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Evergy profited \$191 million last quarter

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Electric monopoly Evergy reported about \$191 million in profits last quarter, which comes as the company has asked Kansas utility regulators for rate increases. Evergy announced its second quarter

2025 financial results on Aug. 7, with \$191.1 million in adjusted earnings. Stockholders will be paid a dividend of \$0.6675 per share. That was about \$16 million less than the second quarter of 2024, which was attributed to “milder weather,” “higher operations and maintenance expense” and “an increase in interest and depreciation.”

Those negative financial impacts were partially offset by “increases in revenue from the recovery of regulated investments” and higher demand for electricity. In a press release, Evergy CEO David Campbell called it a “solid” quarter and told investors the company remains “laser-

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Evergy CEO David Campbell spoke with investors during an earnings conference call on Aug. 7.
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A protester holds a placard Aug. 11 as local residents rally against President Donald Trump's plans to activate federal law enforcement in Washington. MANDEL NGAN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Trump plans to send National Guard into DC

Order comes despite significant drop in crime

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump said he will deploy 800 National Guard troops to Washington and take federal control of the city’s police department as part of an aggressive federal effort to crack down on crime in the

nation’s capital. “I’m announcing a historic action to rescue our nation’s capital from crime, bloodshed, bedlam and squalor and worse,” Trump said Aug. 11 from the White House Briefing Room, flanked by Attorney General Pam Bondi and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. “This is Liberation Day in DC, and we’re going to take our capital back.” Trump signed two executive orders

earlier in the day. One invoked Section 740 of Washington, D.C.’s Home Rule Act to allow the Trump administration to take control of the Metropolitan Police Department. Separately, Trump signed a presidential memorandum directing Hegseth to deploy National Guard troops in Washington and authorizing him to coordinate with other governors to utilize their states’ National Guards as well. Hegseth said the DC National Guard

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Nation’s least-polluted city is in Kansas, study says

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Lawrence, in northeast Kansas, was identified for the second straight year as being the nation’s least-polluted city in data accompanying a recently released list of this country’s dirtiest cities. The list identified Topeka as being this nation’s 16th-least-polluted city. Lawrence finished 257th overall and Topeka finished 148th overall among 303 cities in the list of “2025’s Dirtiest Cities in America” put out July 30 by Lawnstarter, an Austin, Texas-based online platform for mowing services. LawnStarter based its rankings on 20 metrics in each of four categories, with those being pollution, inadequate living conditions, inadequate waste infrastructure and resident dissatisfaction. It ranked Lawrence “303rd dirtiest” in the pollution category, meaning it was considered least-polluted.

How did LawnStarter determine which cities were least-polluted?

Lawrence had also been identified as 303rd dirtiest in the pollution category in data accompanying LawnStarter’s 2024 “dirtiest cities” list. Lawrence wasn’t among communities identified on the company’s 2023 “dirtiest cities” list, which identified the nation’s least-polluted city as being Honolulu, Hawaii.

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