We have a personalized <u>Rate Comparison Tool</u> to help you choose the plan that's best for your home, based on your prior year's energy usage.

Compare Plans

How do I change my plan?

If you need help, we are here to assist you.

- · Change your plan online.
- Call our special hotline at 1-800-541-0407 from 7 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.
- In Kansas City, stop by our <u>Connect Center</u> for in-person assistance.

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See more details on the Missouri changes, and what they mean for you.

Are you on the Average Payment Plan?

The change to time-based rate plans does not affect our Average Payment Plan (sometimes called level pay or budget billing). You can still be on the Average Payment Plan with these time-based rate plans.







Phase 3 – Success and Transition

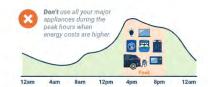
October, November and December –

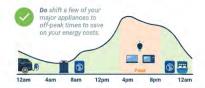


Welcome Kit Postcard with Magnet

Why is Missouri moving to time-based plans?

Supply and demand impacts the cost to produce energy. When there is a high demand for energy during peak hours, producing energy becomes more expensive, and when energy demand is lower, the cost to produce energy goes down. With time-based plans, you'll pay less for energy during off-peak times and more during the few peak hours.





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Welcome to your new time-based rate plan.

Look inside for helpful ways to save energy and money with your new plan.



STEP ONE:

Be mindful of peak and off-peak hours

Energy costs are higher during peak hours of 4-8 pm, and offpeak times and pricing varies by plan.



Off-Peak Hours

Demand for energy is lower during these times, so you're charged less. Off-peak times vary by plan but are typically late at night and in the early morning.

Demand for energy is higher during these few hours, so energy costs more during peak hours. Peak hours are 4-8 pm and vary by day and

Costs and times vary by each plan. Get your plan's peak and off-peak times at evergy.com/SaverPlans

STEP TWO:

Optimize when you use your large appliances

You don't need to avoid using energy altogether during peak hours but try to shift when you use large appliances to off-peak times.











Use your dishwasher Adjust your thermostat Shift when you use to avoid peak hours

Learn more at evergy.com/SaverPlans >> evergy

STEP THREE:

Use our Evergy energy engagement tools

Use our personalized tools to help you understand when you're using energy and how to save money.

Weekly Rate Coach

to receive a higher-than-

normal bill.

Through your online Evergy With our weekly Rate MyAccount portal, you can see Coach emails, you'll get your usage patterns broken down by hour, helping identify when an email every week that breaks down your you're using the most energy. weekly energy usage by each hour of the day, helping you to see when

you're using energy. is best for you. High Bill Alests

When you enroll in our High Bill Alert emails. you'll receive a notice if you're currently on track

Compare My Rate Tool

Energy Engagement Portal

Use our online rate compare tool to see which time-based rate plan

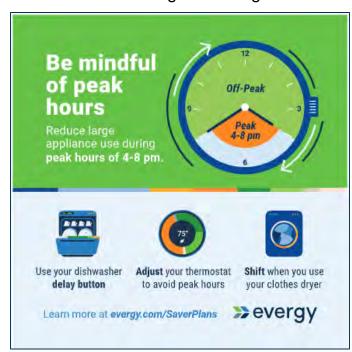
Average Payment Plan

Sometimes called budget billing, this program averages your bills each month to help keep payments level throughout the year.

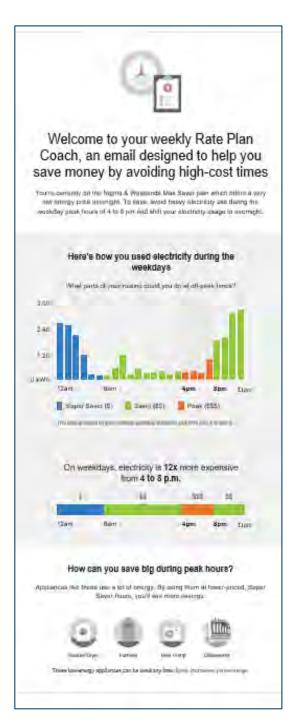
Audience: All Eligible Missouri TOU residential customers

Send Date: November (Mo Metro) & December (Mo West) 2023

Removable Refrigerator Magnet









Weekly Rate Coach Emails

Audience: All Eligible Missouri TOU residential customers with emails

Send Date: About a week after signing up for TOU



Billing Communication

Audience: Mo Residential with paper billing

Send Date: November 2023

November Bill Insert

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Your new time-based rate plan is now starting.

We're here to help!

Learn more about your rate plan at evergy.com/TimePlans

Note: Recently, the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC), which regulates Evergy, has updated which of the four rate plan options will be the default rate plan. If you did not select a time-based plan, your plan will be the Default Time Based Plan (formerly called Peak Reward Saver). You can change your rate plan at any time.



Default Time Based Plan Default residential rate plan, with the lowest difference in price between peak and off-peak times.



