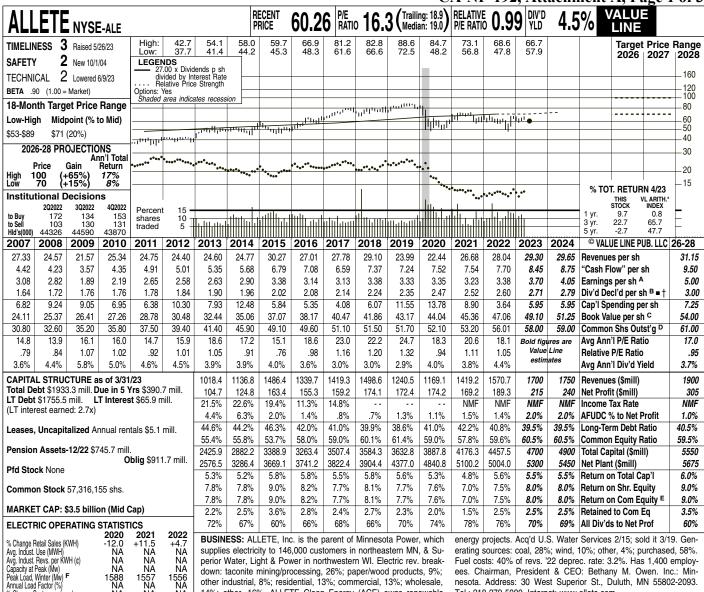
1 **Volume 2: Cost of Capital: Expert Opinion of James Coyne- Capital Structure and Risk** 2 **Profile** 3 4 Q. In terms of C&T's US sample, please provide the Value Line "one page summary" 5 of the full sample of 36 US Electric utilities they follow and the reasons for excluding 6 each one when narrowing down to the sample in Figure 20. 7 8 A. Please see Attachment A for the Value Line sheets for 35 of the companies classifies as 9 U.S. Electric Utilities. Value Line did not publish a summary page for Pacific Gas and 10 Electric Company during the time period used for our analysis. 11 12 Please see Attachment B for the proxy group screening workpaper. Please see the 13 response to Request for Information PUB-NP-110 for an explanation of why Eversource 14 Energy was included in the U.S. Electric proxy group. 15 16 Attachment B is available in electronic format on Newfoundland Power's stranded 17 website at: https://ftp.nfpower.ca/.

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Value Line Sheets



other industrial, 8%; residential, 13%; commercial, 13%; wholesale, 14%; other, 16%. ALLETE Clean Energy (ACE) owns renewable

nesota. Address: 30 West Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802-2093. Tel.: 218-279-5000. Internet: www.allete.com

219 220 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 230 ANNUAL RATES Est'd '20-'22 5 Yrs. of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 Revenues -3.0% 3.0% Cash Flow" 2.0% 4.5% 6.0% 4.5% Earnings .5% 3.5% 3.0% 3.0% Dividends 3.5% Book Value

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill)

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endar	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Year
2020	311.6	243.2	293.9	320.4	1169.1
2021	339.2	335.6	345.4	399.0	1419.2
2022	383.5	373.1	388.3	425.8	1570.7
2023	564.9	395	400	340.1	1700
2024	425	420	445	460	1750
Cal-	E/	RNINGS P	ER SHARI	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Year
2020	1.28	.39	.78	.90	3.35
2021	.99	.53	.53	1.18	3.23
2022	1.24	.67	.59	.90	3.38
2023	1.02	.83	.80	1.05	3.70
2024	1.35	.65	.90	1.15	4.05
Cal-	QUART	ERLY DIVI	DENDS PA	IDB = †	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.5875	.5875	.5875	.5875	2.35
2020	.6175	.6175	.6175	.6175	2.47
2021	.63	.63	.63	.63	2.52
2022	.65	.65	.65	.65	2.60
2023	.6775	.6775			

ALLETE remains focused on the development of clean and renewable energy projects, including the company's carbon-reduction goals. As a result, Allete Clean Energy recently completed the sale of its 92-megawatt Red Barn wind facility in Wisconsin to WEC Energy Group utility Wisconsin Public Service corp. and Madison Gas and Electric Co. Still, ALLETE Clean Energy recorded first quarter net income of \$8.5 million compared to \$16.5 million last year. Higher operating and maintenance expenses, along with lower wind resources and availability led to the decline. On a positive note, investments in renewable energy facilities, New Energy, and BNI Energy posted income of \$9.1 million, versus a net loss of \$1.7 million in 2022.

We continue to expect solid earnings growth this year. Interim rates at Minnesota Power and the sale of the Red Barn Project should act as the main drivers towards performance in 2023, despite the continued challenging operating environment. Our bottom-line projection remains at the midpoint of management's full-year updated earnings per share range of \$3.55

to \$3.85. The utility also expects New Energy to provide full year earnings of \$16 million-\$17 million.

We look for earnings of \$4.05 a share in 2024, in line with the company's annual profit growth rate goal of 5%-7%. The utility should continue to benefit from rate relief and tax credits that provide investment options, as well as the sale of transfer projects and strong performances from the regulated operations segment moving forward. Too, the macroeconomic environment, including higher operating and maintenance costs, and lower wind resources will likely improve over that inter-

These shares may appeal to incomeoriented investors. The utility carries a dividend yield of 4.5%, which is above the industry average. The stock also holds high scores for Price Stability and Earnings Predictability, and are ranked 2 (Above Average) for Safety. While 18month and 3-to 5-year capital appreciation potential does not stand out, total return prospects are superior to that of most utility issues.

Zachary J. Hodgkinson

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (loss): '15, (46¢); '17, 25¢; '19, 26¢; '19 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds historically paid in early Mar.,

(E) Rate base: Orig. cost depr. Rate all'd in MN

June, Sept. and Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan avail. † Shareholder invest. plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '22: \$9.60/sh. (D) In mill. deferred charges. The charges c

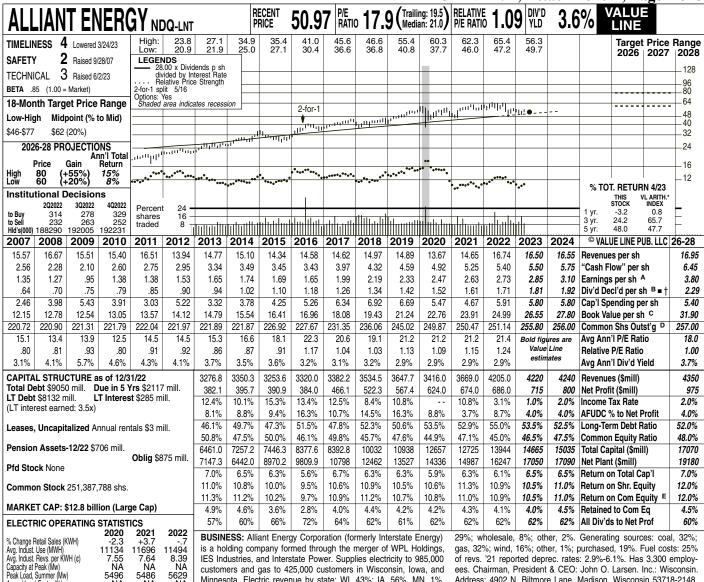
Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability**

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customers and gas to 425,000 customers in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. Electric revenue by state: WI, 43%; IA, 56%. MN, 1%. Electric revenue: residential, 36%; commercial, 25%; industrial,

ees. Chairman, President & CEO: John O. Larsen. Inc.: Wisconsin. Address: 4902 N. Biltmore Lane. Madison. Wisconsin 53718-2148. Tel.: 608-458-3311. Internet: www.alliantenergy.com.

251 259 NA Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '26-'28 Revenues .5% 2.0% 'Cash Flow" 7.5% 8.0% 3.5% 6.5% 6.5% 6.0% Earnings 6.5% 7.0% 6.0% 5.0% Dividends Book Value

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2020	916	763	920	817	3416
2021	901	817	1024	927	3669
2022	1068	943	1135	1059	4205
2023	1077	945	1140	1058	4220
2024	1080	950	1145	1065	4240
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHARE	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.72	.54	.94	.26	2.47
2021	.68	.57	1.02	.35	2.63
2022	.77	.63	.90	.43	2.73
2023	.65	.63	1.05	.52	2.85
2024	.88	.72	1.02	.48	3.10
Cal-	QUARTI	ERLY DIVI	DENDS PA	IDB ■ †	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.355	.355	.355	.355	1.42
2020	.38	.38	.38	.38	1.52
2021	.4025	.4025	.4025	.4025	1.61
2022	.4275	.4275	.4275	.4275	1.71
2023	4525	4525			

We have lowered our 2023 shareearnings estimate for Alliant Energy by a nickel. At \$2.85, our new call represents an increase of 4.4% over the \$2.73 that the Wisconsin-based electric and gas utility tallied last year. Key assumptions include revenues of \$4.22 billion (up less than 1%, year over year) and modest expansion in the net profit margin. Our less-positive near-term stance partly reflects increased concern about residential power use, amid fairly mild weather across Alliant's service area. To that point, as measured by heating degree days, the weather in the key Madison, Wisconsin metro area has been 10% milder than normal through the first few months of 2023. Meantime, Cedar Rapids, Iowa has also enjoyed unseasonably balmy temperatures, which has likely continued to limit power-consuming heating and cooling demand.

We look for earnings to reach \$3.80 a share by 2026-2028. Our target implies average annual profit growth of 6%-9% over the next 4 to 6 years. Underpinning our positive stance is an expanded rate base, as well as generally favorable

demographics across Alliant's three-state service area. Operating and maintenance costs should also trend lower, as the utility, for example, transitions to fewer overhead distribution lines in favor of underground assets that are less susceptible to weather damage.

The utility's investment roadmap includes a notable amount of energy storage. Late last year, Alliant filed a plan with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, calling for the addition of 175 megawatts of battery storage in the state. Specifically, the facilities would be located in Grant and Wood counties, alongside two previously-approved solar arrays. Importantly, they'd provide bridge power for more than 180,000 homes at times when sun- and wind-power generation is inadequate.

Shares of Alliant Energy are ranked 4 (Below Average) for relative yearahead price performance. Still, over the next several years, we think LNT shares may outperform many of its peers', compensating investors for a dividend yield slightly below the industry average. Nils C. Van Liew

June 9, 2023

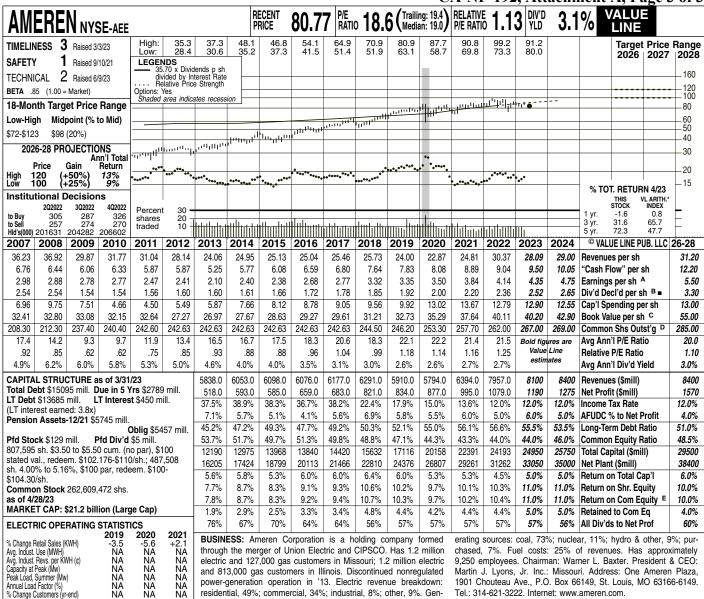
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(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring losses: '11, log', '12, 8¢. '20 & '21 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early Aug. (B) Dividends historically paid in mid-Feb., | (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '21: \$1,980 mill., avg. (E) Rate | (E) Rate

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability**



and 813,000 gas customers in Illinois. Discontinued nonregulated power-generation operation in '13. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 49%; commercial, 34%; industrial, 8%; other, 9%. GenMartin J. Lyons, Jr. Inc.: Missouri. Address: One Ameren Plaza, 1901 Chouteau Ave., P.O. Box 66149, St. Louis, MO 63166-6149, Tel.: 314-621-3222. Internet: www.ameren.com

325 307 291 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 -2.5% 3.5% 3.5% Revenues -1.0% 4.0% "Cash Flow" Earnings 5.5% 7.0% 5.5% 6.5% 6.5% 6.5% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

NA NA NA

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2020	1440	1398	1628	1328	5794
2021	1566	1472	1811	1545	6394
2022	1879	1726	2306	2046	7957
2023	2062	1700	2280	2058	8100
2024	2100	1770	2350	2180	8400
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHARI	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.59	.98	1.47	.46	3.50
2021	.91	.80	1.65	.48	3.84
2022	.97	.80	1.74	.63	4.14
2023	1.00	.80	1.90	.65	4.35
2024	1.05	.85	2.20	.65	4.75
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.475	.475	.475	.495	1.92
2020	.495	.495	.495	.515	2.00
2021	.55	.55	.55	.55	2.20
2022	.59	.59	.59	.59	2.36
2023	.63				

Corporation's first-quarter Ameren 2023 results demonstrate its ability to deliver solid financial performance despite challenging weather conditions. Earnings per share of \$1.00 rose from \$0.97 in the year-ago period. The growth was primarily driven by increased infrastructure investments across all business segments and lower operations and maintenance costs. Reduced retail sales partially offset this, due to unseasonably warm weather. Ameren remains on track to achieve its 2023 earnings target range of \$4.25 to \$4.45 per share. To maintain credit ratings and a healthy balance sheet, it plans to issue \$300 million of common equity by the end of the year, equal to approximately 3.2 million shares.

Progress is being made on regulatory **matters.** There was a constructive settlement of the Ameren Missouri Electric rate review in April. The agreement calls for a \$140 million annual revenue increase subject to the approval of the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC). This will mean residential customer rates have increased by about 2%, compounded annually since April 2017. The regulatory frame-

work, effective through 2028. permits Ameren Missouri to make significant infrastructure investments. Two notable solar projects, the Huck Finn Solar Project in Missouri and the Boomtown Solar Project in Illinois, were approved by the MPSC in February and April, adding to Ameren's renewable energy portfolio. The Huck Finn project will be the company's largest solar project to date, capable of powering about 40,000 homes.

There is plenty of opportunity to grow the business through further investment. Ameren reportedly has a robust investment pipeline of \$48 billion over the next decade. The updated five-year growth plan predicts a 6% to 8% compound annual earnings growth rate from 2023 through 2027. This is expected to be driven by robust yearly base rate growth of 8.4%.

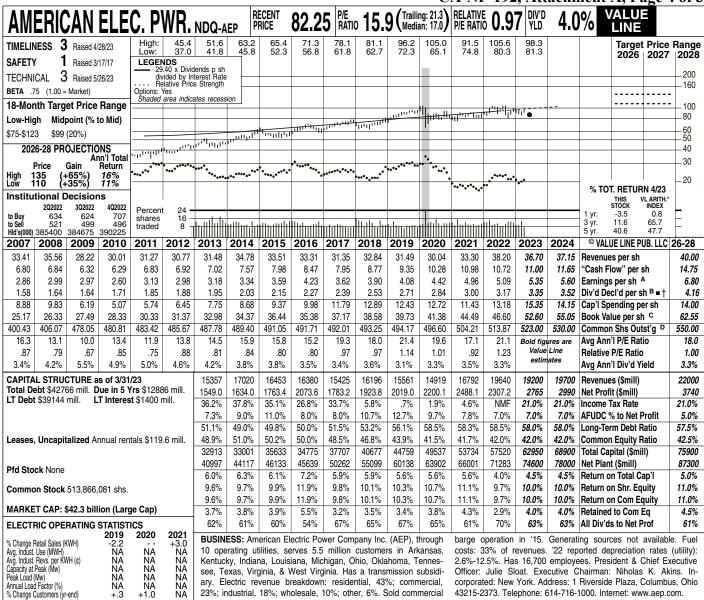
Ameren's stock may interest conservative investors. The strategy remains customer-centric with a focus on disciplined cost management as Ameren continues its transformation towards providing more sustainable and cleaner energy. Kevin Downing June 9, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain (losses): '10, (\$2.19); '11, (32¢); '12, (\$6.42); '17, (63¢) gain (loss) from discontinued ops.: '13, (92¢); '15, 21¢. Next earnings report due early-

August. (B) Div'ds paid late Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '21: \$6.60/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Orig. cost depr. Rate allowed on com.

eq. in MO in '22: elec. & gas, none specified; in IL: electric, varies; in '21: gas, 9.67%; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: 10.6%. Regulatory Climate: MO, Average; IL, Below Average

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 100 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 100



see, Texas, Virginia, & West Virginia. Has a transmission subsidiary. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 43%; commercial, 23%; industrial, 18%; wholesale, 10%; other, 6%. Sold commercial Officer: Julie Sloat. Executive Chairman: Niholas K. Akins. Incorporated: New York, Address: 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215-2373. Telephone: 614-716-1000. Internet: www.aep.com.

272 234 243 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '26-'28 Revenues .5% -.5% 3.5% 'Cash Flow" 5.0% 5.0% 5.5% 5.5% 6.0% Earnings 5.0% 3.5% 5.5% 6.0% Dividends Book Value

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Annual Load Factor (%)

% Change Customers (yr-end)

Cal-	QUAR	TERLY RE	VENUES (\$ mill.)	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	3747	3494	4066	3610	14918
2021	4281	3826	4623	4061	16792
2022	4593	4640	5526	4881	19640
2023	4690	4700	5350	4460	19200
2024	4820	4750	5375	4755	19700
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHARI	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	1.00	1.05	1.50	.87	4.42
2021	1.15	1.15	1.59	1.07	4.96
2022	1.22	1.20	1.62	1.05	5.09
2023	1.11	1.25	1.75	1.24	5.35
2024	1.45	1.30	1.80	1.05	5.60
Cal-	QUART	ERLY DIVI	DENDS PA	IDB∎†	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.67	.67	.67	.70	2.71
2020	.70	.70	.70	.74	2.84
2021	.74	.74	.74	.78	3.00
2022	.78	.78	.78	.83	3.17
2023	.83	.83			

American Electric Power is meeting expectations. First-quarter earnings per share came in at \$1.11, on par with Wall Street's expectations but lower than last year's tally due to historically mild weather that restricted results. This, along with an increase in operations and maintenance costs and higher taxes, offset the benefits derived from rate increases, load growth, and more transmission revenue. Despite these challenges, effective cost management enabled management to maintain its 2023 bottom-line outlook of \$5.19 to \$5.39 and a long-term annual earnings growth target of 6-7%.

The company is aggressively managing its asset portfolio. It scrapped the potential sale of its Kentucky operations citing unattractive deal economics and an adverse regulatory environment as main causes. The unit, which recorded an underwhelming 2.9% return on equity over the past year, will be revamped with a focus on reliability and cost control. Also, new base rates will be effective from January 2024 onward. A recently announced sale of certain solar assets are expected to close by the end of 2023. Furthermore,

AEP intends to divest its retail and distributed resources businesses, with the sale process to start this summer and completion expected in the first half of 2024. These assets collectively contribute around \$650 million to annual revenue.

The company is trying to get greener. Approximately 43% of AEP's 24,600 total megawatt capacity is currently fueled by coal, which is relatively bad for the environment compared to other natural resources, and a focal point of regulators and ESG investors. AEP's four-year, \$40 billion capital expenditure plan will be used to add around 17 gigawatts of cleaner power generation capacity over the next nine years. The ultimate goal is to reach "net zero" emissions by 2045, meaning balance between the amount of greenhouse gases produced and the amount removed from the atmosphere or offset elsewhere. Continued focus on debt reduction should also help the stock's valuation ahead, allowing American to become more in-line with premium-priced peers.