Peak Time Based Plan Only has peak pricing during the summer months

Summer



Weekends Saver Three Time Periods, Overnight and Weekend Discount



in Price

Bill Message

Your time-based rate plan is now starting. To save money on your new plan, shift when you use some of your major appliances, like the dishwasher, to off-peak times. Learn more at evergy.com/NewPlans.

Be mindful of peak and off-peak hours

You don't need to avoid using energy altogether during peak hours but try to shift when you use large appliances to off-peak times.



Optimize when you use your large appliances

Reduce large appliance use during peak hours of 4-8 pm.



Use your dishwasher delay button



Adjust your thermostat to avoid peak hours



Shift when you use your clothes dryer



Set your EV or other appliance to charge overnight

Here to help you with time-based rate plans.

Evergy has personalized tools to help you find ways to shift some of your energy usage, manage costs, or choose another rate plan option that best fits your household.

Our Average Payment Plan program (sometimes called budget billing) averages your bills each month to help keep payments level and consistent throughout the year. → With our weekly Rate Coach Emails, you'll get an email every week that breaks down your weekly energy usage by each hour of the day. Not receiving these emails? Sign up online or give us a call.

→ Use our online Rate

Compare Tool to see which
time-based rate plan is best
for you. Check back to see
if a different rate may be
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Welcome To Your New Rate Email

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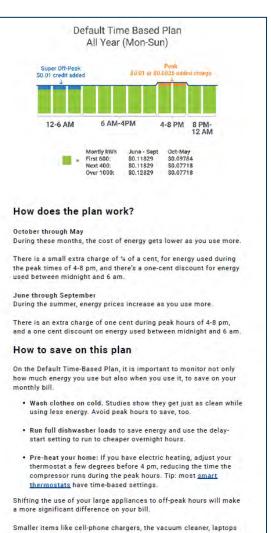


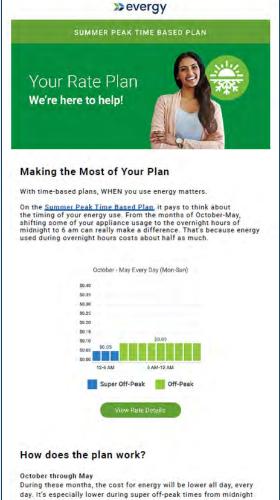
Making the Most of Your Plan

The Default Time Based Plan has very small differences in price between peak and off-peak hours, so you don't have to worry much about when you use energy during the day.

This is a tiered plan, meaning that prices go up or down by tiers as you use more energy throughout the month, depending on the season.







to 6 am.

June through September

During the summer months, the cost for energy is highest during peak hours of 4-8 pm on weekdays. At all other times the cost for eneray is lower.

How to save on this plan

With time-based rates, it is important to monitor not only how much energy you use but also when you use it, to save on your monthly bill

- . Schedule your laundry to run overnight by using a delay timer.
- . Use the delay-start setting on your dishwasher so it runs after midnight.
- · Pre-heat your home before 6 am. If you have electric heating, set your thermostat to warm your home a few degrees higher before 6 am, then set it back to normal. Tip: most smart thermostats have time-based settings.

Smaller items like cell-phone chargers don't draw enough energy to make a huge difference, so it's up to you whether to delay charging to after midnight.

How does your home use energy?

It's helpful to know which items in your home use a lot of energy, and which use much less.

We have a tool to help. Our quick quiz asks you about your home, then estimates what you are spending on appliances, heating/cooling, lights and more.

Take the Analyze My Usage quiz today.

Take the Quiz

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Welcome To Your New Rate Email

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Making the Most of Your Plan

How does the plan work?

periods: Peak, Off-Peak and Super Off-Peak.

With time-based plans, WHEN you use energy matters.

On the Nights and Weekends Plan, thinking about the timing of your energy use, and shifting some usage to off-peak evening and weekend hours can really pay off. That's because off-peak power costs about 60% less.



From Monday through Friday, the days are divided into three time

The Peak prices are higher because energy costs the most to produce on weekdays between 4-8 pm.

Weekends and Holidays

There are no peak hours at all on the weekends or on holidays.

How to save on this plan

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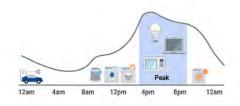
- . Try doing your laundry in the mornings or on weekends.
- Start your dishwasher at bedtime instead of right after dinner or use your delay-start setting.
- Pre-heat your home: Adjust your thermostat a few degrees before 4 pm, reducing the time the compressor runs during the peak hours. Tip: most <u>smart thermostats</u> have time-based settings.

Shifting the use of your large appliances to off-peak hours will make a more significant difference on your bill.

Smaller items like cell-phone chargers, the vacuum cleaner, laptops and lamps don't draw enough energy to make a huge difference, so it's up to you whether to avoid peak hours with those types of items.

How does your home use energy?

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Take the Quiz

>> evergy NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS MAX PLAN Your Rate Plan We're here to help! Making the Most of Your Plan With time-based plans, WHEN you use energy matters. On the Nights and Weekends Max Plan, thinking about the timing of your energy use, and shifting usage to off-peak evening and weekend hours can really pay off. That's because off-peak power costs about If you can shift usage to the overnight hours, you'll be rewarded with a super-low overnight rate, perfect for electric vehicle charging or anyone with the flexibility to schedule appliances to run from midnight to 6 am. Non-Summer Weekdays (Mon-Fri) Weekends (Sat-Sun) and Holidays October-May View Rate Details How does the plan work?

Audience: Mo Residential Send Date: November 2023

Weekdays

From Monday through Friday, the days are divided into three time periods: Peak, Off-Peak and Super Off-Peak. The peak prices are higher because energy costs the most to produce on weekdays between 4-8 pm.

Weekends and Holidays

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How to save on this plan

With time-based rates, it is important to monitor not only how much energy you use but also when you use it, to save on your monthly bill.

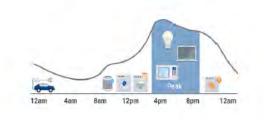
- . Try doing your laundry in the mornings or on weekends.
- Start your dishwasher at bedtime instead of right after dinner or use your delay-start setting.
- Pre-heat your home: Adjust your thermostat a few degrees before 4 pm, reducing the time the compressor runs during the peak hours. Tip: most <u>smart thermostats</u> have time-based settings.
- Charge electric vehicles after midnight. Program EV vehicles to start charging at midnight to enjoy the lowest rates.

Shifting the use of your large appliances to off-peak hours will make a more significant difference on your bill.

Smaller items like cell-phone chargers, the vacuum cleaner, laptops and lamps don't draw enough energy to make a huge difference, so it's up to you whether to avoid peak hours with those types of items.

How does your home use energy?

It's helpful to know which items in your home use a lot of energy, and which use much less. The impact of spreading your usage throughout the day will be greater if you shift the use of large appliances.



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Billing Communication

Audience: Mo Residential with paper billing

Send Date: December 2023

December Bill Insert







Savings Tip Digital Ad Videos

Audience: Mo Residential customers Uses: Used as targeted digital ads Start Date: November 2023

60sec – 4 Savings Tips Video



Dishwasher Tip Video



EV/Large Appliances Tip Video



HVAC Tip Video



Washer/Dryer Tip Video



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Customer Survey Results

Internal Monthly Survey and Third Party Survey





Time-Based Rate Campaign Tracker

Missouri residential customer survey (23-0013)

November 2023*





Methodology

Evergy's Missouri Residential Customers

- Random sample of Missouri residential customers with email on file
- Evergy emails survey to 30,000 customers each month
- Same questionnaire sent each month with 40 questions

Month	Completes
June	557
July	831
August	702
September	816
October	787
November	670

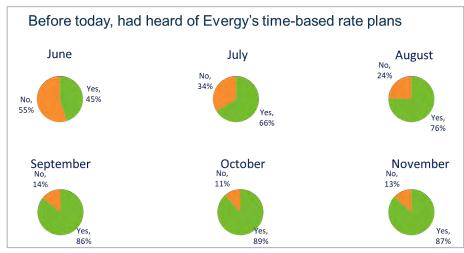


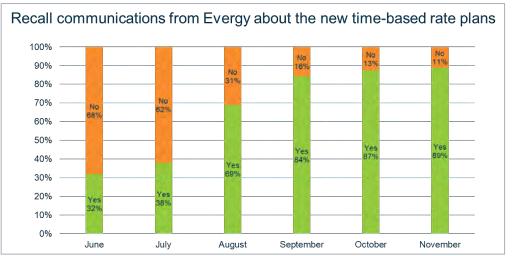
Evergy Mandated Time-Based Rate Campaign

Executive Summary

Evergy's Time-Based Rate Campaign has proven to be successful in creating awareness among Missouri residential customers.

- In November, 87% of Missouri residential customers had heard about Evergy's time-based rates. That is a 93% increase from the baseline measurement in June.
- The number of Missouri residential customers who recall Evergy communications about the new time-based rates has more than doubled in the past few months (increased from 32% to 89%)
- When first asked about their knowledge of time-based rates, Evergy customers rate their knowledge a 4.1 on a 7-point scale. But when asked what they believe to be true about time-based plans, most correctly identify the key aspects of time-based plans. This may show that customers know more about the plans than then think they do.