Risk-averse investors may want to take a closer look here. Kevin Downing June 9, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses): '07, (20¢); '08, 40¢; '10, (7¢); '11, 89¢; '12, (38¢); '13, (14¢); '16, (\$2.99); '17, 26¢; '19, (20¢); gains (loss) from disc. ops.: '06, 2¢; '08, reinvestment plan avail. † Shareholder invest.

3¢; '15, 58¢; '16, (1¢); '22, (58¢); '23, (34¢). Next earnings report due late July. (**B**) Div'ds paid early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 100 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 95

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as of 4/25/23				3.4%	1.8%	4.0%	3.4%	3.9%	4.4%	4.1%	4.1%	4.6%	4.0%	4.5%	Return o		- 1	5.0%
MARKET CAP: \$15.7 billion (Lar	ge Cap)			3.4%	1.8%	1.4%	NMF	.4%	.8%	.5%	.9%	1.1%	.5%	1.0%	Retained			1.5%
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AVANGRID is off to a weak start this

Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 237 270 247 ANNUAL RATES Est'd '20-'22 Past Past 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '26-'28 of change (per sh) 2.0% 3.5% 7.0% Revenues "Cash Flow" 4.0% Earnings 4.0% 1.5% 1.0% Dividends **Book Value** 0.5%

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Full Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	1789 1966 2133 2466 2550	1392 1477 1794 1875 1950	1470 1598 1838 1950 2025	1669 1933 2158 2209 2275	6320 6974 7923 8500 8800
Cal- endar	EA Mar.31	RNINGS F Jun.30	ER SHARI Sep.30	E A Dec.31	Full Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.76 1.14 1.16 .64 . 73	.32 .35 .46 .50	.32 .34 .31 . 35 . 41	.62 .44 .39 . 61	2.02 2.18 2.32 2.10 2.35
Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		IDENDS PA		Full Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.44 .44 .44 .44	.44 .44 .44 .44	.44 .44 .44 .44	.44 .44 .44 .44	1.76 1.76 1.76 1.76

year in terms of the bottom line. The company was up against a difficult Marchperiod comparison, given that last year's share earnings of \$1.16 included a \$0.47 unusual item related to the contractual restructuring of a partnership agreement. The company still fell \$0.13 a share short of our estimate, as interest and operating/maintenance expenses rose, while AVANGRID has only received rate relief thus far in 2023 from Massachusetts.

Year-over-year earnings comparisons should be on the mend later this year. AVANGRID is suffering from regulatory lag in its New York, Maine and Connecticut territories. The company's utilities are in settlement talks with their state regulatory boards for rate relief, and AVANGRID leadership expects to receive higher prices over the course of this year. Concluding the acquisition of PNM Resources is a priority. To recap, AVANGRID agreed to purchase the parent of electric utilities in New Mexico and Texas for \$4.3 billion. The deal was blocked in New Mexico. The companies

have recently extended their agreement to

July 20th, and are back in discussions with a revamped regulatory commission, which has all new voting members, as former commissioners completed their terms. We expect the deal to go through. See our April 21st PNM Resources (NYSE: PNM) report for a more detailed discussion.

AVANGRID is a key player in the burgeoning "green" energy arena. Existing renewable power generation comes from onshore wind and solar. Construction of the first U.S. large-scale offshore wind project began in November 2021 and is expected to be completed by late 2024. Over time, renewables should grow to become a larger income source for AGR. (The segment accounted for 20% of first-quarter consolidated net income.) The PNM purchase offers further avenues of expansion, providing a base of operation for solar and wind projects in the Southwest.

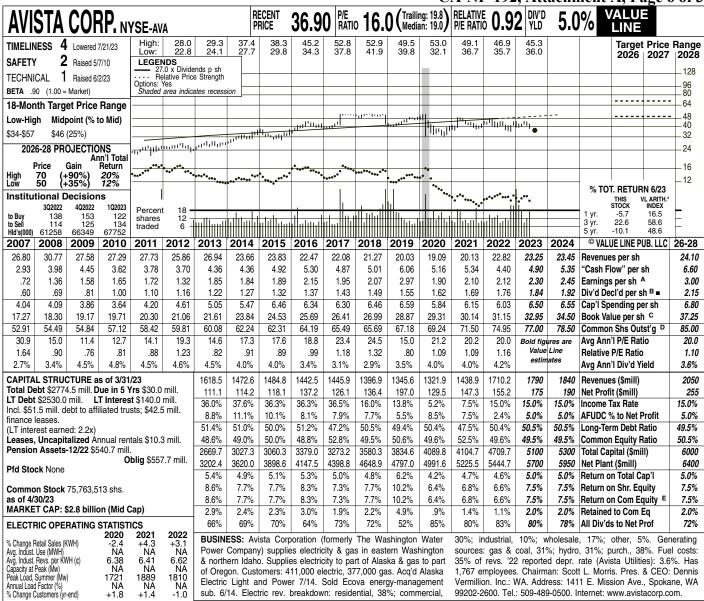
This issue, however, is untimely. Utility investors may find the intermediateterm total return prospects worthwhile. But, there is no rush to get involved here, as there are bound to be kinks to work out should the merger go through.

May 12, 2023 Anthony J. Glennon

(A) Diluted egs. Excl. nonrecur. gain/(loss): '16, 6¢; '17, (44¢); '19, 9¢; '20, (14¢); '21, (21¢); '22, (5¢); 1Q '23, (1¢). EPS may not sum to full-year due to rounding. Next earnins report \$5,721 mill., \$14.80/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate Regulatory Climate: Below Average.

due late July. (B) Div'ds paid in early Jan., base: Net original cost. Rate allowed on com. April, July, and Oct. Dividend reinvestment eq. in NY in '20: 8.8%; in CT in '17: 9.1% elec.; plan available. (C) Incl. intangibles. In '22: in CT in '19: 9.3% gas; in ME in '22: 9.25%.

Company's Financial Strength B++ Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence 85 40 **Earnings Predictability**



Electric Light and Power 7/14. Sold Ecova energy-management sub. 6/14. Electric rev. breakdown: residential, 38%; commercial,

Vermillion, Inc.: WA. Address: 1411 E. Mission Ave., Spokane, WA 99202-2600. Tel.: 509-489-0500. Internet: www.avistacorp.com.

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		222	216 175
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value	Past 10 Yrs. -2.5% 3.0% 2.5% 4.5% 4.0%	Past 5 Yrs. -2.0% -0.5% 0.5% 4.0% 3.5%	3.5% 6.5% 4.0%

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Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

Cal-	QUAR	TERLY RE	VENUES (\$ mill.)	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	390.2	278.6	272.6	380.5	1321.9
2021	412.9	298.2	296.0	431.8	1438.9
2022	462.7	378.6	359.4	509.5	1710.2
2023	474.6	370	355	590.4	1790
2024	490	380	370	600	1840
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHARI	E A	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.72 .98 .99 .73	.26 .20 .16 .20	.07 .20 d.08 .20 .22	.85 .71 1.05 1.17 1.25	1.90 2.10 2.12 2.30 2.45
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P.	AID B ■	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.3875 .405 .4225 .44 .46	.3875 .405 .4225 .44 .46	.3875 .405 .4225 .44	.3875 .405 .4225 .44	1.55 1.62 1.69 1.76

Regardless of the first-quarter showing, Avista remains on target to reach earnings of \$2.30 a share this year. Earnings in the March period missed our expectations by a wide margin, which is not all that uncommon for utilities. Still, this situation can be fully explained. Rate cases in Washington and Idaho dating back to 2021 came with customer tax credits. These credits will be fully returned by the end of the third quarter this year. After that, the utility margin will improve, but income tax is spread throughout the year as a percentage of pretax income based on the estimated annual effective tax rate. This will alter the shape of quarterly earnings in 2023. Management has said that 35% of annual utility earnings will be recognized in the first quarter. After that, the distribution will be 5% in the second quarter, 10% in the third quarter, and 50% in the fourth quarter. All told, the provided earnings spread remains at \$2.27 to \$2.47 per share, and our figure slants toward the low end of this range. Furthermore, this seems like a good time to reiterate to our subscribers to not focus on sequential showings, as opposed to the

annual earnings for utilities.

Earnings next year are apt to grow by roughly 5% to 7%. This is a touch slower than what we are looker for in 2023, but in line with what leadership is looking for from an annual perspective. Further rate plan approvals may well be in the cards, particularly in Idaho, and the expected larger revenue base will be a welcome sight. In that vein, our \$2.45-a-share target looks doable.

Clean energy goals continue to be executed upon. A contract for new wind generation in Montana was a nice step forward. Add that to hydro pacts and 70% of Avista's peak generating capability will be produced from non-emitting resources by 2026. Factoring in some additional spending on these fronts, our capital expenditure figure for 2023 is now hovering around the \$500 million line.

This untimely selection has a yield that is more than a full percentage point above the average utility within our coverage. Longer term, appreciation potential is only about average from the stock's recent price points. Erik M. Manning July 21, 2023

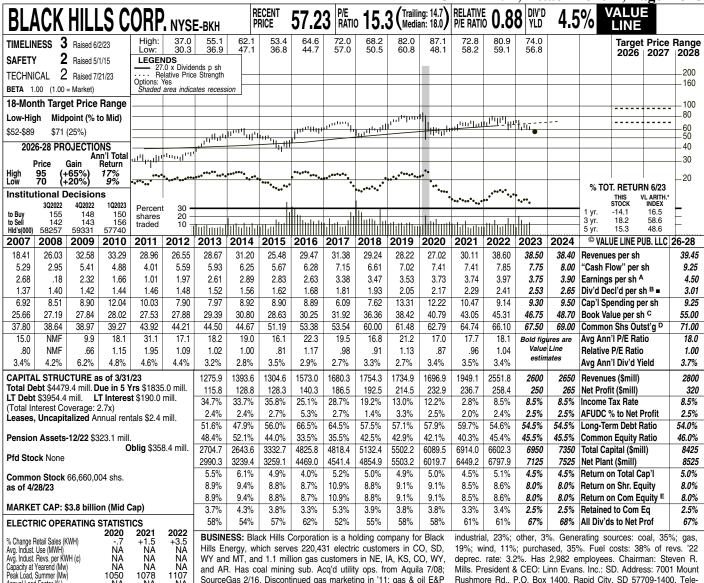
(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain (loss): '14, 9¢; '17, (16¢); gains on discont. ops.: '14, \$1.17; '15, 8¢. EPS may not sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early August. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate allowed on Avg.; ID, Above Avg.

(B) Div'ds paid in mid-Mar., June, Sept. & Dec.
■ Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred chgs. In '22: \$911.2 mill., \$12.16/sh. (D) In mill.

'22: \$7.1%. Regulatory Climate: WA, Below

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 75 Price Growth Persistence 40 **Earnings Predictability** 65

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WY and MT, and 1.1 million gas customers in NE, IA, KS, CO, WY, and AR. Has coal mining sub. Acq'd utility ops. from Aquila 7/08; SourceGas 2/16. Discontinued gas marketing in '11; gas & oil E&P in '17. Electric rev. breakdown: residential, 35%; commercial, 39%;

deprec. rate: 3.2%. Has 2,982 employees. Chairman: Steven R. Mills. President & CEO: Linn Evans. Inc.: SD. Address: 7001 Mount Rushmore Rd., P.O. Box 1400, Rapid City, SD 57709-1400. Telephone: 605-721-1700. Internet: www.blackhillscorp.com

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		285	259	281
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value	Past 10 Yrs. 1.0% 4.5% 9.5% 4.5% 4.5%	Past 5 Yrs. 2.0% 3.5% 5.5% 6.0% 7.5%	to'	'20-'22 26-'28 3.5% 3.5% 3.0% 4.5% 4.0%

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2020	537.0	326.9	346.6	486.4	1696.9
2021	633.4	372.6	380.6	562.5	1949.1
2022	823.6	474.2	462.6	791.4	2551.8
2023	921.2	475	465	738.8	2600
2024	930	485	480	755	2650
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHARI	Dec.31	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30		Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	1.59 1.54 1.82 1.73 1.77	.33 .40 .52 .40	.58 .70 .54 .52 .55	1.23 1.11 1.11 1.10 1.15	3.73 3.74 3.97 3.75 3.90
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS PA	AID B ■	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30		Dec.31	Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.505 .535 .565 .595 .625	.505 .535 .565 .595 .625	.505 .535 .565 .595	.535 .565 .595 .625	2.05 2.17 2.29 2.41

Black Hills stock has been the worst year-to-date performer among electric utilities. The shares are down 19% in 2023, versus the 6% average decline for all electrics under Value Line's coverage. While many interest-rate sensitive issues are under water this year, BKH's weakness extends back to last year's third quarter, when the negative year-over-year quarterly earnings comparisons began. February's cut in the company's long-term profit growth objectives, to 4%-6% from 5%-7%, off of this year's scaled back earnings outlook of \$3.65-\$3.85 a share, accelerated the stock's decline. Inflation was cited as the primary problem. Given the individual circumstances of various utilities, some are more equipped to handle the challenging macro environment of elevated commodity/labor costs and higher interest rates without suffering from extreme regulatory lag. It depends in part on to what extent a company can bill in real time for certain increases in expenses. Black Hills primarily has to file for rate relief. In that vein, the company recently applied to charge higher gas and electric delivery prices in its varied service areas.

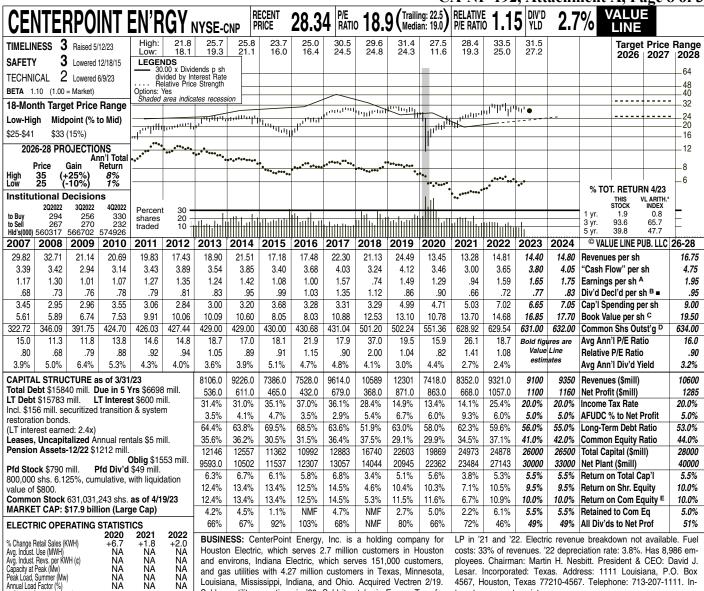
With a heavy weighting towards natural gas customers, Black Hills won't benefit as much as some utility peers will from secular growth trends in "clean energy." The company has a decent resource plan in place, which is focused on adding renewable power sources in its electric territories. Colorado leadership is progressive on the greenenergy front, legislating that 80% of electric power generation in the state come from non-emitting sources. As such, Black Hills is adding a combination of solar, wind power, and battery storage totalling 520 megawatts by 2030. Of this, 50% will be utility owned, with the remainder under long-term contracts. South Dakota and Wyoming are a little more conservative in their forays into clean energy. Combined, the utility has gotten the okay to expand renewables by 120 mw through 2026.

The decrease in valuation has this issue's total return prospects comparing favorably to its industry's 10%median. But we'd caution that the stock does not appear to have found equilibrium in response to leadership's new outlook. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains/ (losses): '15, (\$3.54); '16, (\$1.26); '17, 14¢; '18, \$1.31; '19, (25¢); '20, (8¢); discont. ops.: '08, \$4.12; '09, 7¢; '11, 23¢; '12, (16¢); '17, (31¢); '18,

(12¢). Qtly. EPS may not sum to full year due to rounding. Next egs. report due early Aug. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate allowed on (B) Div'ds paid in early March, June, Sept., and Dec. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred '17: 9.37%. Regulatory Climate: Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 85 Price Growth Persistence 40 **Earnings Predictability** 95



and gas utilities with 4.27 million customers in Texas, Minnesota, Louisiana, Mississippi, Indiana, and Ohio. Acquired Vectren 2/19. Sold nonutility operations in '20. Sold its stake in Energy Transfer

Lesar. Incorporated: Texas. Address: 1111 Louisiana, P.O. Box 4567, Houston, Texas 77210-4567. Telephone: 713-207-1111. Internet: www.centerpointenergy.com.

152 135 252 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 -6.0% -2.0% 1.0% Revenues -3.5% -.5% 4.0% 6.5% 2.5% 6.0% "Cash Flow" Earnings -0.5% 0.5% Dividends Book Value -7.5% 8.0%

% Change Customers (avg.)

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Cal- endar			VENUES (Sep. 30		Full Year
2020	2167	1575	1622	2054	7418
2021	2547	1742	1749	2314	8352
2022	2763	1944	1903	2711	9321
2023	2779	1860	1900	2561	9100
2024	2800	1900	2050	2600	9350
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHARE	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Year
2020	.56	.17	.29	.27	1.29
2021	.41	.29	.21	.03	.94
2022	.82	.28	.30	.19	1.59
2023	.49	.35	.50	.31	1.65
2024	.55	.40	.50	.30	1.75
Cal-	QUAR'	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.2875	.2875	.2875	.2875	1.15
2020	.29	.15	.15	.15	.74
2021	.16	.16	.16	.17	.65
2022	.17	.17	.18	.18	.70
2023	.18	.19			

CenterPoint Energy's first-quarter results were nothing to write home **about.** Revenues registered at \$2.78 billion. Meanwhile, GAAP share earnings clocked in at \$0.49, versus \$0.82 in the year-ago period (including the gains on the sale of the Energy Transfer common and preferred units and impacts associated with the Arkansas and Oklahoma natural gas LDC sale). On an adjusted basis, pershare earnings increased 6% over the previous-year tally, to \$0.50.

Near-term earnings are expected to stay healthy thanks to solid growth in demand. Also, ongoing rate-relief efforts and higher volumes ought to help. Hence, we estimate 2023 and 2024 share earnings each will advance at a single-digit pace.

The company is successfully following through on its \$43 billion capital plan. The long-term endeavor is now in its third year. Over the past two years, CenterPoint has already invested over \$8 billion in capital. By the end of the first quarter, an additional \$3.6 billion was deployed. The company plans to recoup roughly 80% of the total spent amount by 2030. Center-Point anticipates that it will not need to issue common equity through 2030, although the share count might rise slightly due to stock issued for options and various other plans.

The utility company is shifting away from using coal to generate electricity. This move is projected to save customers around \$80 million and decrease carbon emissions from the electric generation fleet by over 95% in the next 20 years. Currently, about 85% of the electricity provided to customers in southwest Indiana by CenterPoint is generated from coal. However, the company plans to switch to using mainly solar and wind power to generate electricity by the year 2030.

The board of directors boosted the dividend in the second quarter. The increase was \$0.01 a share (5.6%) sequentially, bringing the quarterly dividend amount to \$0.19 per share. Still, the dividend vield is below the utility average.

Shares of CenterPoint have subpar near- to intermediate-term capital appreciation potential. All told, there are more attractive selections available elsewhere.