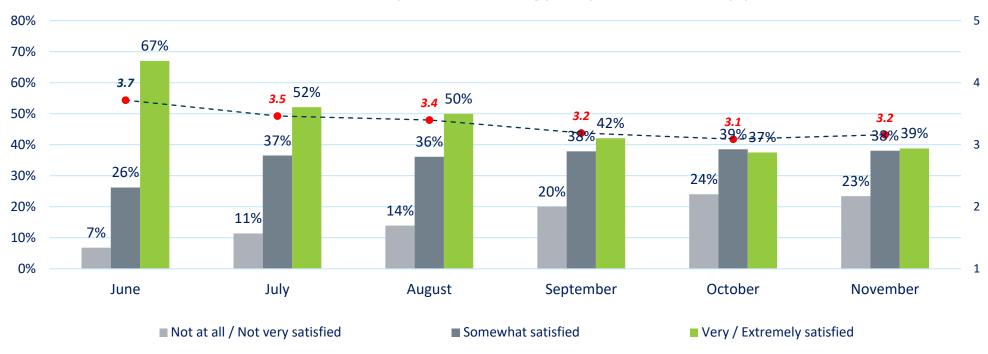




Customer Satisfaction with Evergy

Satisfaction appears to be slowly starting to level off

Overall, how satisfied are you with Evergy as your electricity provider?



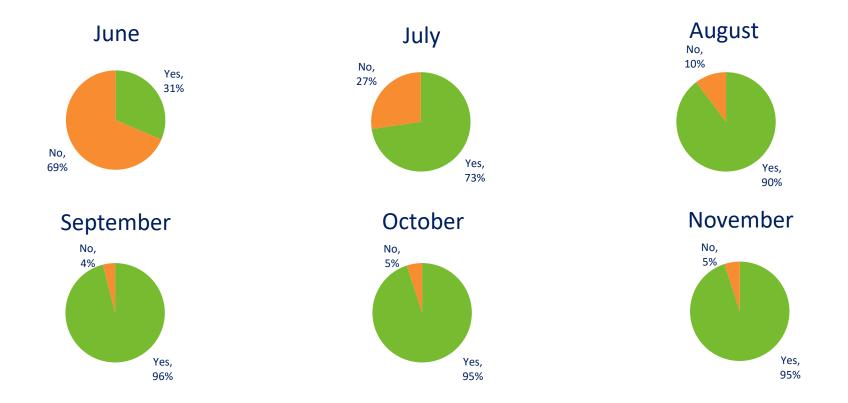




Seen or Heard of New Rate Options

Almost all customers had seen or heard about Evergy's new rate options

Seen or heard anything recently about Evergy offering new rate plan options to customers?



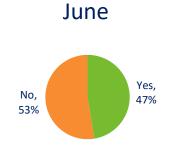


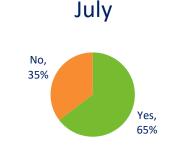


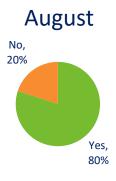
Awareness of Evergy Currently Offering Choices

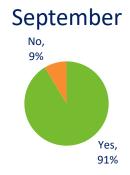
Almost every customer is aware that Evergy offers choices in rate plans

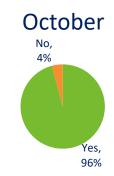
Aware that Evergy currently offers you choices of different types of rate plans?