Emma Jalees

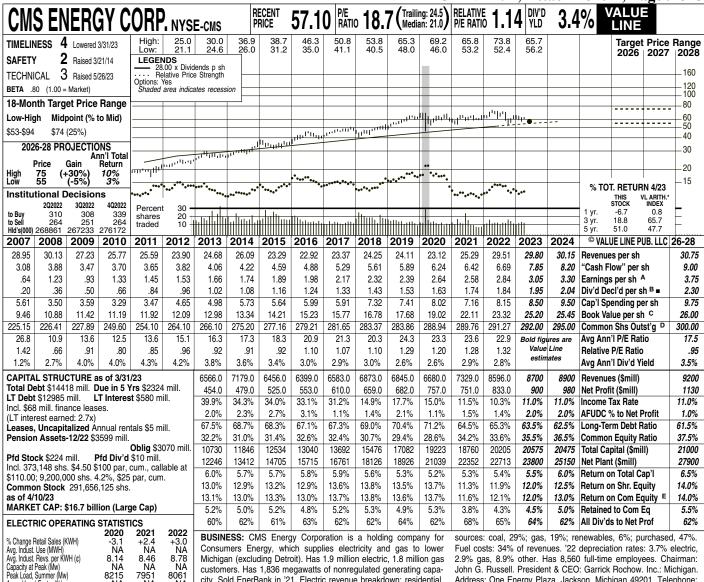
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(A) GAAP Dil. EPS 2022 & onwards. Excl. non-recur. gains (losses): '11, \$1.89; '12, (38¢); '13, (52¢); '15, (\$2.69); '17, \$2.56; '20, (\$2.74); gain (loss) on disc. ops.: '20, (34¢); '21, \$1.34. Ñext | avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$6.82/sh. (D) In | Regulatory Climate: TX, Avg.; IN, Above Avg. © 2023 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part

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egs. report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds histor. mill. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate all'd on paid in early Mar., June, Sept. & Dec. 5 declarations in '17 & '20, 3 in '19. Div'd reinv. plan 11.25%; earned on avg. com. eq., '22: 8.27%.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 75 Price Growth Persistence 30 **Earnings Predictability** 55



customers. Has 1,836 megawatts of nonregulated generating capacity. Sold EnerBank in '21. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 46%; commercial, 32%; industrial, 15%; other, 7%. Generating

John G. Russell. President & CEO: Garrick Rochow. Inc.: Michigan. Address: One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201. Telephone: 517-788-0550. Internet: www.cmsenergy.com

226 240 223 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 2.5% 5.5% 6.0% 7.0% 7.5% Revenues 0.5% 4.0% "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends 5.5% 6.5% 8.0% 6.0% 6.0% 7.0% Dividends Book Value

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Cal-	QUAR	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year	
2020	1864	1443	1575	1798	6680	
2021	2013	1558	1725	2033	7329	
2022	2374	1920	2024	2278	8596	
2023	2284	2050	2150	2216	8700	
2024	2335	2100	2200	2265	8900	
Cal-	E/	RNINGS F	ER SHAR	ΕA	Full	
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year	
2020	.85	.48	.76	.55	2.64	
2021	1.09	.55	.54	.40	2.58	
2022	1.20	.50	.56	.58	2.84	
2023	.69	.70	.80	.86	3.05	
2024	.80	.75	.85	.90	3.30	
Cal-	QUAR'	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full	
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec. 31	Year	
2019	.3825	.3825	.3825	.3825	1.53	
2020	.4075	.4075	.4075	.4075	1.63	
2021	.435	.435	.435	.435	1.74	
2022	.46	.46	.46	.46	1.84	
2023	.4875	.488				

CMS Energy started the year on a weak note. In the first quarter, the top line decreased nearly 4% year over year, to \$2.28 billion. Meanwhile, earnings from continuing operations declined 43%, to \$0.69 per share. The reduction was due to unfavorable weather, which reduced sales volumes and inflated service restoration costs during the period.

A gas rate application is expected in the fourth quarter. According to Michigan regulatory law, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) should give a ruling within 10 months of the utility's filing. Consumers Energy filed an application with the MPSC in December 2022, requesting an annual rate increase of \$212 million based on a 10.25% return on equity. It's worth noting that the utility often requires rate relief because it operates a large system with aging equipment that needs to be replaced.

Decent growth in near-term earnings is probable. Consumers Energy is likely to see a boost from a \$155 million increase in electric rates implemented at the beginning of 2023, as well as a full year's gas rate increase starting in October of last

vear. To offset the rising costs due to inflation, management is actively working to control expenses. All things considered, we estimate that earnings per share will advance at a single-digit pace in 2023 and 2024 each, to about \$3.05 and \$3.30, respectively.

The company is committed to improving its infrastructure and increasing its renewable energy portfolio while reducing costs. Over the next five years, the company is planning to invest \$12.4 billion, with \$6.1 billion focused on electric distribution, \$6.3 billion on gas networks. It also intends to spend \$3.1 billion on generating clean energy. The goal is to increase the percentage of renewable energy sources from 14% to 61% by 2040.

Shares of CMS Energy are ranked to underperform the broader market averages in the year ahead (Timeliness: 4). At the recent quotation, the equity has below-average capital appreciation potential over the 2026-2028 horizon. Still, the company has a track record of stable operating performance, which may interest some conservative accounts.

Emma Jalees June 9, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses): '07, (\$1.26); '09, (7¢); '10, 3¢; '11, 12¢; '12, (14¢); '17, (53¢); gains (losses) on disc. ops.: 07, (40¢); '09, 8¢; '10, (8¢); '11, 1¢; '12, 3¢;

'21, \$2.08; '22, 1¢. Next earnings report due early August. **(B)** Div'ds historically paid late Feb., May, Aug., & Nov. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$7.80/sh.

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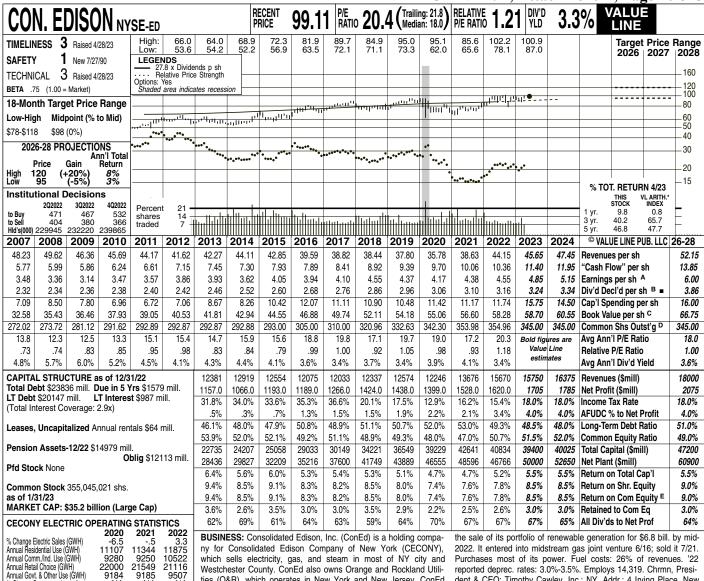
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(D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate all'd on com. eq. in '22: 9.9% elec.; in '19: 9.9% gas; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: 13.2%. Regulatory Climate: Above Average

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence

65 **Earnings Predictability** 95

95



which sells electricity, gas, and steam in most of NY city and Westchester County. ConEd also owns Orange and Rockland Utilities (O&R), which operates in New York and New Jersey. ConEd has 3.9 mill. electric, 1.2 mill. gas customers. Expected to close on

Purchases most of its power. Fuel costs: 26% of revenues. '22 reported deprec. rates: 3.0%-3.5%. Employs 14,319. Chrmn, President & CEO: Timothy Cawley. Inc.: NY. Addr.: 4 Irving Place, New York, NY 10003. Tel.: 212-460-4600. Internet: www.conedison.com.

ConEd Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 325 240 352 Past ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '26-'28 -.5% 4.5% 1.5% Revenues -1.0% 4.5% 'Cash Flow" 5.5% 5.5% 4.0% 2.0% Earnings 3.0% 4.0% 3.5% 3.0% Dividends Book Value

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Annual Retail Choice (GWH)

% Change Customers (yr-e Peak Load, Summer (Mw)

Annual Govt. & Other Use (GWH)

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Cal- endar	QUART Mar.31		/ENUES (\$ Sep.30		Full Year
2020	3234	2719	3333	2960	12246
2021	3677	2971	3613	3415	13676
2022	4060	3415	4165	4031	15670
2023	4150	3550		3775	15750
2024	4325	3675	4450	3925	16375
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHAR	ΕA	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	1.35	.60	1.48	.74	4.17
2021	1.44	.53	1.41	1.00	4.38
2022	1.47	.64	1.63	.81	4.55
2023	1.59	.67	1.71	.88	4.85
2024	1.71	.72	1.80	.92	5.15
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.74	.74	.74	.74	2.96
2020	.765	.765	.765	.765	3.06
2021	.775	.775	.775	.775	3.10
2022	.79	.79	.79	.79	3.16
2023	.81				

Consolidated Edison has reached a favorable settlement agreement with key parties in its electric and gas rate review. In mid-February, the company announced it had come to terms with the Department of Public Service staff and other key parties. Negotiations had dragged on since the middle of last year, and the agreement is subject to the approval of the New York State Public Service Commission (NYSPSC). If it stands as is, the principles look reasonably favorable for ConEd. The holding company's larger of its two utilities, Consolidated Edison Company of New York (CECONY), will get a bump in its regulated return on equity (ROE), with the allowed return rising to 9.25% from 8.8% on a 48% common equity ratio. Roughly \$11.8 billion in new authorized capital investment for 2026-2028, directed at reliability, safety, and clean energy objectives, is part of the settlement.

NYSPSC Assuming commissioners sign off on the deal, ConEd should post solid earnings gains over the next few years. (Note: first-quarter financial results were released just after our press cycle.) This year, electric and gas

rate increases of \$442 million and \$217 million, respectively, would take effect. On the 12-month anniversary of those hikes, an additional \$518 million in electric rates and \$173 million in gas rates would take effect. And 24 months out, electric and gas rates would rise for the third-consecutive year, by \$382 million and \$122 million, respectively. Additionally, CECONY filed for a rate increase of \$141 million six months ago for its steam service, effective November of this year. Taking the aforementioned figures into account, ConEd should see a few years of 6%-7% earnings gains.

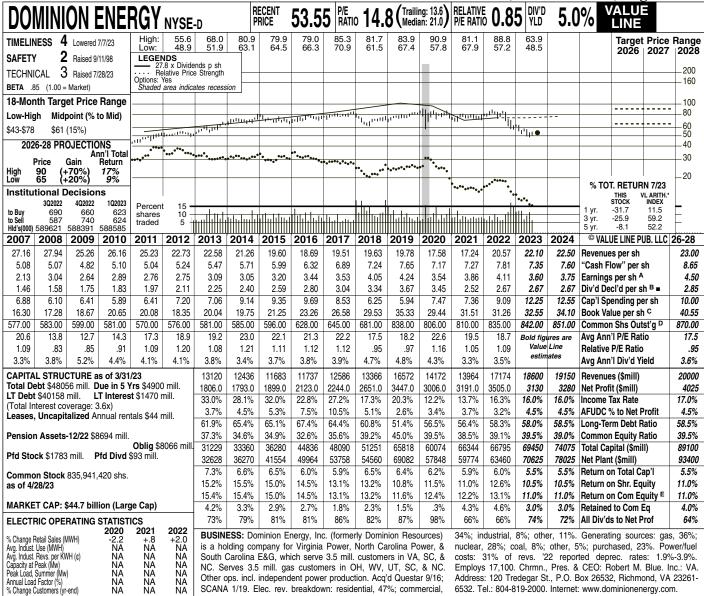
At the recent stock valuation, most of the good news appears to be priced in. The company is looking better of late in terms of bottom-line growth prospects, as it will be the main beneficiary of New York's transition to a "green" energy future. However, the stock has been trading as if the 6%-7% share-earnings gains over the next two years are sustainable longer term. More likely, ConEd is apt to grow profits at a similar rate to the electric utility industry's 4.5%-5.5% per annum. Anthony J. Glennon May 12, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains/losses: '13, d32¢; '14, 9¢; '16, 18¢; '17, 84¢; '18, d13¢; '19, d29¢; '20, d89¢; '21, d53¢; '22, 11¢. Excl. gain on disc. ops.: '08, \$1.01. Next egs. report

Div'd reinvestment plan available. (C) Incl. in- Regulatory Climate: Below Average.

due early Aug. Quarterly figures may not sum to full year due to rounding. (B) Div'ds historically paid in mid-Mar., June, Sept., and Dec. displayed in mid-Mar., di

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 90 Price Growth Persistence 50 **Earnings Predictability** 100



South Carolina E&G, which serve 3.5 mill. customers in VA, SC, & NC. Serves 3.5 mill. gas customers in OH, WV, UT, SC, & NC. Other ops. incl. independent power production. Acq'd Questar 9/16; SCANA 1/19. Elec. rev. breakdown: residential, 47%; commercial,

costs: 31% of revs. '22 reported deprec. rates: 1.9%-3.9%. Employs 17,100. Chrmn., Pres. & CEO: Robert M. Blue. Inc.: VA. Address: 120 Tredegar St., P.O. Box 26532, Richmond, VA 23261-6532. Tel.: 804-819-2000. Internet: www.dominionenergy.com.

	235	227 272
Past	Past	Est'd '20-'22
10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '26-'28
-3.0%	-1.0%	3.5%
4.0%	3.0%	2.5%
3.0%	2.5%	
4.0%	.5%	
4.5%	5.5%	4.5%
	10 Yrs. -3.0% 4.0% 3.0%	Past 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs3.0% -1.0% 4.0% 3.0% 2.5% 4.0% 5.5%

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2020	3938	3106	3607	3521	14172
2021	3870	3038	3176	3880	13964
2022	4279	3596	4386	4913	17174
2023	5252	3650	4675	5023	18600
2024	5350	3950	4750	5100	19150
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHARI	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.92	.73	1.08	.81	3.54
2021	1.09	.76	1.11	.90	3.86
2022	1.18	.77	1.11	1.06	4.11
2023	.99	.47	1.09	1.05	3.60
2024	1.02	.64	1.07	1.02	3.75
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS PA	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.9175	.9175	.9175	.9175	3.67
2020	.94	.94	.94	.63	3.45
2021	.63	.63	.63	.63	2.52
2022	.6675	.6675	.6675	.6675	2.67
2023	.6675	.6675			

Dominion Energy is still in the process of working through its strategic business review. Announced late last year, the CEO has described it as a complete analysis, which will include a look at alternatives to the current business mix and capital allocation. The process is nearing a close, and we believe that the current dividend level is safe. No full-year earnings targets are being provided until a new plan is in place. We cut our 2023 estimate by \$0.40 per share due to seasonally-mild weather and rising interest expense. (Second-quarter results were due out just after our press cycle.) We've also scaled back our 2024 per-share profit target by \$0.45 based on the company's need to increase its debt load at higher than previously expected rates and the sale of income-generating assets.

Dominion stock has been hard hit due to the uncertainties at hand. Over the past nine months, the shares underperformed the Value Line Utility Index by 25 percentage points. Higher raw-material costs and rising interest rates are problematic and will make it a challenge to achieve the returns management was orig-

inally counting on from upcoming projects. particularly its huge wind farm off the coast of Virginia. The company recently agreed to sell its interest in the Cove Point liquefied natural gas operation in Maryland for \$3.3 billion after taxes and proceeds. Dominion will likely divest more none-core assets to help fund infrastructure investments in its regulated utilities.

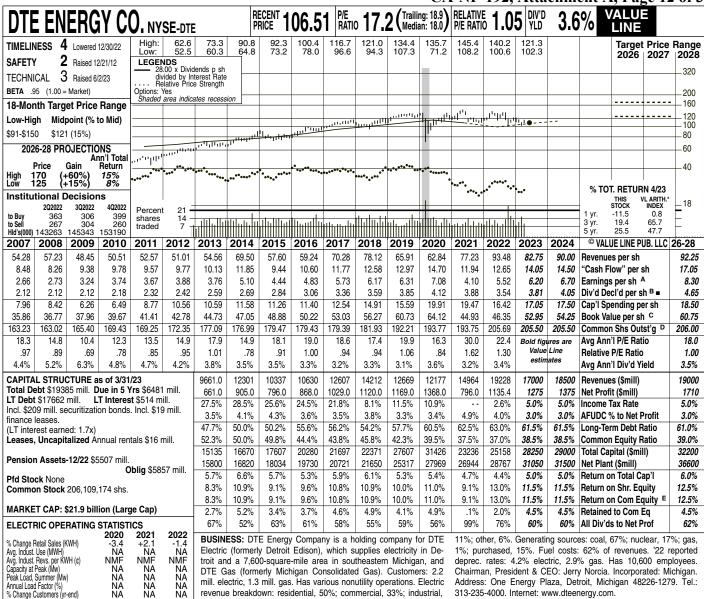
Though untimely, this issue is not without merit for patient utility investors interested in the aboveaverage yield. Dominion is wrapping up its strategic review and is slated to reveal its conclusions and new projections during a third-quarter investment-day event. We've aggressively scaled back our estimates and still see decent earnings growth potential of 5%-7%, albeit from a lower base in 2024. The key Virginia service area is experiencing accelerating load growth, from 2%-3% in years past to 5%, on migration and rising data-center demand. Lawmakers in that state have recently lifted the company's authorized return on equity from 9.35% to 9.7%, and put in measures to reduce regulatory lag. Anthony J. Glennon August 11, 2023

(A) Diluted egs. Excl. nonrec. gains/(losses): '08, 12¢; '09, (47¢); '10, \$2.13; '11, (31¢); '12, (\$2.18); '14, (81¢); '17, \$1.19; '18, (31¢); '19, (\$2.62); '20, (\$1.72); '21, (67¢); '22, (\$3.03); | mid-Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinv. | SC in '21: 9.5%. Reg. Clim.: Avg.

gain/(losses) from disc. ops.: '10, (26¢); '12, | plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$20.78/sh. (4¢); '13, (16¢); '20, (\$2.39); '21, 79¢; '22, 1¢. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost, adj. Next egs. report due early Nov. (B) Div'ds paid Rate all'd on com. eq. in VA in '22: 9.35%; in

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 90 Price Growth Persistence 20 **Earnings Predictability** 100

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mill. electric, 1.3 mill. gas. Has various nonutility operations. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 50%; commercial, 33%; industrial,

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264 268 233 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 2.5% 4.5% 2.5% Revenues 3.0% 5.0% "Cash Flow" Earnings 3.0% 4.0% 4.5% 4.5% 5.5% 3.0% 5.5% 1.5% 3.0% 1.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	3022	2583	3284	3288	12177
2021	3581	3021	3715	4647	14964
2022	4577	4924	5251	4476	19228
2023	3779	3850	4821	4550	17000
2024	4575	4550	4850	4525	18500
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHARI	A	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	1.76	1.44	2.46	1.42	7.08
2021	1.65	.60	.30	1.55	4.10
2022	2.03	.19	1.99	1.31	5.52
2023	1.33	1.10	2.10	1.67	6.20
2024	2.30	1.20	1.90	1.30	6.70
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.945	.945	.945	.945	3.78
2020	1.0125	1.0125	1.0125	1.0125	4.05
2021	.9225	.9225	.9225	.825	3.59
2022	.885	.885	.885	.885	3.54
2023	.9525	.9525			

DTE Energy's electric utility subsidiary has filed another general rate case. This request comes just months after Michigan regulators rejected a majority of rate increases, largely due to customer pushback at public hearings. The utility is seeking an increase of \$622 million, compared to the 2022 initial request of \$388 million. While rate cases should help ease the costs of the transition to providing cleaner, more reliable energy, we think The Michigan Public Service Commission will likely give the utility an unfavorable ruling, given the prior rate case in November.

We have slightly lowered our full-year 2023 earnings estimate. DTE has a low return on total capital and relies on heavy debt levels. The interest rate environment and inflationary pressures should continue to raise borrowing costs and challenge margins in the short term. Accordingly, the company had higher rate base costs in the first quarter. On a positive note, rate relief and the Inflation Reduction Act will likely benefit performance in the short term and boost growth. We look for earnings of \$6.20 per share, just shy of man-

agement's EPS midpoints and within DTE Energy's yearly target of 5%-7% profit growth.