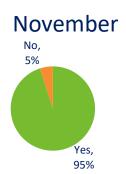












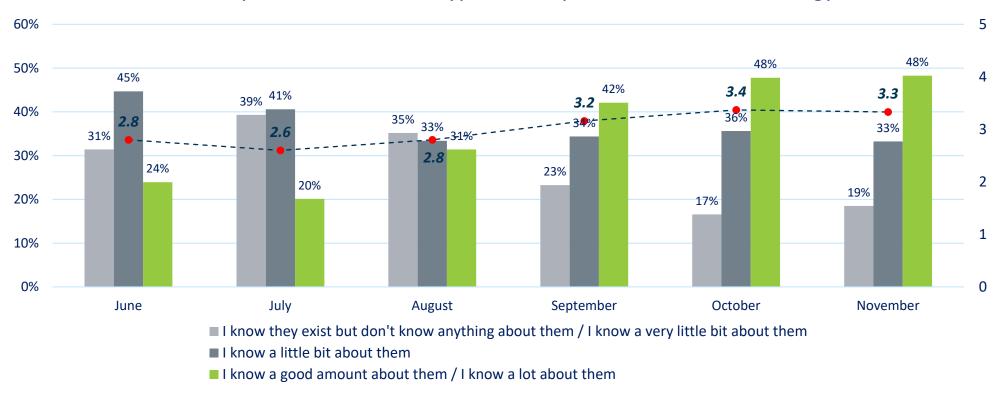




Familiarity with Evergy Rate Plans

Familiarity with Evergy's rate plan offerings is starting to level off

Familiarity with the different type of rate plans available from Evergy



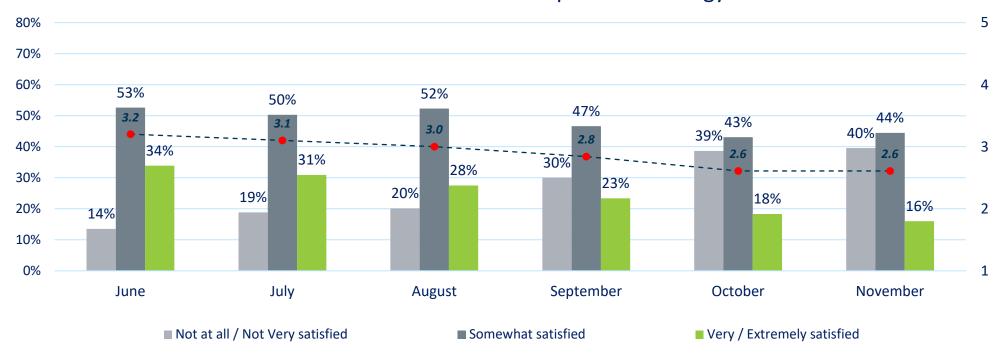




Customer Satisfaction with Current Rate Plan

Satisfaction with current rate plan appears to have leveled off at this point

Satisfaction with current rate plan from Evergy



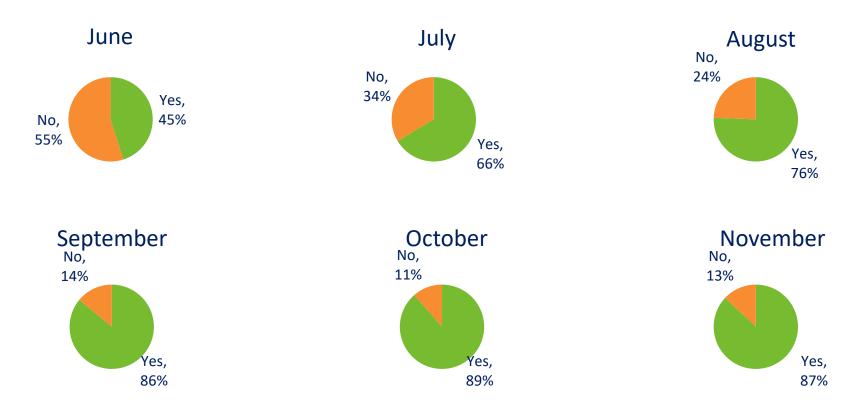




Heard of Evergy's Time-Based Rate Plans

Almost nine out of ten customers heard about Evergy's time-based rate plans

Before today, had heard of Evergy's time-based rate plans costs of electricity will vary based on the time of day that you use it.



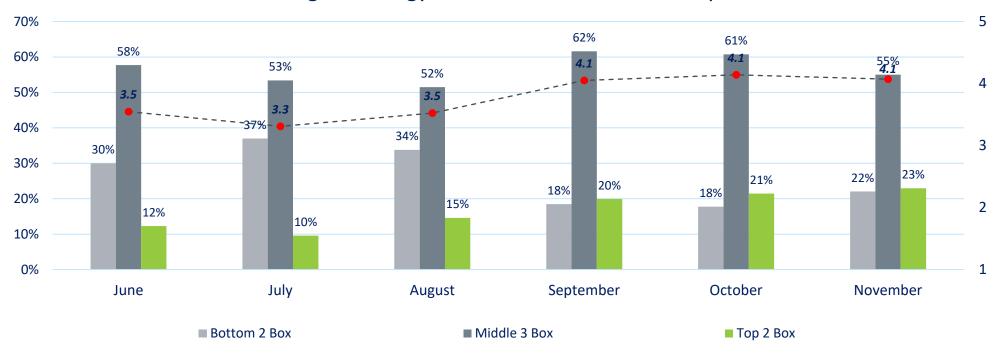




Knowledge of Evergy's Different Time-Based Rate Plans

Evergy customers rate their knowledge a 4.1 on a 7-point scale. These results are in line with our past research where we ask similar questions about their knowledge of their current rate plans.

Knowledge of Evergy's different time-based rate plans



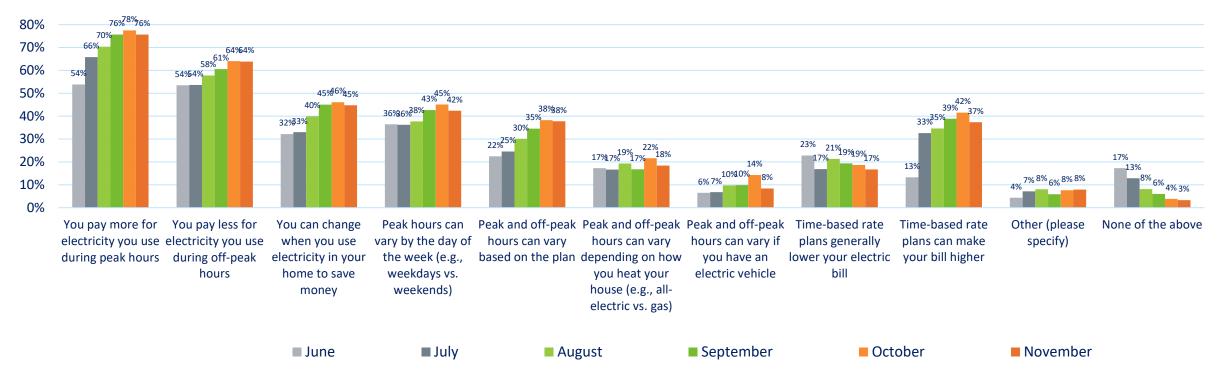




Statements Believed To Be True About Time-Based Rates

Most customers correctly identify the key aspects of time-based plans. This may show that customers know more about the plans than then think they do.