The utility is committed to improving the electric grid. The company plans to invest \$9 billion in the grid over the next five years. The investment will enhance tree trimming, improve maintenance and infrastructure, and accelerate the full automation of the electric grid, which will reduce the duration of outages. The utility plans to fully automate the grid within 5-6 vears

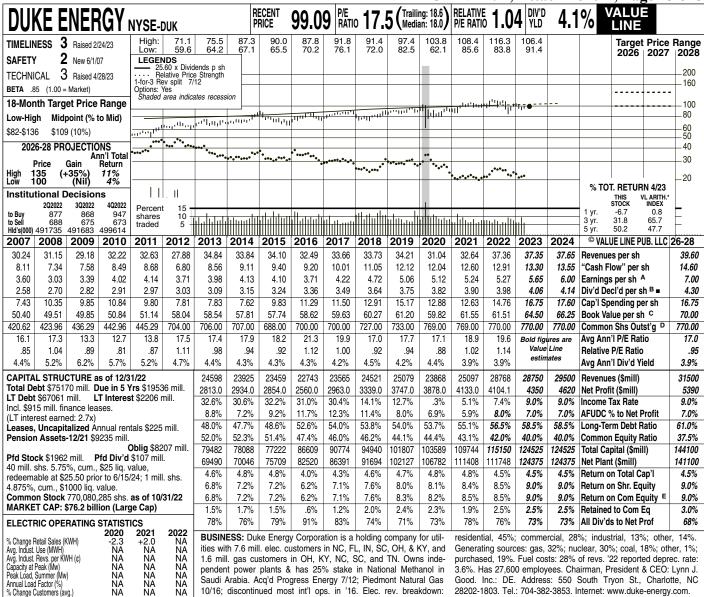
DTE Energy shares have continued to struggle of late. Indeed, the stock dropped more than 6% since our March review, and is now down more than 20% over the past 12 months. These shares are ranked 4 (Below Average) for Timeliness. Conversely, income-oriented investors may be drawn to the utility's dividend yield of 3.6%, which is in line with the strong industry average. Too, the utility has a solid potential dividend growth rate of 3.0%. The stock also has a high mark for Price Stability, and is ranked Above Average (2) for Safety. Zachary J. Hodgkinson June 9, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (loss): '07, \$1.96; '08, 50¢; '11, 51¢; '15, (39¢); '17, 59¢; gains (losses) on discontinued operations: '07, \$1.20; '08, 13¢; '12, (33¢); '21, 57¢. Next earn-

ings report due late July. (B) Div'ds paid mid-Jan., Apr., July & Oct. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$29.20/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Net orig. | Above Average.

cost. Rate allowed on common equity in '20: 9.9% elec.; in '22: 9.9% gas; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: 7.6%. Regulatory Climate:

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 90 Price Growth Persistence 60 **Earnings Predictability** 65



pendent power plants & has 25% stake in National Methanol in Saudi Arabia. Acq'd Progress Energy 7/12; Piedmont Natural Gas 10/16; discontinued most int'l ops. in '16. Elec. rev. breakdown:

3.6%. Has 27,600 employees. Chairman, President & CEO: Lynn J. Good. Inc.: DE. Address: 550 South Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202-1803. Tel.: 704-382-3853. Internet: www.duke-energy.com. in investments in Kentucky strengthen and improve the electricity

285 183 209 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '19-'21 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '25-'27 Revenues .5% -.5% 2.5% 5.0% 4.5% 3.5% 1.0% "Cash Flow" Earnings 4.0% 3.0% 3.0% 2.0% 5.0% 5.0% 2.0% 2.5% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (avg.)

Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	5949	5421	6721	5777	23868
2021	6150	5758	6951	6238	25097
2022	7132	6685	7968	6983	28768
2023	7050	6750	7875	7075	28750
2024	7450	6850	7950	7250	29500
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHAR	A	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	1.14	1.08	1.87	1.03	5.12
2021	1.26	1.15	1.88	.94	5.24
2022	1.30	1.14	1.78	1.11	5.27
2023	1.30	1.15	2.00	1.20	5.65
2024	1.35	1.30	2.05	1.30	6.00
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS PA	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.9275	.9275	.945	.945	3.75
2020	.945	.945	.965	.965	3.82
2021	.965	.965	.985	.985	3.90
2022	.985	.985	1.005	1.005	3.98
2023	1.005				

We expect Duke Energy's earnings to advance nicely in 2023. The company should continue to benefit from rate relief and strong electric volume growth. The pending sale of the company's unregulated commercial renewables operations will also likely improve earnings prospects. Accordingly, our 2023 EPS target is at the midpoint of management's guidance of \$5.55-\$5.75. The macroeconomic environment, including rising interest rates and inflation should also improve over that interim and benefit the bottom line. The utility remains committed to its mitigation target of \$300 million in 2023, and expects 75% of the savings to be sustainable into the next few years. As such, we look for 2024 earnings of \$6.00 per share, near the company's growth target of between 5%-7%.

Duke Energy has a number of cases pending. In North Carolina, Duke Energy Carolinas is seeking to raise residential rates by 17.9% over three years, to improve the electricity grid and provide solar investments. In Kentucky, the utility requested a \$75.2 million (17.8%) hike. The company has made more than \$300 mil-

grid, since the last rate case was approved in 2020. The company remains focused on the

development of clean and renewable energy projects and carbon reduction. The North Carolina Utilities Commission recently provided approval of 3,100 megawatts of solar and 1,600 megawatts of storage. That entity also supported planning for 2,000 megawatts of new natural gas, as part of an orderly transition out of coal by 2035. Duke Energy intends to reach 30,000 megawatts of renewable energy by 2035, and achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 in its clean energy transition.

This stock has a dividend yield of 4.1%, compared to the utility average of about 3.7%. Duke has consistently proven to be one of the better managed utilities in the sector. The stock's price has outperformed its peer group over that past 5- and 10-year periods, and we see no reason why it shouldn't do the same over the next three to five years. May 12, 2023

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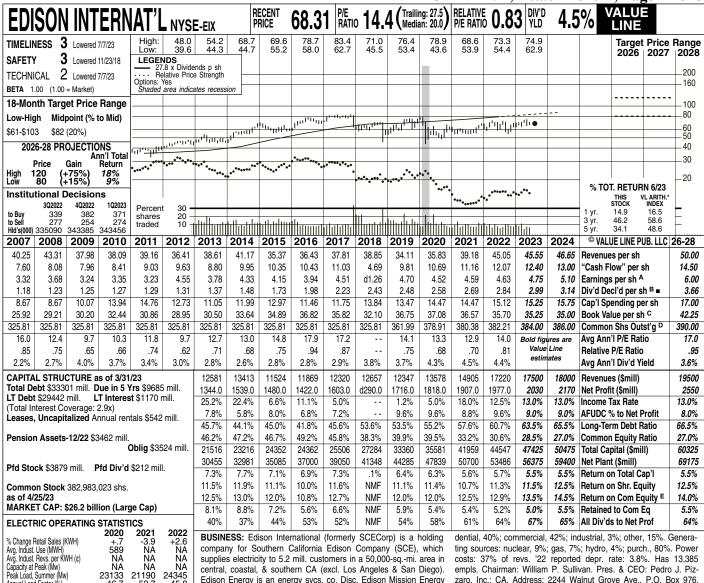
(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. net nonrec. losses: '12, 64¢; '13, 22¢; '14, 59¢; '15, 5¢; '16, 60¢; '18, 96; '20, \$3.40; '21, 30¢; 1Q22, 22¢; net nonrec gain: '17, 14¢. 2021 EPS don't sum to annual

due to rounding. Next egs. due early Aug. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate all'd on (B) Div'ds paid mid-Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: in '20 in FL: 9.5%-11.5%; in '20 in IN: 9.7%.

\$41.34/sh. (D) In mill., adj. for rev. split. Reg. Clim.: NC, SC Avg.; OH, IN Above Avg.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 95 Price Growth Persistence 45 **Earnings Predictability** 100

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supplies electricity to 5.2 mill. customers in a 50,000-sq.-mi. area in central, coastal, & southern CA (excl. Los Angeles & San Diego). Edison Energy is an energy svcs. co. Disc. Edison Mission Energy (independent power producer) in '12. Elec. rev. breakdown: resi

costs: 37% of revs. '22 reported depr. rate: 3.8%. Has 13,385 empls. Chairman: William P. Sullivan. Pres. & CEO: Pedro J. Pizzaro. Inc.: CA. Address: 2244 Walnut Grove Ave., P.O. Box 976, Rosemead, CA 91770. Tel.: 626-302-2222. Web: www.edison.com.

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)	1	NMF	113	135
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value	Past 10 Yrs. .5% 2.5% 3.0% 7.5% 1.0%	Past 5 Yrs. 2.0% 1.5% 2.0% 6.5% 5%	to'	'20-'22 26-'28 4.0% 4.0% 4.5% 5.0% 2.5%

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2020	2790	2987	4644	3157	13578
2021	2960	3315	5299	3331	14905
2022	3968	4008	5228	4016	17220
2023	3966	4125	5350	4059	17500
2024	4100	4250	5475	4175	18000
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHAR	ΕA	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.63	1.00	1.67	1.19	4.52
2021	.79	.94	1.69	1.16	4.59
2022	1.07	.94	1.48	1.15	4.63
2023	1.09	.96	1.53	1.17	4.75
2024	1.14	1.06	1.63	1.27	5.10
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.6125	.6125	.6125	.6125	2.45
2020	.6375			.6375	2.55
2021	.6625	.6625		.6625	2.65
2022	.70	.70	.70	.70	2.80
2023	.7375	.7375	.7375		

Edison International appears on track to post annual gains in core earnings this year and the next. The utility got off to a decent start to 2023 with firstquarter adjusted earnings per share up year over year, primarily due to revenue from the escalation mechanism set forth in the 2021 General Rate Case (GRC) decision. This allows the company to bill for certain types of expenses, thereby circumventing regulatory lag. Higher interest charges were a significant offset, and will likely continue to weigh on the bottom line. Still, leadership affirmed its full-year 2023 share earnings outlook of \$2.55 to \$2.85, as well as its expectation of 6%-8% profit growth through 2025. As always, rate relief by way of the regulatory umbrella will be a key factor. In that vein, Edison recently filed its latest GRC.

The long-term health of the company is tied to getting out from under a barrage of wildfire claims payments. In recent years, EIX has paid out billions of dollars in lawsuit settlements associated with the role its electric transmission lines played in the disastrous late 2017 to 2018 forest fires in the Golden State. Although

we now exclude those charges from our earnings presentation (beginning from 2019), to better highlight the progress that EIX is making in its core operations, one can see the impact on the balance sheet via the rising debt as a percentage of total capital in the financial array. Exiting 2021, the company showed over \$1 billion in wildfire claims liability. More than that was paid out last year, yet the company still shows that same level of liability on its recent balance sheet.

Although this issue's total return prospects compare favorably to the electric utility industry's median level of 10%, we'd hold off on commitments here. Most of the company's peers are highly rated for Safety. Meanwhile, Edison's lawsuit woes have transitioned to balance-sheet woes, with debt piling up to help fund wildfire claims. In the wrong economic environment, it could be a real challenge for the utility to maintain its investment grade rating. Over time, EIX may well be able to grow its way out of this predicament, but we don't think the recent valuation justifies the risk. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

(A) Adjusted (non-GAAP) EPS from 2019 on Excl. gains/(losses): nonrecur's; '10, 54¢; '11, (\$3.33); '13, (\$1.12); '15, (\$1.18); '17, (\$1.37);

18, (14¢); '19, (92¢); '20, (\$2.54); '21, (\$2.59); | ly Aug. **(B)** Div'ds paid late Jan., Apr., July, & | '20: 10.3%; Regulatory Climate: Average. © 2023 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part

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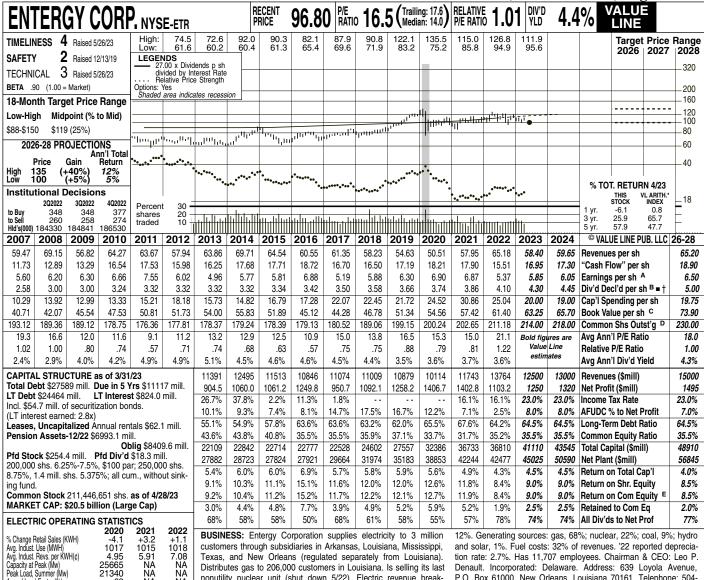
'22, (\$3.02); 1Q '23, (28¢); disc. ops.: '13, 11¢; Oct. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. (**C**) Incl. def'd '14, 57¢; '15, 11¢; '18, 10¢. Qtly. EPS may not chgs. In '22: \$2.49/sh. (**D**) In mill. (**E**) Rate sum due to rounding. Next egs. report due earbase: net orig. cost. Rate all'd on com. eq. in

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability**

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Texas, and New Orleans (regulated separately from Louisiana). Distributes gas to 206,000 customers in Louisiana. Is selling its last nonutility nuclear unit (shut down 5/22). Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 37%; commercial, 24%; industrial, 27%; other,

tion rate: 2.7%. Has 11,707 employees. Chairman & CEO: Leo P. Denault. Incorporated: Delaware. Address: 639 Loyola Avenue, P.O. Box 61000. New Orleans. Louisiana 70161. Telephone: 504-576-4000. Internet: www.entergy.com

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		202	243	209
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value	Past 10 Yrs. 5% 5% 5% 1.5%	Past 5 Yrs. -1.5% 5% 1.5% 2.5% 4.0%	to :	20-'22 '26-'28 2.0% 1.5% .5% 4.0% 4.0%

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

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+1.0

Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	2427	2413	2904	2370	10114
2021	2845	2822	3353	2723	11743
2022	2878	3395	4219	3273	13764
2023	2981	3200	3219	3100	12500
2024	3000	3400	3400	3200	13000
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHARI	ΕA	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.59	1.79	2.59	1.93	6.90
2021	1.66	1.30	2.63	1.28	6.87
2022	1.36	.78	2.74	.51	5.37
2023	1.47	.80	2.78	.80	5.85
2024	1.40	.95	2.85	.85	6.05
Cal-	QUART	ERLY DIVI	DENDS PA	IDB∎†	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.91	.91	.91	.93	3.66
2020	.93	.93	.93	.95	3.74
2021	.95	.95	.95	1.01	3.86
2022	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.07	4.10
2023	1.07				

recorded improved first-Entergy quarter results. Revenues expanded around 4% year over year to \$2.981 billion, aided by higher demand for electricity across its coverage area, including a significant amount of industrial growth in Texas and Louisiana. The company also benefited from greater system reliability. Still, fuel costs rosed quickly, though a lower amount of purchased power partially offset this. Too, Entergy benefited from \$76 million in storm securitization income during the quarter. These factors allowed earnings to advance to \$1.47 per share.

We expect decent results over the second half of the year. Though revenues face tough comparisons from higher fuel costs last year, operations should benefit from growth in Texas and Louisiana as industrial demand continues to expand. Additionally, we think that the company will continue to capitalize on customers moving into its service territory. Energy has filed for new rates in several locations, which ought to improve net income and allow for better system reliability, as it has spent funds on replacing power lines. These factors will likely enable earnings to advance to \$5.85 per share in 2023.

The company should gain from moderate growth over the coming years. Revenues will likely benefit from increasing customers, and Entegy is building a new Orange County station to improve power generation in Texas. Other projects will also help to increase output, while we expect the company to gain from new rate case outcomes in Texas and Louisiana. On the cost side, we think fuel costs will eventually ease as Entergy invests in greener production. It expects to quadruple its output in the renewable space by 2025, should current schedules hold for capital projects. Further expansions could be added if spending plans are approved. Interest costs will likely rise alongside the debt load. So, we foresee earnings advancing to \$6.05 per share in 2024 and \$6.50 by 2026-2028

Shares of Entergy are ranked Below Average (4) for Timeliness. This stock also holds subpar 3- to 5-year appreciation potential, but the dividend yield is attractive. All told, this issue is best suited for conservative income-seeking accounts John E. Seibert III June 9, 2023

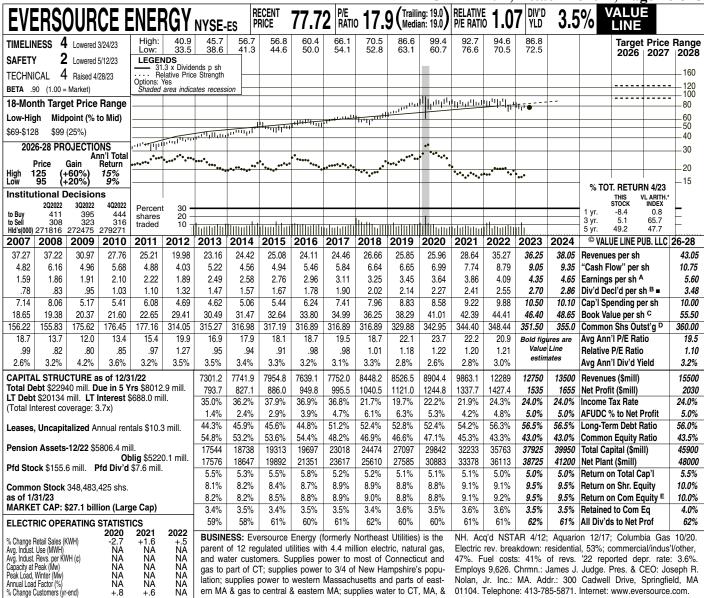
(A) Diluted EPS. GAAP starting in 2022. Excl. nonrec. losses: '12, \$1.26; '13, \$1.14; '14, 56¢; '15, \$6.99; '16, \$10.14; '17, \$2.91; '18, \$1.25; '21, \$1.33. Next earnings report due early Au-

avail. † Shareholder investment plan avail (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '22: \$23.64/sh. age.

gust. (B) Div'ds historically paid in early Mar., | (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Net original cost. Al-June, Sept., & Dec.

Div'd reinvestment plan | lowed ROE (blended): 9.71%; earned on avg. com. eq., '22: 8.5%. Regulatory Climate: Aver

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 90 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability**



and water customers. Supplies power to most of Connecticut and gas to part of CT; supplies power to 3/4 of New Hampshire's population; supplies power to western Massachusetts and parts of eastern MA & gas to central & eastern MA; supplies water to CT, MA, &

47%. Fuel costs: 41% of revs. '22 reported depr. rate: 3.6% Employs 9,626. Chrmn.: James J. Judge. Pres. & CEO: Joseph R. Nolan, Jr. Inc.: MA. Addr.: 300 Cadwell Drive, Springfield, MA 01104. Telephone: 413-785-5871. Internet: www.eversource.com.

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		352	355 317
ANNUAL RATES	Past	Past	Est'd '20-'22
of change (per sh)	10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '26-'28
Revenues	2.0%	4.0%	6.0%
"Cash Flow"	5.0%	7.5%	5.5%
Earnings	6.5%	5.5%	
Dividends	7.5%	6.0%	
Book Value	5.5%	4.5%	4.5%

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

Cal-	QUART	ERLY RE\	/ENUES (\$		Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30		Year
2020	2374	1953	2344	2234	8904
2021	2826	2123	2433	2482	9863
2022	3471	2573	3216	3030	12289
2023	3675	2725	3250	3100	12750
2024	3900	2875	3400	3325	13500
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHARI	Dec.31	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30		Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	1.02 1.15 1.30 1.35 1.44	.76 .79 .86 .90	1.01 1.02 1.01 1.10 1.17	.85 .91 .92 1.00 1.07	3.64 3.86 4.09 4.35 4.65
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS PA	AID B ■	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30		Dec.31	Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.535 .5675 .6025 .6375 .675	.535 .5675 .6025 .6375	.535 .5675 .6025 .6375	.535 .5675 .6025 .6375	2.14 2.27 2.41 2.55

Eversource Energy appears to be on track for solid profit gains this year and next. Higher natural gas delivery charges went into effect November 1st, with \$32 million to be phased in through October of this year, followed by years of mechanistic increases, tied to inflation and upkeep, on the two-thirds of that figure which apply to Massachusetts. Similarly, higher electric delivery charges went into effect January 1st in that state, with \$64 million to be phased in through December of this year, and mechanistic increases based on inflation, maintenance, and transmission & distribution project spending in place thereafter. Although the company's allowable return on equity (ROE) was lowered to 9.8% from 10% in Massa-chusetts, the nearly real-time formulaic pricing adjustments should go a long ways towards reducing regulatory lag and delivering a reliable stream of revenue growth from that key state territory. Taking the aforementioned figures into account, our full-year 2023 and 2024 shareearnings estimates stand at \$4.35 and \$4.65, respectively. (First-quarter earnings

were reported just after our press cycle.)

The company's 5%-7% long-term earnings and dividend growth targets look achievable. Renewable energy initiatives in the Northeast should drive the company's regulatory capital employed to conservatively expand at a 7%-8% per annum rate for the next several years. Numerous potential "green" energy projects are expected to grow the rate base, including solar, geothermal, and grid modernizations necessary to connect new sources of generation, such as offshore wind.

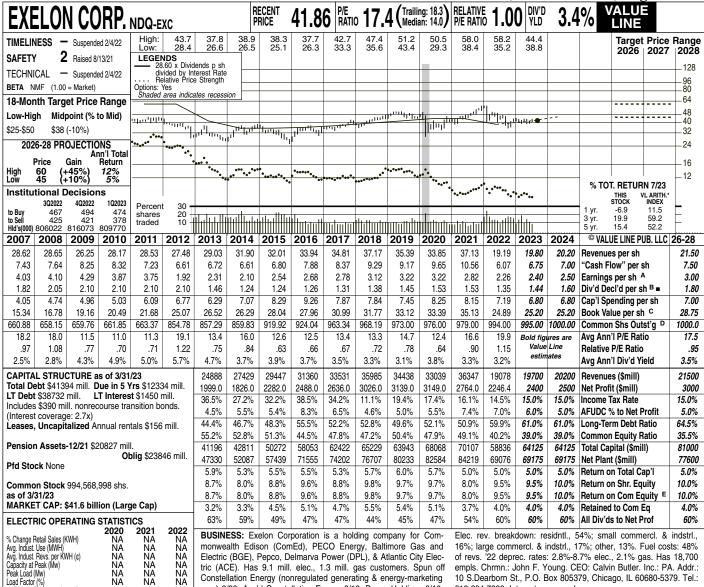
Eversource shares may be appealing to utility investors with a longer-term leaning. The company has a solid track record of delivering shareholder value, and possesses superior growth prospects relative to its industry peer group. The issue is likely trading at a lower valuation premium than normal, with the dividend yield just 10 basis points above the electric utility median, due to the uncertainty regarding the ongoing strategic review of the offshore wind assets (discussed in detail in our February review). Annual total return potential to 2026-2028 compares favorably to the 8.5% utility median. Anthony J. Glennon May 12, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecur. gain/(losses): '08, (19¢); '10, 9¢; '19, (64¢); '20, (9¢); '21, (32¢); '22, (4¢). Next egs. report due early Aug. Quarterly figures may not sum to full year due

mill. (E) Rate allowed on com. eq. in MA: NH, Average; MA, Above Average.

to rounding. **(B)** Div'ds paid late Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. **(C)** Incl. intangibles. In '22: \$25.16/sh. **(D)** In 9.3%; Regulatory Climate: CT, Below Average;

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 85 Price Growth Persistence 65 **Earnings Predictability** 100



Electric (BGE), Pepco, Delmarva Power (DPL), & Atlantic City Electric (ACE). Has 9.1 mill. elec., 1.3 mill. gas customers. Spun off Constellation Energy (nonregulated generating & energy-marketing ops.) 2/22. Acq'd Constellation Energy 3/12; Pepco Holdings 3/16.

empls. Chrmn.: John F. Young. CEO: Calvin Butler. Inc.: PA. Addr.: 10 S.Dearborn St., P.O. Box 805379, Chicago, IL 60680-5379. Tel.: 312-394-7398. Internet: www.exeloncorp.com. a entirely regulated utility. Indeed, earn-

325 211 237 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 NMF 1.0% 5.5% 2.5% Revenues 2.5% 3.0% NMF NMF 'Cash Flow" Earnings NMF NMF Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2020	8747	7322	8853	8117	33039
2021	9890	7915	8910	9632	36347
2022	5327	4239	4845	4667	19078
2023	5563	4818	4900	4419	19700
2024	5300	4850	<i>5500</i>	4550	20200
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHAR	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.87	.55	1.04	.76	3.22
2021	d.06	.89	1.09	.90	2.82
2022	.64	.44	.75	.43	2.26
2023	.70	.41	.79	.50	2.40
2024	.70	.50	.80	.50	2.50
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS PA	AID B ■	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.3625	.3625	.3625	.3625	1.45
2020	.3825	.3825	.3825	.3825	1.53
2021	.3825	.3825	.3825	.3825	1.53
2022	.3375	.3375	.3375	.3375	1.35
2023	.360	.360			

Exelon Corporation looks to be progressing smoothly, as an entirely regulated utility. Last February, the company spun off its nonregulated power generating assets as a new company, Constellation Energy (NASDAQ:CEG), with EXC shareholders receiving the new issue at a 3-for-1 ratio. The new entirely regulated utility appears to be more stable and predictable, which ought to grow earnings more consistently. Indeed, second-quarter earnings per share of \$0.41 outperformed both Wall Street's expectations, as well as our calls of \$0.40. Along with improved consistency, Exelon continues to benefit from rate relief and higher distribution rates. As a result, our bottom-line estimates for 2023 and 2024 are \$2.40 and \$2.50 a share, respectively. Too, management reaffirmed its full-year 2023 projections of \$2.30 to \$2.42 a share.

The company continues to target annualized earnings and dividend growth of 6%-8% through 2025. Management expects its capital expenditure plan to contribute a return of 9%-11% to shareholders through 2026. We think Exelon is well-positioned for the long term as ings have been much less volatile of late, and we expect this to continue moving forward.

Exelon's utilities have continued to make progress in several pending rate cases. In New Jersey, Atlantic City Electric filed a distribution base rate case to support investments in infrastructure. In Maryland, Pepco is expected to file its second multi-year plan with the Maryland Public Service Commission. The company has a number of other pending rate cases, and rate relief will likely continue to drive earnings growth throughout the next couple of years.

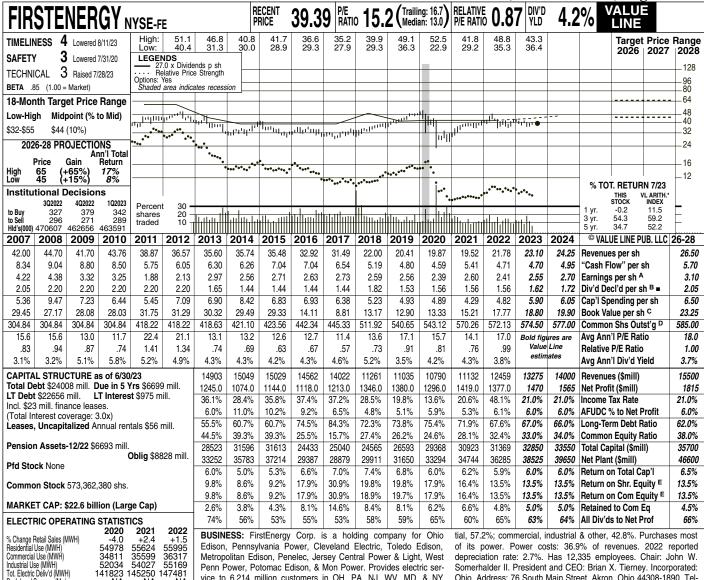
This issue may appeal to conservative, income-oriented investors. The dividend yield of this stock is aboveaverage, and Exelon is considered to be a solid addition to a well-rounded portfolio. Due to the company spinoff of Constellation Energy, the stock remains unranked for Timeliness. Meanwhile, total return potential over the 18-month and 3- to 5year stretch is unappealing, even with the recent price decrease.

Zachary J. Hodgkinson August 11, 2023

(A) Dil. egs. Excl. nonrec. gain (loss): '09, gain (loss): '07, 2¢; '08, 3¢. Next egs. report: (E) Rate allowed on common equity in IL in '15: (20¢); '12, (50¢); '13, (31¢); '14, (22¢); '16, Nov. (B) Div'ds paid in early Mar., June, Sept., (\$1.46); '17, \$1.19; '18, (\$1.05); '19, (21¢); '20, & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. in NJ in '16: 9.75%. Regulatory Climate: PA, (\$1.21); '21, (\$1.08); 1Q22, (15¢); disc. ops. deferred charges. In '22: \$15.20/sh. (D) In mill. NJ: Average; IL, MD: Below Avg.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability**

NMF NMF NMF



Metropolitan Edison, Penelec, Jersey Central Power & Light, West Penn Power, Potomac Edison, & Mon Power. Provides electric service to 6.214 million customers in OH, PA, NJ, WV, MD, & NY. Acq'd Allegheny Energy 2/11. Electric revenue breakdown: residen-

depreciation rate: 2.7%. Has 12,335 employees. Chair: John W. Somerhalder II. President and CEO: Brian X. Tierney. Incorporated: Ohio. Address: 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308-1890. Telephone: 800-736-3402. Internet: www.firstenergycorp.com

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		203	171	291
ANNUAL RATES	Past	Past	Est'd '2	0-'22
of change (per sh)	10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '26-	'28
Revenuës	-6.5%	-9.5%	4.0	1%
"Cash Flow"	-3.0%	-6.5%	2.5	%
Earnings		-1.5%		
Dividends	-3.5%	1.5%		
Book Value	-6.5%	-2.5%	7.0	1%

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% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year		
2020	2709	2522	3022	2537	10790		
2021	2726	2622	3124	2660	11132		
2022	2989	2818	3475	3177	12459		
2023	3231	3006	3675	3363	13275		
2024	3400	3175	3875	3550	14000		
Cal-	E/	EARNINGS PER SHARE A					
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year		
2020	.66	.57	.84	.32	2.39		
2021	.69	.59	.82	.51	2.60		
2022	.60	.53	.79	.50	2.41		
2023	.60	.47	.90	.58	2.55		
2024	.65	.50	.95	.60	2.70		
Cal-	QUAR'	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full		
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year		
2019	.38	.38	.38	.38	1.52		
2020	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56		
2021	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56		
2022	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56		
2023	.39	.39					

FirstEnergy's new chief executive should be able to build upon the many positives that have taken place at the company of late. On June 1st, Brian Tierney, who served as American Electric Power's executive vice president of strategy after a 12-year stretch as that company's CFO, replaced Interim President and CEO John Somerhalder, who will stay on as FirstEnergy's board chair. Subscribers may recall that in 2021 the company settled its bribery charges with federal prosecutors and Ohio regulators. A growth-oriented plan that leverages the flexibility and strengths of FirstEnergy's huge Mid-Atlantic and contiguous service area was erected. Equity injections of \$1 billion were received, followed by the mid-2022 sale of a minority interest in the company's long-range transmission assets for \$2.38 billion. Fitch lifted FirstEnergy's credit rating to investment grade, and other agencies may well follow suit now that an additional stake went under contract, to be sold for \$3.5 billion, with an early-2024 closing date. Notably, the company will retain nearly 70% of its overall transmission portfolio.

The company appears on target for solid annual bottom-line gains this year and next. Management recently affirmed its 2023 operating earnings projection of \$2.44-\$2.64 per share, following a decent close to the first half of the year, considering milder-than-typical weather in much of FirstEnergy's service area. Higher pension expense, stemming from last year's weak stock and bond markets, is a significant headwind for this year that will probably moderate in 2024. FirstEnergy is likely to resume divi-

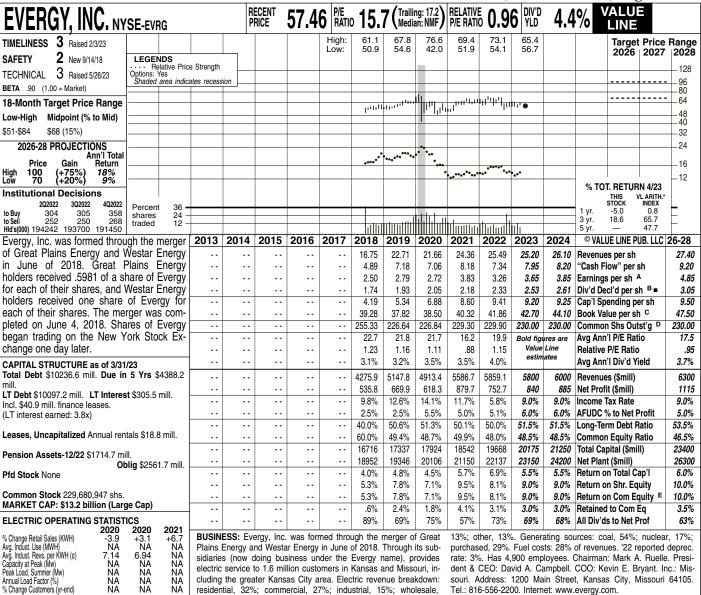
dend growth later this year. The board increased the payout target to 60%-70% of profits, clearing the way for a fourthquarter increase in the disbursement. The substantial infrastructure investments the company is making in its vast service area, plus forthcoming rate relief, should drive 5%-7% annual earnings and dividend growth from last year's base through late decade. The mix of income, growth and valuation should appeal to patient utility investors as the balance sheet improves. Annual total return potential exceeds the peer median by 280 basis points. Anthony J. Glennon August 11, 2023

(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. loss: '13, \$2.07; '14, \$2.05; '15, \$1.34; '16, \$17.12; '17, \$6.61; '18, \$1.26; '19, 89¢; '20, 54¢; '21, 33¢; '22, \$1.70; '23, 14¢; gains from disc. ops.: '18, 66¢; '20, | 5 in '18. ■ Div'd reinv. avail. (C) Incl. intang. In | Above Avg.; PA, NJ Avg.; MD, WV Below Avg.

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14¢; '21, 8¢. Qtrly. EPS don't sum due to chg. | '22: \$9.88/sh. (D) In mill. (E) High ROE from in shs. Next egs. report due Nov. (B) Div'ds pd. | large writeoffs. Rate base: Depr. orig. cost. early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. 3 div'ds in '13, Rates all'd on com. eq.: 9.6-11.7%; Reg.: OH, © 2023 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Вн 85 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 100



Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 286 350 NA ANNUAL RATES Est'd '20-'22 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 2.5% of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings 7.0% 3.5% Dividends Book Value

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) endar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Year 2020 1116 1184 1517 4913.4 1094 1236 2021 1616 1122 5586.7 1611 1446 2022 1909 1281 5859.1 1223 1297 1450 1700 1353 5800 2023 1300 6000 2024 1250 1500 1950 **EARNINGS PER SHARE A** Cal-Full Dec.31 endar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Year 2020 .31 .59 1.60 .22 2.72 2021 .84 .81 1.95 .23 3.83 .03 2022 .53 .84 1.86 3.26 2023 .62 .85 2.00 .18 3.65 2024 .60 .85 2.10 .30 3.85 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = Full Cal-Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 endar Dec.31 Year 2019 .475 .475.475.505 1.93 2020 .505 .505 .505 .535 2.05 2021 .535 .535 .535 .5725 2.18 5725 .5725 2022 .5725 .6125 2.33 2023 .6125

residential, 32%; commercial, 27%; industrial, 15%; wholesale,

Evergy's utilities in Kansas have filed general rate cases. The company's Kansas Central utility requested an increase of \$204 million, based on a return on equity of 10.25% and a common-equity ratio of 52%. Its Kansas Metro utility filed for a hike of \$14 million, based on a 10.25% return on equity and a 52% common-equity ratio. These are the first rate cases Evergy has filed with the Kansas Corporation Commission in five years. New tariffs are expected to take effect in December, and will be too late to have a significant impact on the bottom-line this year.

Our 2023 earnings projection is staying put at \$3.65 per share, which is the midpoint of Evergy's updated the guidance range of \$3.55-\$3.75. We think rate relief in Kansas and investments in the company's transmission system will both remain key factors to profit growth over the next few years. Higher transmission margins due to ongoing investments, increased the bottom-line by \$0.02 a share in the March period. As a result of the aforementioned factors, we expect earnings to improve in 2024 to \$3.85 per share, within Evergy's annual goal of 6%-8%

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growth from 2021 to 2025, based on the midpoint of managements original 2021 guidance of \$3.30.

Evergy recently completed its \$250 million acquisition of Persimmon Creek Wind Farm. The purchase will help boost the renewable energy business while eliminating coal-based sources, as well as provide an improved grid at low costs to customers. The acquisition is also expected to increase earnings by \$0.05 per share and assist the utility in reaching its goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2045.

Evergy shares have continued to underperform of late. The stock is down more than 5% in value since our March report, and is now down nearly 20% over the past 12 months. Capital appreciation potential to 2026-2028 has improved due to the recent price decline, and return prospects over that interim are solid for a utility. The main attraction here remains the dividend. The yield of 4.4% sits well above the industry average. Evergy also holds a strong potential dividend growth rate of 7.0%.

Zachary J. Hodgkinson

June 9, 2023

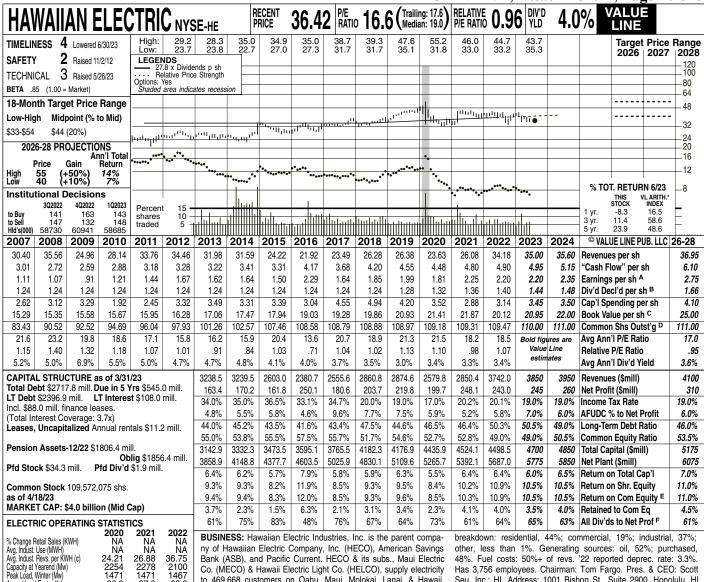
(A) Diluted earnings. Next earnings report due early Aug. (B) Dividends paid in mid-March, June, September, and December.

Dividend reinvestment plan available. (C) Incl. in-

tangibles. (D) In millions. (E) Rate base: Origi- mon equity, '22: 9.8%. nal cost depreciated. Rate allowed on common equity in Missouri in '18: none specified; in Kansas in '18: 9.3%; earned on average com-

Regulatory Climate:

Company's Financial Strength B++ Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence 90 35 **Earnings Predictability**



Co. (MECO) & Hawaii Electric Light Co. (HELCO), supply electricity to 469,668 customers on Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, & Hawaii. Operating companies' systems are not interconnected. Elec. rev.

Has 3,756 employees. Chairman: Tom Fargo. Pres. & CEO: Scott Seu. Inc.: HI. Address: 1001 Bishop St., Suite 2900, Honolulu, HI 96808-0730. Telephone: 808-543-5662. Internet: www.hei.com.