Believed to be true about time-based rates



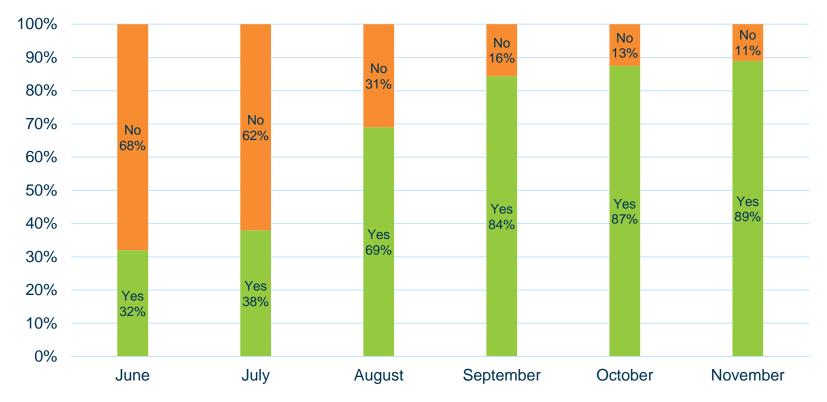




Recall Communications About Time-Based Rate Plans

Almost nine out of ten customers recall communications about Evergy's timebased rate plans

Recall communications from Evergy about the new time-based rate plans



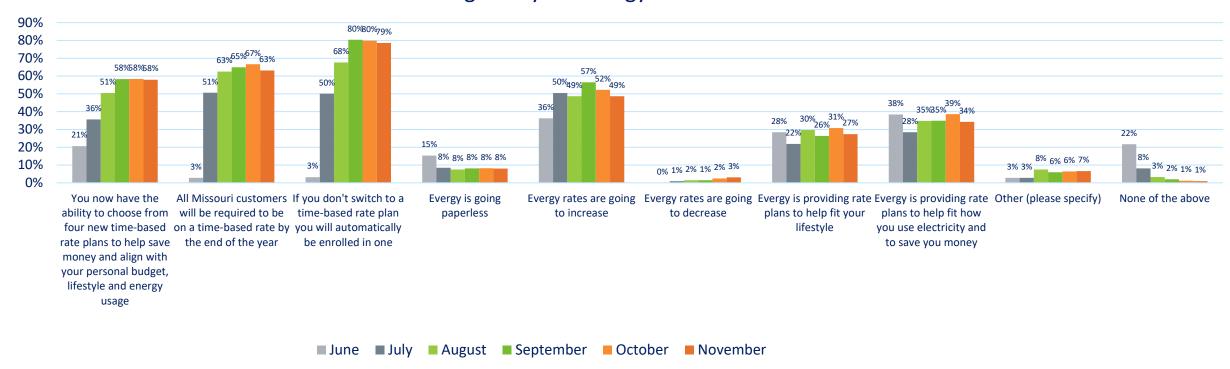




Changes To Your Electric Service

Awareness of time-based rate changes has leveled off at this point

Changes to your Evergy electric service



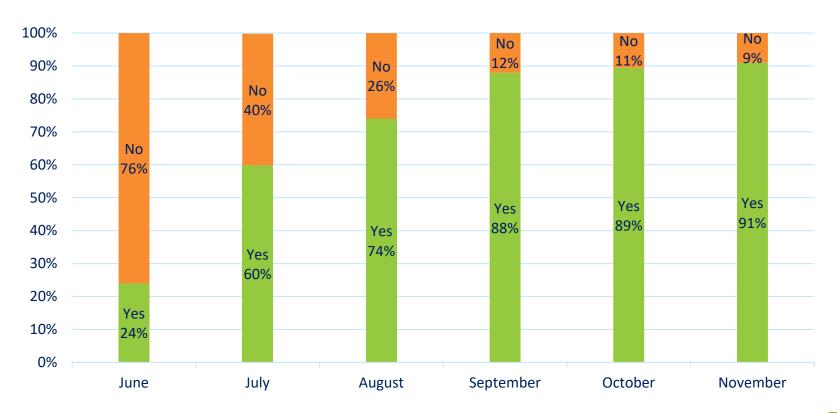




Cost of Electricity Will Vary Based On Time Of Day Awareness

The number of customers who are aware that cost of electricity will vary based on time of day by end of 2023 has more than tripled since June