337 393 356 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 Revenues -1.5% 4.0% 4.5% 5.0% 3.0% 2.0% 2.5% "Cash Flow" Earnings 4.5% 4.5% 4.5% 4.0% 1.0% 3.0% 3.5% 3.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	677.2	609.0	641.4	652.2	2579.8
2021	642.9	680.3	756.9	770.3	2850.4
2022	785.1	895.6	1042	1019	3742.0
2023	928.2	921	1000	1000.8	3850
2024	945	955	1035	1015	3950
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	PER SHAR	ΕA	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.31	.45	.59	.46	1.81
2021	.59	.58	.58	.50	2.25
2022	.63	.48	.57	.52	2.20
2023	.50	.55	.65	.50	2.20
2024	.50	.60	.70	.55	2.35
Cal-	QUART	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.32	.32	.32	.32	1.28
2020	.33	.33	.33	.33	1.32
2021	.34	.34	.34	.34	1.36
2022	.35	.35	.35	.35	1.40
2023	.36	.36			
(A) D'I I		_		107.0	

Weakness at the savings bank will likely mean a flat bottom-line performance for Hawaiian Electric Industries this year. The holding company was off to an inauspicious start to 2023. This was partially due to higher year-overyear operating and maintenance expense at the electric utility, resulting from heavy storm damage during the island chain's rainy season. It should be noted that the first quarter of 2022 included a \$0.06 gain on the sale of an asset, making for a difficult consolidated quarterly comparison. Leadership still expects a decent year from the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). The outlook for \$1.75-\$1.85 per share of annual utility earnings has not changed. The same can not be said for American Savings Bank (ASB). Management is targeting ASB's earnings per share to come in at the low end of the \$0.75-\$0.85 range of expectations it initially provided to the investment community. Higher funding costs are squeezing net interest margin. Meanwhile, holding company and other segment losses are likely to be in the \$0.35-\$0.36 range. The tally of all the parts is about \$2.20 a share.

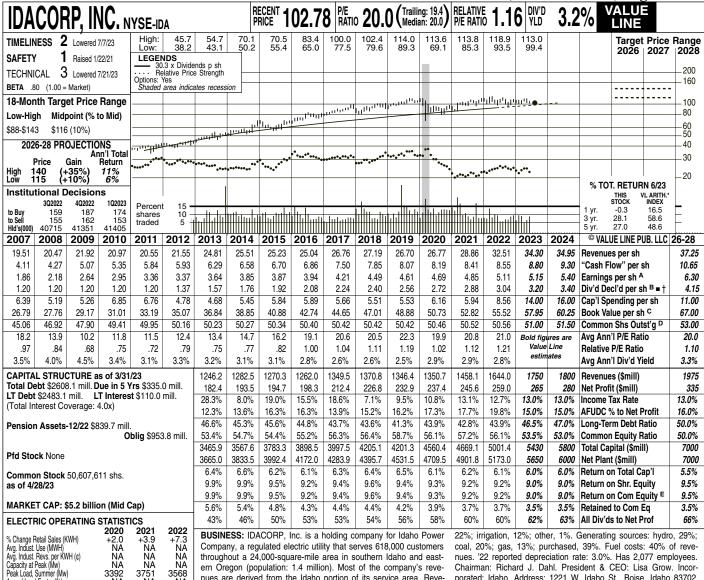
We expect annual growth to resume in 2024. Overall, the banking arm appears to be in much better shape than comparably sized peers. ASB's depositor base, 86% of which are FDIC-insured retail clients, has remained a steady source of funding with no unusual changes to customer behavior despite the challenges across the banking sector. Hawaii has its own unique banking industry, characterized by loyal long-term customers and a generally even-keeled economy and stable housing market. Pressures on funding costs should taper next year assuming the Federal Reserve remains less aggressive regarding interest rate hikes. Meanwhile, HECO ought to benefit from a steady stream of solar projects, which have been green-lighted by regulators. A reduction in expensive hydrocarbon fuel costs and purchased power should be coupled with solid rate-base growth for years. This issue, however, is untimely. Al-

though the stock has traded down this vear. HE looks like a middle-of-the-pack performer in terms of annual total return prospects amongst electric utility peers. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. losses: '07, 9¢; '12, 25¢; '17, 12¢. EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early August. (B) Div'ds paid early March, June, Sept.,

& Dec. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred cahrges. In '22: \$272.4 mill., \$2.49/sh. (D) In mill., adj. for split. (E) Rate base: Orig. div'ds paid through reinv. plan. cost. Rate allowed on com. eq. in '18: HECO,

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 85 Price Growth Persistence 50 **Earnings Predictability** 80



throughout a 24,000-square-mile area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon (population: 1.4 million). Most of the company's revenues are derived from the Idaho portion of its service area. Revenue breakdown: residential, 38%; commercial, 27%; industrial,

nues. '22 reported depreciation rate: 3.0%. Has 2,077 employees. Chairman: Richard J. Dahl. President & CEO: Lisa Grow. Incorporated: Idaho. Address: 1221 W. Idaho St., Boise, Idaho 83702. Telephone: 208-388-2200. Internet: www.idacorpinc.com.

313 334 419 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 2.5% 3.5% 4.0% Revenues 3.5% 4.0% "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends 4.0% 4.0% 4.5% 5.0% 8.5% 5.0% 6.5% 4.5% 6.0% 4.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal-	QUAR	TERLY RE	VENUES(S	mill.)	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	291.0	318.8	425.3	315.6	1350.7
2021	316.1	360.1	446.9	335.0	1458.1
2022	344.3	358.7	518.0	422.9	1644.0
2023	429.7	360	550	410.3	1750
2024	440	370	560	430	1800
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHARE	Dec.31	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30		Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.74 .89 .91 1.11 1.10	1.19 1.38 1.27 1.30 1.35	2.02 1.93 2.10 1.99 2.10	.74 .65 .83 . 75	4.69 4.85 5.11 5.15 5.40
Cal-	QUART	ERLY DIVII	DENDS PA	ID B ■ †	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.63 .67 .71 .75 .79	.63 .67 .71 .75 .79	.63 .67 .71 .75	.67 .71 .75 .79	2.56 2.72 2.88 3.04

We think IDACORP will eke out a profit gain in 2023, which would mark its 16th consecutive year of annual earnings-per-share growth. The utility got off to a good start to the year due mainly to strong customer growth in its service area and higher electric rates from mechanistic pricing adjustments. The latter of which are tied to the recoupment of grid modernization and expansion work. In May, leadership affirmed its earnings outlook of \$4.95 to \$5.15 a share. The main headwind for full-year 2023 net profits will be the interest expense on a significantly rising debt load, which is growing to fund massive infrastructure projects and clean-energy initiatives. At a minimum, the pace of earnings gains will slow this year. That's certainly not a positive, but these sorts of projects are the lifeblood of utilities, as it's how they are able to grow their earnings over time. IDACORP will be able to recoup some of its invested capital in short order from the aforementioned formulaic pricing mechanisms. The company will also be seeking rate relief from its regulatory commissions in Idaho and Oregon over the coming months.

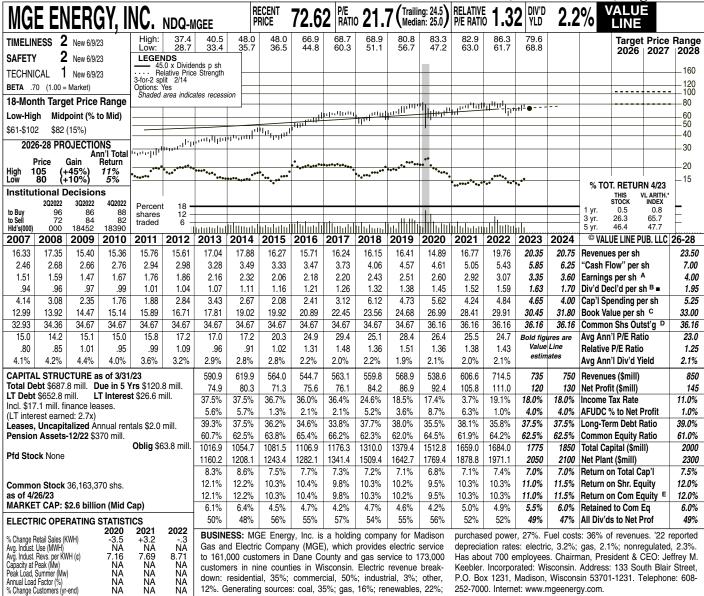
General rate cases (GRC) are in the works. IDACORP has not filed a GRC since 2011. Over the past decade, the population/customer growth has increased by 23%, and the investments made to meet capacity needs have been substantial. What's more, growth in the company's service area has been accelerating, so electric delivery rates will almost assuredly be going up early next year in the company's Idaho territory. The utility will likely be seeking an increase in the 10% neighborhood. The timing for Oregon's GRC filing has not been disclosed yet.

IDACORP shares rank high for both Safety and Timeliness. This is an excellent electric utility that benefits from above-average population growth and a vibrant and growing local economy. This, coupled with the green-energy initiatives in its state territories, should lead to years of 5%-6% earnings gains, on average. The problem for utility investors is that premium companies often come with premium valuations. At the recent quote, IDA's total return potential is two percentage points below the peer-group median. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Earnings may not sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early August. (B) Dividends historically paid in late February, May, August, and November. ■ Dividend

reinvestment plan available. † Shareholder investment plan available. **(C)** Incl. intangibles. In illatory Climate: Above Average. on common equity in '12: 10% (imputed); Regulatory Climate: Above Average. (E) Rate base: Net original cost. Rate allowed

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 100 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 100



to 161,000 customers in Dane County and gas service to 173,000 customers in nine counties in Wisconsin. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 35%; commercial, 50%; industrial, 3%; other, 12%. Generating sources: coal, 35%; gas, 16%; renewables, 22%;

Has about 700 employees. Chairman, President & CEO: Jeffrey M. Keebler. Incorporated: Wisconsin. Address: 133 South Blair Street, P.O. Box 1231, Madison, Wisconsin 53701-1231. Telephone: 608-252-7000. Internet: www.mgeenergy.com.

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		429	486 517
ANNUAL RATES	Past	Past	Est'd '20-'22
of change (per sh)	10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '26-'28
Revenues	1.0%	1.5%	4.0%
"Cash Flow"	5.5%	7.5%	6.0%
Earnings	5.0%	6.0%	6.5%
Dividends	4.0%	4.5%	6.0%
Book Value	6.0%	6.0%	7.0%

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

NA NA NA

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year		
2020	149.9	117.0	135.2	136.5	538.6		
2021	167.9	130.7	145.9	162.1	606.6		
2022	209.0	152.3	163.4	189.8	714.5		
2023	217.3				735		
2024	220	160	170	200	750		
Cal-	EA	EARNINGS PER SHARE A					
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year		
2020	.75	.53	.88	.44	2.60		
2021	.96	.63	.97	.36	2.92		
2022	.96	.60	.93	.58	3.07		
2023	.86	.70	1.05	.74	3.35		
2024	.90	.75	1.10	.85	3.60		
Cal-	QUART	ERLY DIV	IDENDS PA	AID B ■	Full		
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec. 31	Year		
2019	.338	.388	.352	.352	1.38		
2020	.352	.352	.37	.37	1.45		
2021	.37	.37	.388	.388	1.52		
2022	.388	.388	.408	.408	1.59		
2023	407	407					

We are initiating coverage of MGE Energy, Inc. this week in The Value Line Investment Survey. The corporation is a holding company for Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE), which serves the Wisconsin area. The company operates through the following segments: regulated electric utility, regulated gas utility, nonregulated energy, and transmission investments among others. In 2022, MGE's electric operations generated 65% of its total regulated revenues, while gas operations accounted for 35%. As a public utility, MGE is regulated by both the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Additionally, its subsidiaries must comply with local, state, and federal laws on air quality, water treatment, and solid waste disposal.

The utility posted mixed first-quarter results. Revenues increased 4% year over year, to \$217 million. However, the pershare GAAP earnings slipped 9% over the previous-year tally, to \$0.86. During the quarter, the company experienced lower electric (-3%) and gas (-14%) retail sales due to warmer-than-normal weather.

Our near-term share-earnings stance is cautiously optimistic. We are assuming normal weather conditions in the coming quarters. The company should benefit from rate relief and management of operating expenses. Hence, we estimate 2023 and 2024 per-share profits to advance approximately 9% and 7%, respectively.

MGE has submitted a rate application for 2024/2025 to state regulators. The utility has proposed a 3.75% increase for electric and a 2.56% increase for gas rates in 2024. For 2025, MGE is requesting a 3.41% increase in electric and a 1.66% hike in gas rates. The PSCW is expected to make a final decision by the end 2023. Additionally, $_{
m the}$ agency is reviewing deferred fuel costs, which should be completed by the end of this year, too.

Timely shares of MGE Energy have trended upward in price over the past **52 weeks.** The issue has modest total return potential. The dividend yield is also on the lower side for a utility. Nonetheless, the company has a track record of stable operating performance and earns a high mark for Safety (2: Above Average). $Emma\ Jalees$

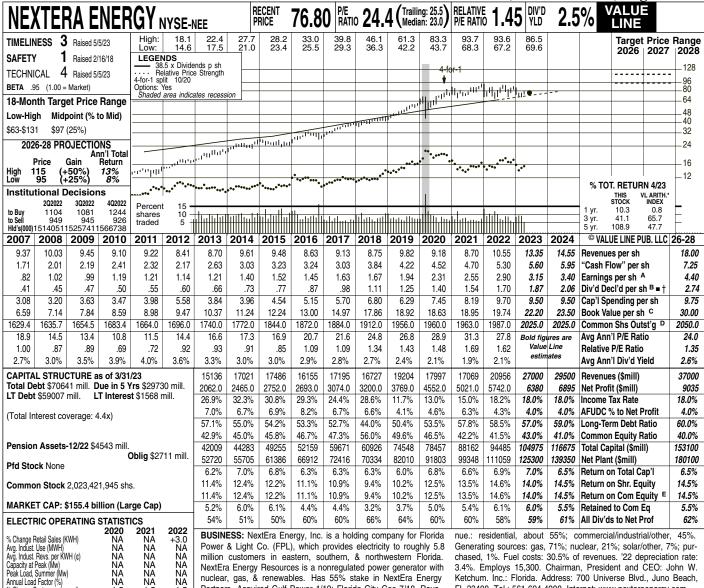
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(A) GAAP Diluted earnings. Excludes non-recurring gain: '17, 62¢. '19 earnings don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early August. (B) Div'ds historically paid in mid-

March, June, September, and December ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Includes regulatory assets. In '22: \$196.6 mill., \$5.44/sh. (D) In millions, adj for split. (E) Rate allowed on

common equity in '22: 9.8%; Regulatory Climate: Above Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 100 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 100



million customers in eastern, southern, & northwestern Florida. NextEra Energy Resources is a nonregulated power generator with nuclear, gas, & renewables. Has 55% stake in NextEra Energy Partners. Acquired Gulf Power 1/19; Florida City Gas 7/18. Reve-

chased, 1%. Fuel costs: 30.5% of revenues. '22 depreciation rate: 3.4%. Employs 15,300. Chairman, President and CEO: John W. Ketchum, Inc.: Florida, Address: 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, FL 33408. Tel.: 561-694-4000. Internet: www.nexteraenergy.com.

301 284 370 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 0.5% 7.5% 8.0% 1.0% 9.0% 11.0% Revenues 11.5% 'Cash Flow" 7.0% 9.5% Earnings Dividends Book Value 10.0% 8.0%

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% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year		
2020	4613	4204	4785	4395	17997		
2021	3726	3927	4370	5046	17069		
2022	2890	5183	6719	6164	20956		
2023	6716	6550	7290	6444	27000		
2024	6850	7400	7950	7300	29500		
Cal-	EA	EARNINGS PER SHARE A					
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year		
2020	.59	.65	.67	.40	2.31		
2021	.67	.71	.75	.41	2.55		
2022	.74	.81	.85	.51	2.90		
2023	.84	.82	.95	.54	3.15		
2024	.81	.91	1.05	.63	3.40		
Cal-	QUART	ERLY DIVI	DENDS PA	IDB∎†	Full		
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year		
2019	.3125	.3125	.3125	.3125	1.25		
2020	.35	.35	.35	.35	1.40		
2021	.385	.385	.385	.385	1.54		
2022	.425	.425	.425	.425	1.70		
2023	.4675						

NextEra Energy is off to a solid start this year. The company reported Marchperiod adjusted earnings of \$0.84 per share, exceeding both our call and the analyst consensus by \$0.04 and \$0.08, respectively. Healthy bottom-line growth was driven by an 11.2% year-over-year increase in regulatory capital employed by the company's utility, Florida Power & Light. FP&L's allowable return on equity, achieved through electric rate pricing mechanisms as defined by the state regulatory process, is a healthy 10.8%. NextEra leadership is doing a good job of driving efficiencies and keeping costs under control. As such, we're comfortable with our full-year 2023 earnings-per-share estimate being just above management's targeted range of \$2.98-\$3.13.

Excellent utility fundamentals and the company's expertise in renewable energy should keep the growth engine **revving.** Florida is the fastest growing state in America, at triple the 0.5% national rate of population growth of the past five years. Unemployment is low and the labor participation rate is high. This results in transmission & distribution work,

along with reliability/hardiness which projects in the storm-challenged state, help to keep regulatory capital (aka the rate base) rising. There is also a major opportunity over the next 10 years to expand solar capacity within the rate base from 5%of power generation to Meantime, the company's nonregulated subsidiary, NextEra Energy Resources, is a major nationwide player in the burgeon-

ing renewable-energy arena.

There's been no recent news on the campaign finance controversy. As discussed in detail in our February report, the top executive at FP&L was accused of funneling \$1.3 million into nonprofits, which used the funds to help defeat candidates who held positions contrary to the utility's best interests. He has since retired. A formal complaint was filed with the Federal Election Commission seven months ago, but thus far there is no indication that the matter will be pursued by state or federal prosecutors.

NextEra stock offers appealing appreciation potential to the midpoint of our 18-month Target Price Range.

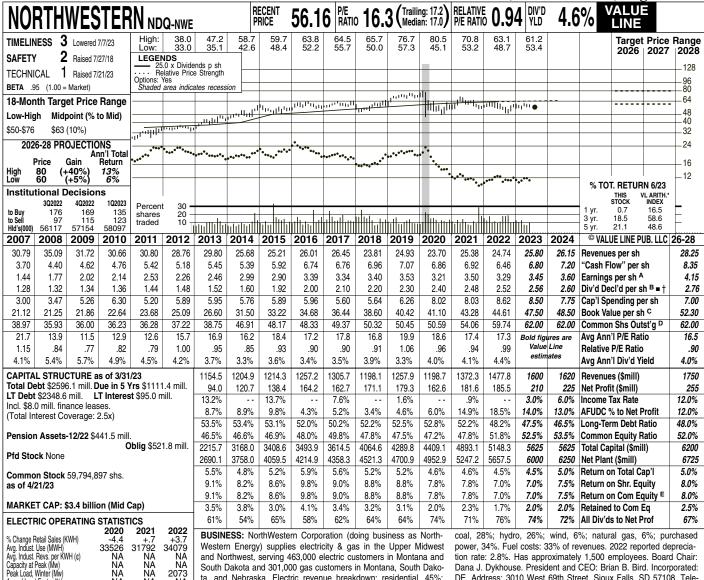
Anthony J. Glennon May 12, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gains/ (losses): '11, (6¢); '13, (20¢); '16, 12¢; '17, \$1,22¢; '18, \$1,80; '20, (83¢); '21, (74¢); '22, (80¢); 1Q '23, 20¢; disc. ops.: '13, 11¢. EPS

may not some to full yr. due to rounding. Next egs. report due late July. **(B)** Div'ds paid in mid-Mar., mid-June, mid-Sept., & mid-Dec. **(E)** Rate all'd on com. eq. in '22 (FPL): 9.8%mid-Mar., mid-June, mid-Sept., & mid-Dec.

Div'd reinvestment plan avail. † Shareholder in
11.8%; Regulatory Climate: Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 85 Price Growth Persistence 100 **Earnings Predictability** 95



Western Energy) supplies electricity & gas in the Upper Midwest and Northwest, serving 463,000 electric customers in Montana and South Dakota and 301,000 gas customers in Montana, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 45%; commercial, 46%; industrial, 5%; other, 4%. Generating sources:

power, 34%. Fuel costs: 33% of revenues. 2022 reported depreciation rate: 2.8%. Has approximately 1,500 employees. Board Chair: Dana J. Dykhouse. President and CEO: Brian B. Bird. Incorporated: DE. Address: 3010 West 69th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Telephone: 605-978-2900. Internet: www.northwesternenergy.com

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		247	245	219
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends	Past 10 Yrs. -2.0% 3.0% 3.5% 5.5%	5 Yrs. -1.0% 1.0% 1.0% 4.0%	3 3 2	20-'22 6-'28 1.5% 1.5% 1.5%
Book Value	6.0%	4.5%	3	.5%

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	335.3	269.4	280.6	313.4	1198.7
2021	400.8	298.2	326.0	347.3	1372.3
2022	394.5	323.0	335.1	425.2	1477.8
2023	454.5	350	360	435.5	1600
2024	460	355	365	440	1620
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHARI	ΕA	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	1.00	.43	.58	1.21	3.21
2021	1.24	.59	.70	.97	3.50
2022	1.08	.58	.47	1.16	3.29
2023	1.10	.59	.60	1.16	3.45
2024	1.15	.62	.63	1.20	3.60
Cal-	QUART	ERLY DIVI	DENDS PA	IDB∎†	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.575	.575	.575	.575	2.30
2020	.60	.60	.60	.60	2.40
2021	.62	.62	.62	.62	2.48
2022	.63	.63	.63	.63	2.52
2023	.64	.64			

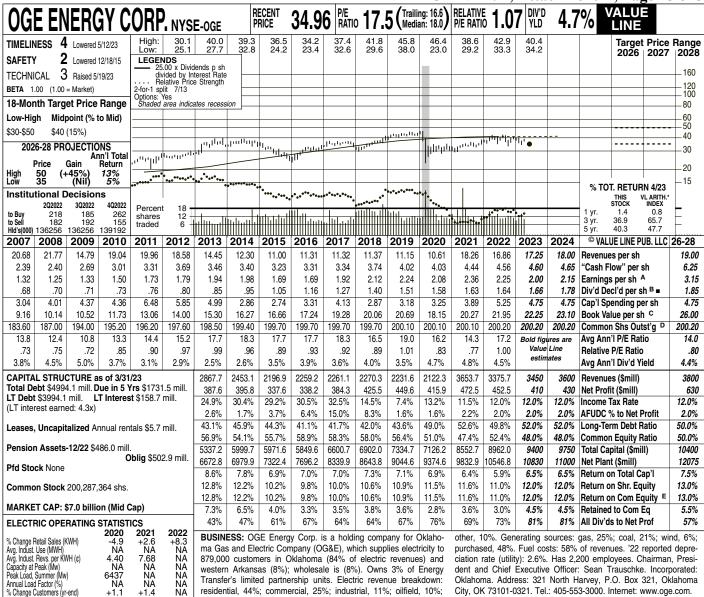
NorthWestern is still awaiting final approval on a settlement agreement for new electric and natural gas rates in Montana. To recap: in early April, the utility worked out an acceptable consensus with the Montana Consumer Counsel, the Montana Large Customer Group, and Walmart, Inc. The settlement has been submitted to the Montana Public Service Commission (MPSC) for the regulatory body's consideration. The MPSC has already granted interim rate hikes, starting from last October, to allow the company to begin the recoupment of some elevated spending. The agreed-to base rates would increase annual electric and natural gas revenues by \$67.4 million and \$14.1 million, respectively. Those levels are predicated on the same authorized returns on equity, namely 9.65% for electric and 9.55% for gas, that were last agreed upon in 2015 and 2017. Assuming the MPSC signs off on the agreement, the utility will have gotten about two-thirds of what it originally filed for in its general rate case. Importantly, NorthWestern would also receive pricing mechanisms geared towards reducing regulatory lag.

Adding generating capacity to the rate base is key to the utility's future growth. (The rate base is the dollar value of assets for which a utility is allowed to earn an economic return.) In June, North-Western completed an \$83 million, 58megawatt gas-fired power plant in South Dakota, with the potential for added capacity in the state down the road. A \$275 million, 175-mw facility in Montana was due to be operational later this year before a state judge revoked the company's air quality permit as part of a lawsuit filed by an environmental group. In June, the bench reversed that decision, citing a new state law that eliminated the need to consider climate impacts from greenhouse gas emissions. The 175-mw gas-fired plant is now expected to come on line in 2024.

This issue does not stand out relative to industy peers in regards to annual total return potential. We think the likelihood of a constructive conclusion to the company's general rate case is already largely reflected in the recent share price. There are utilities with a comparable dividend yield and better growth prospects. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

(A) Diluted egs. Excl. nonrec. gains/(losses): '12, 40¢; '15, 27¢; '18, 52¢; '19, 45¢; '20, (15¢); '21, 10¢; '22, (4¢); 1Q '23, (5¢). '20 EPS due July 26th. **(B)** Div'ds paid in late Mar., June, Sept. & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan avail. in MT in '19 (elec.): 9.65%; in '17 (gas): 9.55%; † Shareholder invest. plan avail. **(C)** Incl. def'd in SD in '15: none specified; in NE in '07: don't sum due to rounding. Next egs. report charges. In '22: \$17.98/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate | 10.4%. Regulatory Climate: Below Average. © 2023 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 90 Price Growth Persistence 40 **Earnings Predictability** 90



western Arkansas (8%); wholesale is (8%). Owns 3% of Energy Transfer's limited partnership units. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 44%; commercial, 25%; industrial, 11%; oilfield, 10%;

dent and Chief Executive Officer: Sean Trauschke. Incorporated: Oklahoma. Address: 321 North Harvey, P.O. Box 321, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-0321. Tel.: 405-553-3000. Internet: www.oge.com.

335 326 336 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 -3.0% 2.5% 3.0% 7.5% 5.0% 5.0% 4.5% Revenues 5.5% 'Cash Flow" 7.0% 6.5% Earnings 6.5% 1.5% 3.0% 5.5% Dividends Book Value 4.0%

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	431.3	503.5	702.1	485.4	2122.3
2021	1630	577.4	864.4	581.3	3653.7
2022	589.3	803.7	1270	711.9	3375.7
2023	557.2	785	1280	827.8	3450
2024	650	850	1300	800	3600
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	PER SHARE	A	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.23	.51	1.04	.30	2.08
2021	.26	.56	1.26	.28	2.36
2022	.33	.36	1.31	.25	2.25
2023	.19	.44	1.16	.21	2.00
2024	.35	.30	1.25	.25	2.15
Cal-	QUART	TERLY DIV	IDENDS PA	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.365	.365	.365	.388	1.48
2020	.3875	.3875	.3875	.4025	1.57
2021	.4025	.4025	.4025	.41	1.62
2022	.41	.41	.41	.4141	1.64
2023	.41	.41			

OGE Energy's utility subsidiary in Arkansas had its rate settlement approved by the Arkansas Public Service Commission. The utility implemented new fuel rates which went into effect on April 1st. In Oklahoma, the company is likely to file a general rate case in the second half of this year. Too, in April, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission approved the utility's 2021 fuel prudency audit.

We think the challenging operating environment will continue to pressure margins in 2023. Accordingly, we have lowered our full-year 2023 EPS guidance due to the rising interest rate environment and inflationary stress, which is significantly increasing borrowing costs. Our 2023 EPS estimate of \$2.00 is at the midpoint of OGE Energy's targeted range of \$1.93-\$2.07, and in line with the company's long-term earnings per share growth forecast of 5%-7% annually, based off original 2021 guidance on a consolidated basis. Rate relief and the company's transformation to a fully focused electric utility should be a main driver to results in the near-intermediate and

long-term. OGE is now a pure-play electric utility after completing its exit from the natural gas midstream arena, which should reduce business risk and attract investors. The Inflation Reduction Act will also help improve the challenging macroeconomic environment and provide assistance in the transition to providing affordable, clean energy. Our 2024 bottomline projection is staying put, as we think profits will recover to \$2.15 a share.

OGE shares have continued to struggle of late. Indeed, the stock has dropped more than 6% in value since our early March report, and is now down nearly 15% over the past six months. Too, this issue was recently downgraded one notch in our Timeliness Ranking System to 4 (Below Average). On a positive note, the dividend continues to be this issue's most notable feature. These shares boast a attractive quarterly dividend yield of 4.7%, which sits well above the industry average and the Value Line median. The utility also holds a solid dividend growth potential rate of 3.0%, which would maintain a generous payout ratio.

Zachary J. Hodgkinson

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gains (losses): '15, (33¢); '17, \$1.18; '19, (8¢); '20, (\$2.95); '21, \$1.32; '22, \$1.06; gain on discont. ops.: '19 & '21 EPS don't sum due to rounding.

charges. In '22: \$6.15/sh. (D) In mill., adj. for | 12.7%. Regulatory Climate: Average

Next earnings report due early Aug. **(B)** Div'ds historically paid in late Jan., Apr., July, & Oct. | Split. **(E)** Nate base: Net original cost. Rate allowed on com. eq. in OK in '19: 9.5%; in AR in Div'd reinvestment plan avail. **(C)** Incl. deferred '18: 9.5%; earned on avg. com. eq., '21:

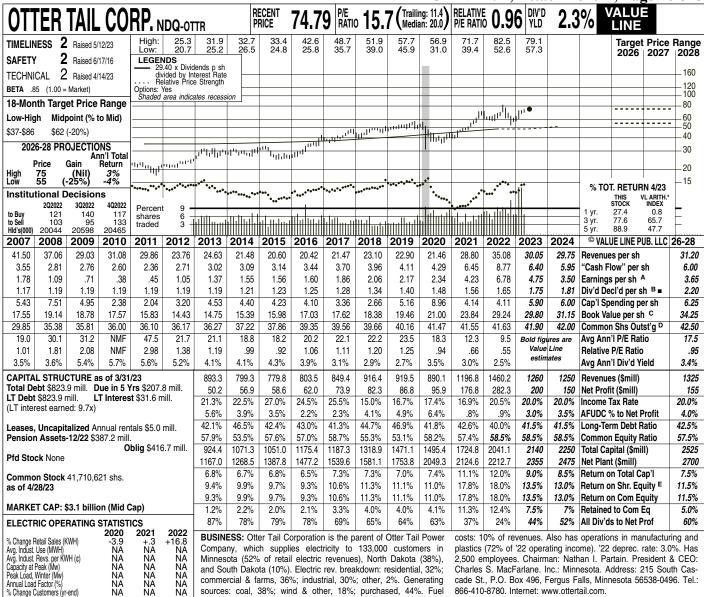
Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability**

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and South Dakota (10%). Electric rev. breakdown: residential, 32%; commercial & farms, 36%; industrial, 30%; other, 2%. Generating sources: coal, 38%; wind & other, 18%; purchased, 44%. Fuel

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653 405 651 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '19-'21 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 4.0% 9.5% 14.5% Revenues -1.0% 5.0% 7.5% 18.0% 5.5% 4.5% "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 7.0% 8.0% 6.0%

% Change Customers (vr-end)

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2020	234.7	192.8	235.8	226.8	890.1
2021	261.7	285.6	316.3	333.2	1196.8
2022	374.9	400.0	383.9	301.4	1460.2
2023	339.1	330.9	305	285	1260
2024	320	330	310	290	1250
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHARI	Dec.31	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30		Year
2020	.60	.42	.87	.45	2.34
2021	.73	1.01	1.26	1.23	4.23
2022	1.72	2.05	2.01	1.00	6.78
2023	1.49	1.50	1.01	. 75	4.75
2024	.80	1.00	1.00	. 70	3.50
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P.	AID B ■	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.35 .37 .39 .4125 .4375	.35 .37 .39 .4125	.35 .37 .39 .4125	.35 .37 .39 .4125	1.40 1.48 1.56 1.65

The price of Otter Tail stock has con**tinued to surge.** The quotation has risen more than 5% since our March report and is up 15% over the past 12 months due to a string of better-than-expected performances of late. Indeed, the company has raised its earnings guidance for 2023 on the heels of its strong first quarter results. Management now expects the bottom-line to wind up in a range of \$4.55-\$4.85 a share, from the initial guidance range of \$3.70-\$4.06 per share. While the bottomline will likely decline over the next few years as conditions normalize within the utlity's plastics division, the electric and manufacturing segments remain a main driver to earnings, and both grew by double digits in the first quarter of 2023. Too, Otter Tail continues to benefit from elevated PVC pipe pricing, as PVC pipe remains higher-than-anticipated, near historic highs. All told, we look for 2023 earnings of \$4.75 per share.

We expect the company's bottom line to decline in 2024 and beyond as demand for PVC pipe is dropping noticeably. The Plastics segment earnings decreased 34%, while sales volumes

declined 46% versus 2022 levels. Margins should begin to compress in the second half of this year, causing sales prices of PVC pipe to recede. Otter Tail expects the new normal level of plastics segment earnings to be around \$36-\$41 million. As a result, our 2024 earnings per share estimate is staying put at \$3.50.

Otter Tail is making progress in a number of capital projects. In May, the Federal Energy Regulatory commission approved incentive rate treatment for its investments in the Jamestown project and the Big Stone South Project. Too, Hoot Lake Solar, a 49 megawatt solar project is approximately 85% complete and is expected to be in service by the end of the vear.

This stock is trading near the high end of our 3-to 5-year Target Price Range. Near-term potential is more appealing. Otter Tail has outperformed nearly all of its peers of late, and these shares are ranked Above Average (2) for Timeliness. Meanwhile, this issue offers a dividend yield of 2.3%, which is just belowaverage for a utility.

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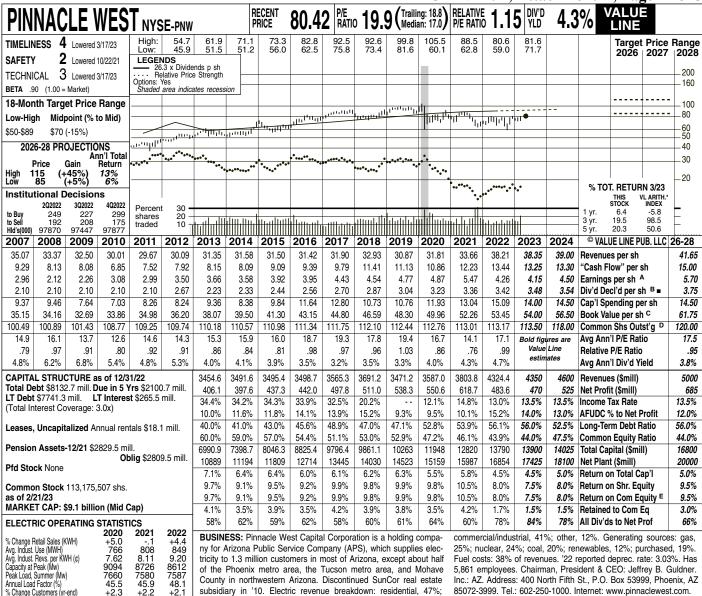
June 9, 2023

(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (loss): '10, (44¢); '11, 26¢; '13, 2¢; gains (losses) from disc. ops.: '11, (\$1.11); '12, (\$1.22); '13, 2¢; '14, 2¢; '15, 2¢; '16, 1¢; '17, 1¢. '19 EPS may

avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$4.10/sh. (D) In

not sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds histor. pd. in early Mar., Jun., Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinv. plan 8.75%; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: 19.2%.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 90 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 65



subsidiary in '10. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 47%;

85072-3999. Tel.: 602-250-1000. Internet: www.pinnaclewest.com.

318 317 226 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 2.0% 5.5% 3.5% 5.5% 4.0% Revenues 1.5% 3.0% 'Cash Flow" 5.0% 4.5% Earnings 4.0% 4.0% 2.0% 3.0% Dividends Book Value

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+2.1

% Change Customers (vr-end)

Cal-	QUAF	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	661.9	929.6	1254.5	741.0	3587.0
2021	696.5	1000.2	1308.2	798.9	3803.8
2022	783.5	1061.7	1469.9	1009.3	4324.4
2023	790	1070	1475	1015	4350
2024	835	1130	1560	1075	4600
Cal-	E/	ARNINGS F	PER SHAR	ΕA	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.27	1.71	3.07	d.17	4.87
2021	.32	1.91	3.00	.24	5.47
2022	.15	1.45	2.88	d.21	4.26
2023	.15	1.35	2.75	d.10	4.15
2024	.20	1.45	2.90	d.05	4.50
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.737	.738	.738	.782	3.00
2020	.783	.783	.783	.83	3.18
2021	.83	.83	.83	.85	3.34
2022	.85	.85	.85	.85	3.40
2023	.865				

Pinnacle West Capital is likely to see its profits decline in 2023. Leadership expects full-year earnings to fall within a range of \$3.95 to \$4.15 per share. The utility is up against a difficult 2022 comparison, which benefited from excessive heat and humidity that helped drive electric usage up 4.4% from the prior year. Additional headwinds include rising retirement contributions, as a result of the decline in equity and bond markets, and higher interest expense.

The company has an opportunity to improve upon a strained relationship with its regulatory commission. The 5person panel received a makeover in January when two new commissioners replaced former members whose terms were up, and a new chairperson was elected. Company leadership has publicly stated its desire for a more constructive partnership. Pinnacle's pending general rate case may help to restore some of the earnings power lost from its previous one. The late 2021 decision went very poorly. Entering calendar 2022, the utility was operating under revised regulatory parameters that cut its allowed return on equity

(ROE) from 10% to a nationwide low of 8.7%. The change effectively reduced the company's annual earning power by about \$1.00 per share. Pinnacle West is requesting its ROE be restored near the former level. The company is also seeking an expansion in the use of automatic pricing mechanisms to cut regulatory lag in the recoupment of investments it's planning to make in support of the state's clean-energy objectives. A decision is due in the fourth quarter. A recent appeals court decision has set a precedent for at least some progress towards higher allowable returns. A trio of Arizona appellate judges gave an opinion stating that the regulatory commission overstepped its bounds by penalizing the utility for "poor customer service," and has ruled the company can lift electric rates based on an 8.9% ROE. The panel also approved recoupment of \$215 million of investments for reduced coal emissions. This untimely issue has outperformed

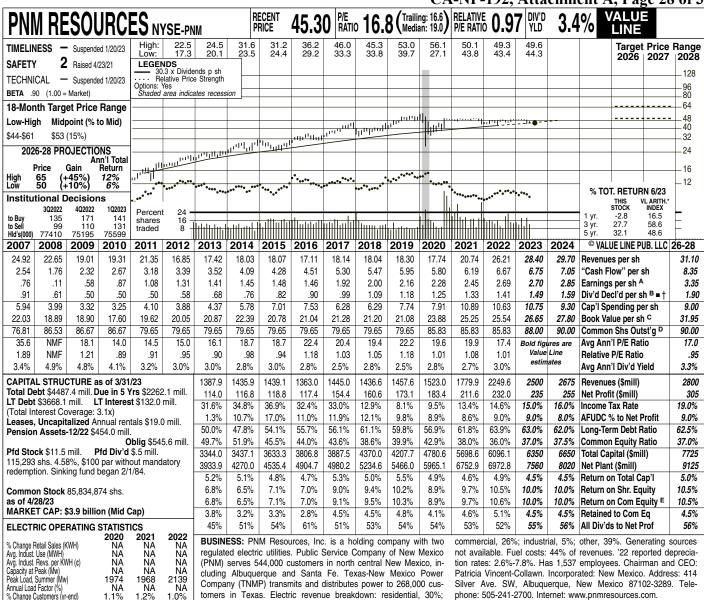
the Value Line Utility Index by 23 percentage points over the past six months. Total return prospects no longer stand out relative to the peer median. Anthony J. Glennon April 21, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain/(loss): '09, (\$1.45); '17, 8¢; gains/(losses) from discont. ops.: '06, 10¢; '08, 28¢; '09, (13¢); '10, 18¢; '11, 10¢; '12, (5¢). '19 & '20 EPS don't sum

in '12. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail.

due to rounding. Next egs. report due early (C) Incl. deferred charges/other intangibles. In May. (B) Div'ds historically paid in early Mar., '22: \$17.54/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Fair June, Sept., & Dec. There were 5 declarations value. Rate allowed on common equity in '23: 8.9%. Regulatory Climate: Below Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 90 Price Growth Persistence 40 **Earnings Predictability** 95



Company (TNMP) transmits and distributes power to 268,000 customers in Texas. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 30%;

Silver Ave. SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102-3289. Telephone: 505-241-2700. Internet: www.pnmresources.com

257 317 289 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 Revenues 1.0% 4.0% 5.0% "Cash Flow" Earnings 7.5% 8.5% 6.0% 5.0% 5.0% 8.0% 3.5% 6.0% 4.0% Dividends Book Value

1.1%

% Change Customers (vr-end)

Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	333.6	357.6	472.5	359.3	1523.0
2021	364.7	426.5	554.6	434.1	1779.9
2022	444.1	499.7	729.9	575.9	2249.6
2023	544.1	550	780	625.9	2500
2024	595	600	825	655	2675
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHARE	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.18	.55	1.40	.15	2.28
2021	.32	.55	1.37	.21	2.45
2022	.50	.57	1.46	.15	2.69
2023	.55	.55	1.35	.25	2.70
2024	.55	.60	1.40	.30	2.85
Cal-	QUARTI	ERLY DIVI	DENDS PAI	D B∎†	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.29	.29	.29	.29	1.16
2020	.3075	.3075	.3075	.3075	1.23
2021	.3275	.3275	.3275	.3275	1.31
2022	.3475	.3475	.3475	.3475	1.39
2023	.3675	.3675	5		

PNM Resources' merger AVANGRID, Inc. is still in play. The companies remain committed to a deal and have extended their agreement through the end of this year. To recap, PNM shareholders are to receive \$50.30 per share in an all-cash deal. Approval was received from six of the seven necessary state and federal regulatory agencies. The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) voted against the merger in 2021, late citing concerns over AVANGRID's track record as a utility in the Northeast, a legal investigation of its parent company, Iberdrola of Spain, and potentially higher electric rates. Of these charges, we suspect it was the latter one that was the main stumbling block. The investigation of Iberdrola in its home country was dropped in mid-2022, and AVANGRID's pricing and reliability are no worse than its regional peers.