Aware cost of electricity will vary based on the time of day by the end of 2023



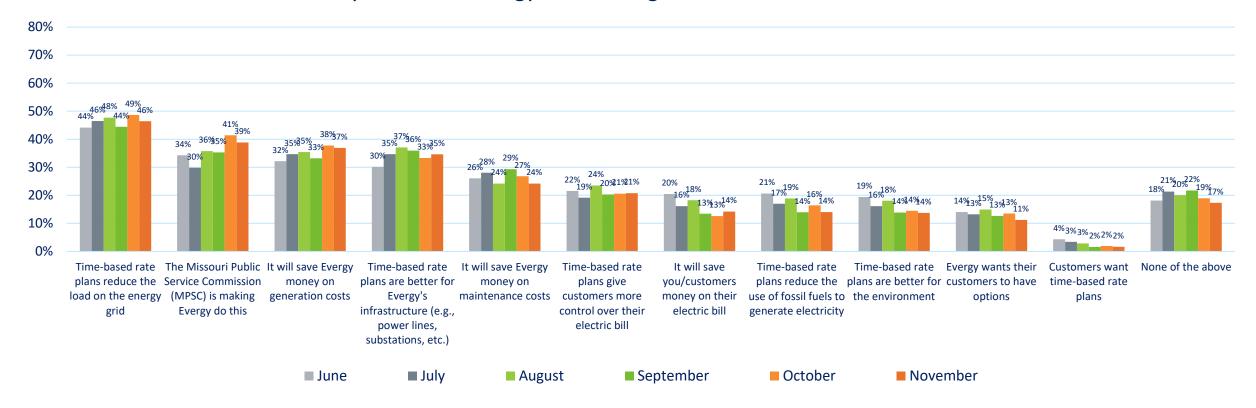




Reasons for Switching to Time-Based Rates

Customers perception is that time-based rates benefit Evergy more than the customers

Reasons you believe Evergy is switching customers to a time-based rates



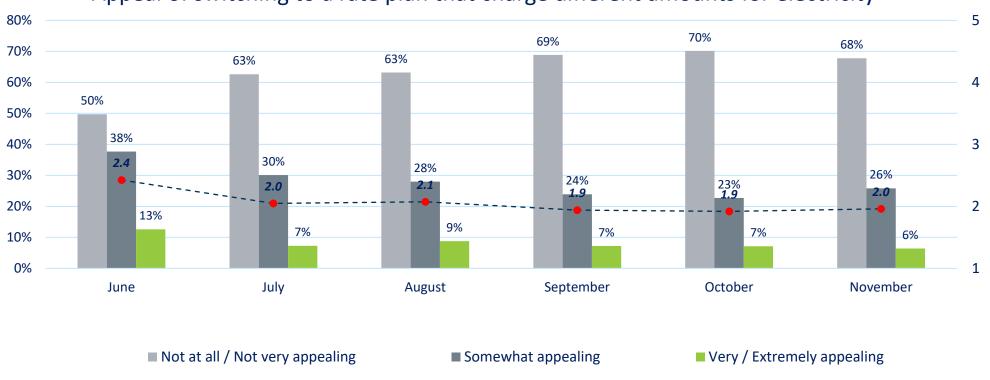




Appeal of Switching to Time-Based Rate

Two-thirds (68%) of customers indicated switching to time-based rates is Not very appealing or Not at all appealing

Appeal of switching to a rate plan that charge different amounts for electricity

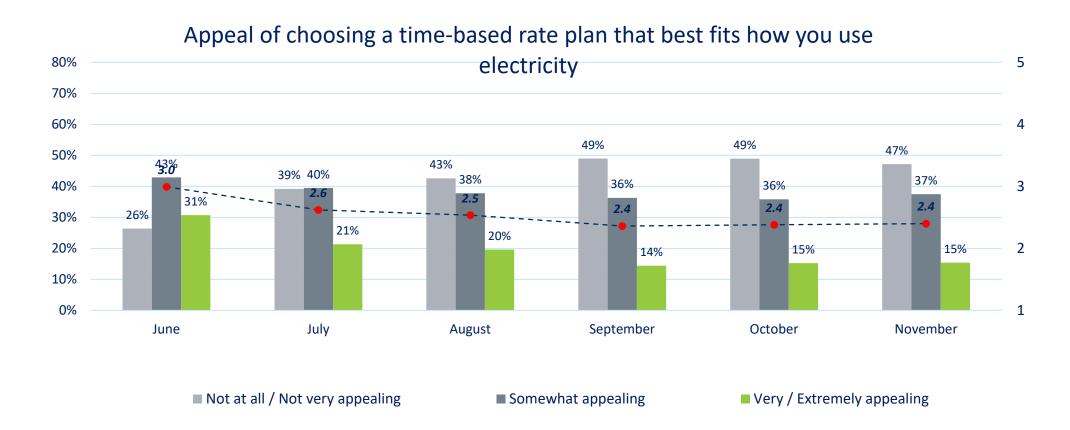






Appeal of Choosing a Time-Based Rate Plan

The number of customers who find the idea of choosing a time-based rate plan to be appealing remains very low at this point



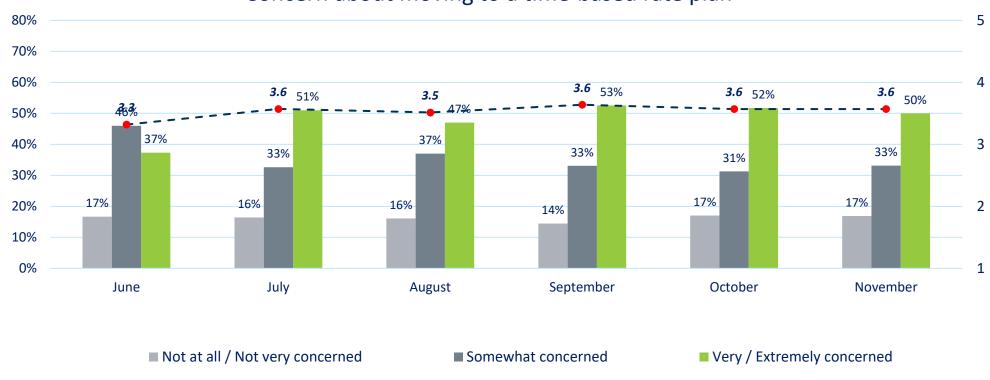




Concern About Switching to Time-Based Rate Plan

The number of customers who are <u>Very concerned</u> or <u>Extremely concerned</u> about switching to time-based rates has remained fairly flat



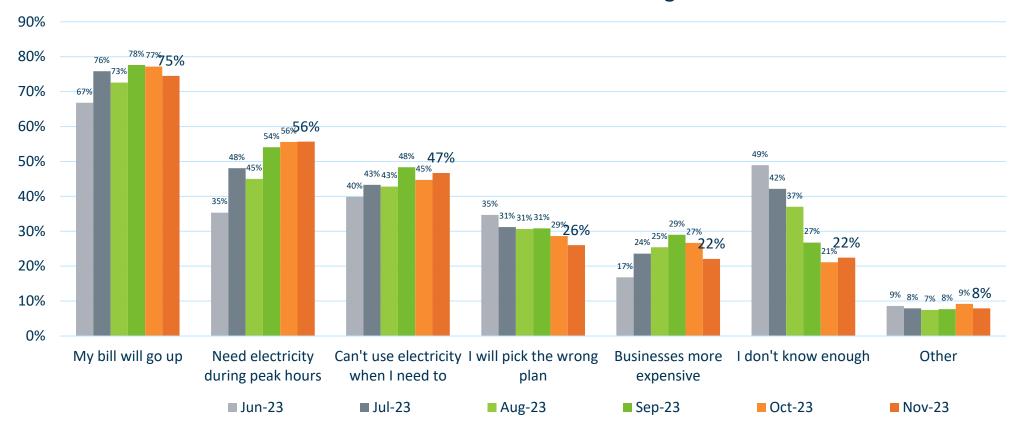






What Concerns about Switching to Time-based Rate Plan

What Concerns about Switching



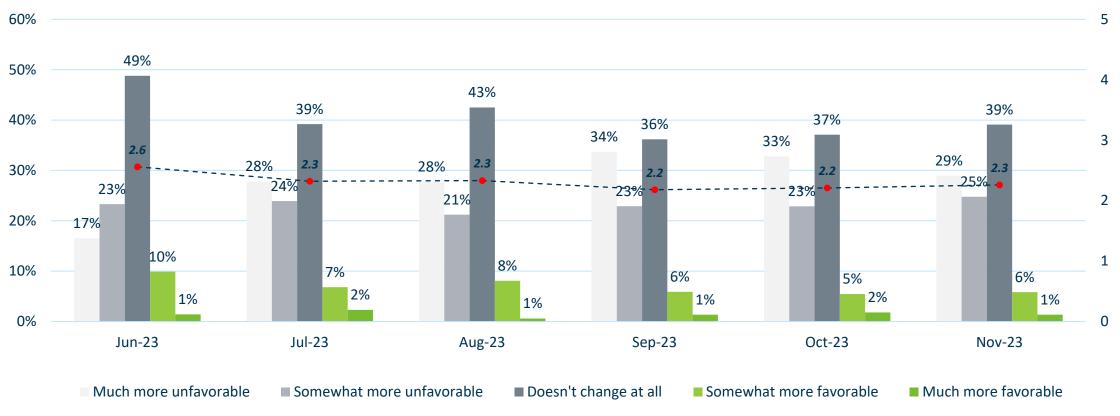




Change in Evergy Favorability due to Time-based Rates

More than half (54%) of Evergy customers have a more unfavorable opinion of Evergy because of the mandated TOU rates

Change in Favorability due to Time-based Rates





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