In March, the companies and the agency that was the main obstacle to the deal agreed to negotiate a conclusion, but the judiciary will be the final **arbiter.** A joint motion filed with the New Mexico Supreme Court to dismiss an

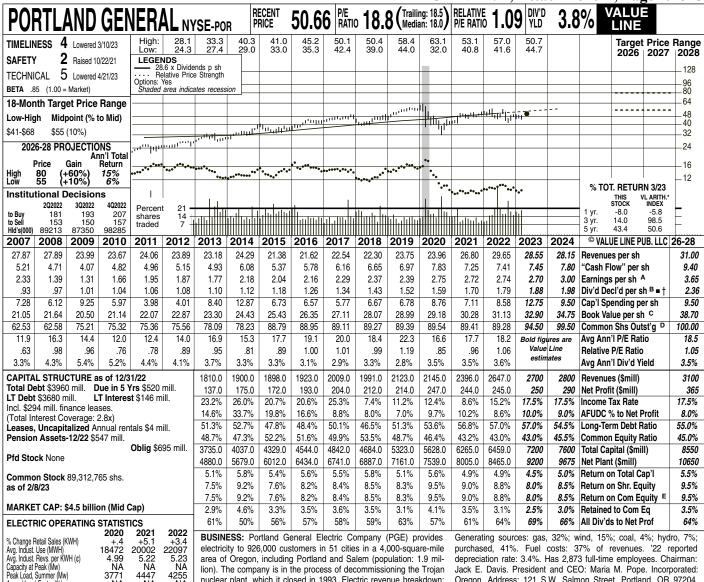
appeal the companies had made early last year and remand the case back to the NMPRC was denied by the bench in May. The revamped regulatory commission, with newly appointed members, had agreed to a "rehearing and reconsideration to be made in a timely fashion." fortunately, the justices are under no such time constraint, as there is no statutory deadline for the court to act. Historically, a decision is reached within 12 to 18 months of an initial appeal, so one would expect a conclusion isn't far off.

Timeliness This issue's suspended, as the buyout is the dominant factor. PNM stock was pricing in high odds of an acquisition earlier this year, but an upcoming court decision is more of a wild card versus the negotiating table route. At the recent price, there is 13% upside (including dividends) to the \$50.30 buyout level and probably 5%-10% downside. Existing shareholders should ride the process out, but we would not advise new investors to get involved unless they are prepared to hold a fairly average electric utility should the merger fail. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain/(loss): '08, (\$3.77); '10, (\$1.36); '11, 88¢; '13, (16¢); '15, (\$1.28); '17, (92¢); '18, (93¢); '19, (\$1.19); '20, (13¢); '21, (18¢); '22, (72¢). 1Q '23, 9¢. Excl.

disc. op. gains: '08, 42¢; '09, 78¢. Next egs. report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds paid mid-Feb., May, Aug., & Nov. • Div'd reinv. plan avail. 9.575%; in TX in '11: 10.125%; Regulatory (C) Incl. def. charges/other intang. In '22: Climate: NM, Below Average.; TX, Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 95 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 95



lion). The company is in the process of decommissioning the Trojan nuclear plant, which it closed in 1993. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 52%; commercial, 33%; industrial, 14%; other, 1%

Jack E. Davis. President and CEO: Maria M. Pope. Incorporated: Oregon, Address: 121 S.W. Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204. Tel.: 503-464-8000. Internet: www.portlandgeneral.com.

275 261 254 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 4.0% 5.5% 5.0% 6.0% 3.0% Revenues 1.0% 2.5% 4.0% 4.0% 4.0% 5.0% 'Cash Flow" Earnings 5.5% 4.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2020	573	469	547	556	2145
2021	609	537	642	608	2396
2022	626	591	743	687	2647
2023	650	600	<i>750</i>	700	2700
2024	675	625	775	725	2800
Cal-	E/	RNINGS F	ER SHAR	ΕA	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.91	.43	.84	.57	2.75
2021	1.07	.36	.56	.73	2.72
2022	.67	.72	.65	.70	2.74
2023	.65	.70	.65	.70	2.70
2024	.72	.78	.72	.78	3.00
Cal-	QUART	ERLY DIVI	DENDS PA	IDB∎†	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.3625	.3625	.385	.385	1.50
2020	.385	.385	.385	.4075	1.56
2021	.4075	.4075	.43	.43	1.68
2022	.43	.43	.4525	.4525	1.77
2023	4525	4525			

Portland General Electric is likely to post a decline in share earnings this year. For full-year 2023, leadership expects profits to land within a range of \$2.60 to \$2.75 per share. The utility is up against a difficult comparison in terms of 2022's electric usage, which was up 3.4% from the 2021 level due in part to a historically warm summer. More pressing, however, is the degree to which PGE is expanding its capital budget in anticipation of major investments in generating capacity. Capex is slated to rise over 55%, to roughly \$1.2 billion in 2023. Financing costs will pressure this year's bottom line. Profits ought to be on the mend in 2024. PGE recently filed a GRC (general rate case) with its state regulatory body. The utility is seeking a 14% price hike, in part to recoup high purchased power costs incurred last year. Most of the request is to address reliability and resiliency work, capital investments, and rising operating and financing costs. We expect a constructive outcome, with new rates to take effect beginning in January of next year.

Investments in "green" power should

help to accelerate long-term earnings

growth. Oregon is pursuing a very aggressive transition to renewable energy, with a target of zero greenhouse gas emissions from electric generation by 2040. Accordingly, PGE is looking to add at least 375 to 500 megawatts of renewables and "nonemitting" annual capacity in the next few years. Thus far, the company has agreed to partner with NextEra Energy (NEE) to construct a 311 mw wind energy facility. PGE will own two-thirds of the venture, and will have a 30-year contract with NEE to purchase the remaining generation. Project completion is targeted for December. The green light from regulators to pursue these types of investments should result in mid- to high-single-digit growth in the rate base (the dollar value of assets a utility is allowed to earn an economic return on) for years to come. This, along with rising demand from a vibrant tech-based local economy, should allow the company to achieve its long-term 5%-7% earnings and dividend growth targets.

PGE stock is untimely. Still, utility investors may find its 3- to 5-year total return prospects worthwile.

Anthony J. Glennon April 21, 2023

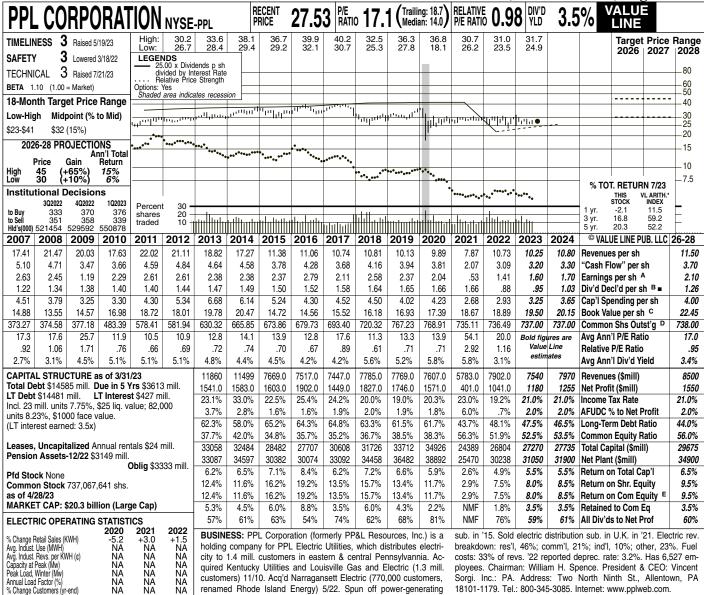
(A) Diluted earnings. Excl. nonrecurring gains/(losses): '13, (42¢); '17, (19¢); '20, (\$1.03); '22, (14¢). Next earnings report due

(B) Dividends paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, and Oct. ■ Dividend reinvestment plan available. † (E) Rate base: Net original cost. Rate allowed Shareholder investment plan available. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '21: \$473 mill., Climate: Average.

on common equity in '22: 9.5%. Regulatory

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 45 **Earnings Predictability** 95

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quired Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas and Electric (1.3 mill. customers) 11/10. Acq'd Narragansett Electric (770,000 customers, renamed Rhode Island Energy) 5/22. Spun off power-generating costs: 33% of revs. '22 reported deprec. rate: 3.2%. Has 6,527 employees. Chairman: William H. Spence. President & CEO: Vincent Sorgi. Inc.: PA. Address: Two North Ninth St., Allentown, PA 18101-1179. Tel.: 800-345-3085. Internet: www.pplweb.com.

278 154 348 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 -3.0% -5.0% -11.5% -2.0% 4.0% Revenues -7.5% -3.5% 3.5% "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends 3.5% 8.0% -6.0% -1.5% 3.5% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

Cal-			VENUES (Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	2054	1739	1885	1929	7607.0
2021	1498	1288	1512	1485	5783.0
2022	1782	1696	2134	2290	7902.0
2023	2415	1455	1890	1780	7540
2024	2525	1560	2000	1885	7970
2024	2020	1300	2000	1000	7970
Cal-	EA EA	rnings P	ER SHARI	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.72	.45	.50	.38	2.04
2021	.26	d.20	.27	.19	.53
2022	.41	.30	.41	.28	1.41
2023	.48	.33	.46	.33	1.60
2024	.49	.33	.47	.41	1.70
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS PA	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.41	.4125	.4125	.4125	1.65
2020	.4125	.415	.415	.415	1.66
2021	.415	.415	.415	.415	1.66
2022	.415	.20	.225	.225	1.07
	_			.223	1.07
2023	.225	.24	.24		

We still expect PPL Corp. to post pretty strong 2023 results. At \$1.60, our adjusted share-earnings call represents an increase of 13% over the \$1.41 that the Pennsylvania-based electric utility tallied last year. Key assumptions include revenues of \$7.54 billion (down 5%, year over year) and a notable moderation in the overall cost of purchased energy.

Leadership continues to target 6%-8% annual earnings growth for the next several years. Key to that goal is the realization of significant cost savings. To wit, PPL expects to lower annual operating and maintenance expense as much as \$60 million by the end of 2023. Furthermore, it hopes to increase that figure to \$150 million 24 months thereafter. As we understand it, a good portion of the savings will come from infrastructure improvements, such as additional 'hardening' of transmission assets against, among other things, adverse weather events. To that point, over 70% of the utility's transmission structures in Pennsylvania are now made of steel, up from less than 50% a decade ago, when wood construction was more prevalent.

The recent introduction of Dynamic Line Rating (DLR) technology is also encouraging. PPL has so far installed an undisclosed number of DLR sensors onto its transmission lines. The sensors track on a real-time basis everything from area wind speed to the ambient temperature of power lines, changes in which can signal heightened network risk. Importantly, the enhanced monitoring is reportedly helping to reduce outages and service costs.

The utility recently solicited proposals for replacing its coal-fueled power plants. If leadership has it right, coal will represent less than 15% of PPL's overall rate base by 2026, down from roughly 21% at the end of last year.

Shares of PPL don't currently stand out for year-ahead price performance (**Timeliness: 3**). We think that income investors will also do better elsewhere. While PPL's 3.5% current yield is nicely above the median for the Value Line universe as a whole, it trails the 3.8% average for the utility peer group. What's more, risk-free treasury securities were recently offering better income possibilities. Nils C. Van Liew August 11, 2023

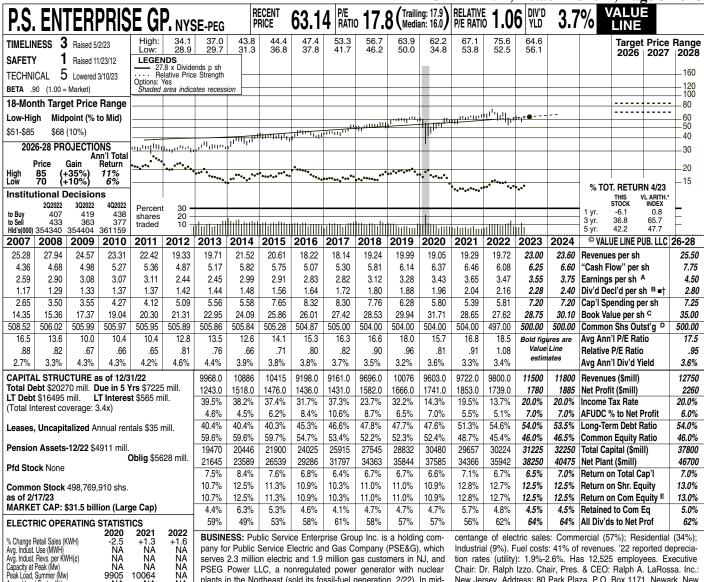
(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain (losses): '07, (12¢); '10, (8¢); '11, 8¢; '13, (62¢); '20, (13¢); '21, (50¢); gains (losses) on disc. ops.: '07, 23e; '15, (\$1.36); '21, (\$1.94). '20 & '21 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next egs. rept. due early Nov. (B) Div'ds paid in early Jan., April,

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intang. In '21: \$3.12/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Fair val. Rate all'd on com. eq. in PA in '16: none spec.; in KY in '19: 9.725%; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: 2.8%. Reg. Clim.: Avg.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 80 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 45

19¢; '08, 3¢; '09, (10¢); '10, (4¢); '12, (1¢); '14, July, & Oct. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. (C) Incl. © 2023 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product



PSEG Power LLC, a nonregulated power generator with nuclear plants in the Northeast (sold its fossil-fuel generation, 2/22). In mid-2022, announced intent to divest offshore wind assets. Per-

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273 298 298 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 0.5% 3.0% 4.5% 4.5% Revenues -1.0% 4.5% 'Cash Flow" 3.5% 4.0% 2.0% Earnings Dividends 4.0% 4.0% 5.5% 3.0% Dividends Book Value 2.0%

% Change Customers (avg.)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2020	2781	2050	2370	2402	9603
2021	2889	1874	1903	3056	9722
2022	2313	2076	2272	3139	9800
2023	3755	2100	2400	3245	11500
2024	3800	2175	2475	3350	11800
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHARI	Dec.31	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30		Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	1.03 1.28 1.33 1.39 1.40	.79 .70 .64 . 65	.96 .98 .86 .87	.65 .69 .64 .64	3.43 3.65 3.47 3.55 3.75
Cal-	QUARTI		DENDS PA	ID B∎†	Full
endar	Mar.31		Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.47 .49 .51 .54 .57	.47 .49 .51 .54	.47 .49 .51 .54	.47 .49 .51 .54	1.88 1.96 2.04 2.16

Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) is off to a good start in 2023, but lackluster full-year profit gains are likely. March-period earnings exceeded the consensus estimate by \$0.14 per share, mainly due to an uptick in the performance of the Nuclear segment, which is the only significant business outside of the regulatory pricing umbrella. High price realizations from hedges won't be available in future quarters so the \$0.08-per-share bump to the bottom line was a one-off item. PSEG still has some significant headwinds this year from the impact of higher interest rates and increased retirement contributions.

The company's long-term earnings growth target of 5%-7% should be achieved in 2024. Utility income is rising due to regulatory mechanisms that allow for near contemporaneous returns on capital used for certain grid improvements. Meanwhile, interest expense and pension costs should moderate, and management is working hard to drive efficiencies and reduce operating expenses.

New Jersey's recently announced acceleration to 100% "clean" energy by

2035 should be a boon for PSEG. We expect no shortage of state authorized inand grid-modernization projects, which generate a 9.6% regulated return on capital employed by way of ris-ing electric delivery rates. The tenets of last year's Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) are expected to bolster the nation's transition to renewable energy over the next two decades and make it less painful for consumers. The IRA also provides incentives that will help keep PSEG's nuclear fleet economically viable for years to come.

Public Service Enterprise stock, however, does not stand out at the recent quotation. PSEG's 3- to 5-year annual total return prospects are roughly in line with the electric utility median of 8.6%. The dividend yield is only marginally above the peer average, although the longterm rate of growth for the disbursement is perhaps 50 basis points in excess of the industry's 4.8% rate. Following a roughly 10% drawdown in value, this high-quality issue would likely be a worthwhile holding for conservative accounts seeking "plain vanilla" utility exposure.

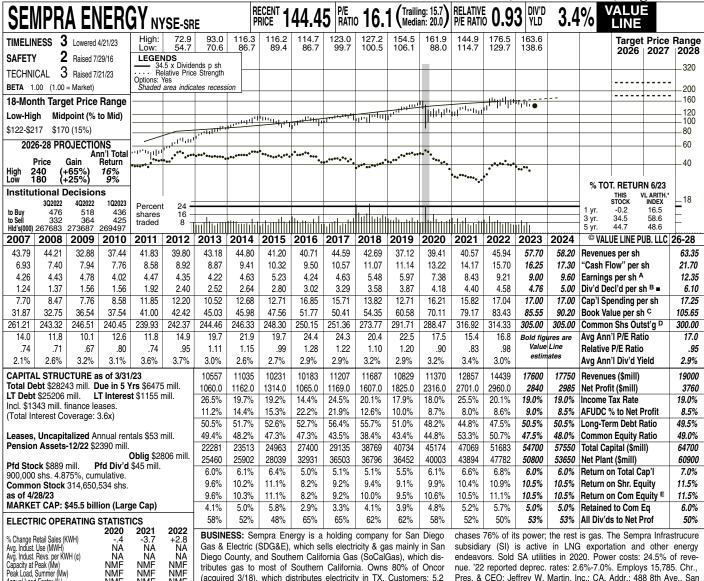
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(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains/(losses): '08, (96¢); '09, 6¢; '11, (34¢); '12, 7¢; '15, 39¢; '16, (\$1.08); '17, 28¢ (net); '18, (29¢); '19, 5¢; '20, 33¢; '21, (\$4.94); '22, (\$1.41); Q1 '23,

\$1.19; disc. ops.: '07, 3¢; '08, 40¢; '10, 1¢; '11, 19¢. Next egs. report due early August. (D) In mill., adj. for '08 split. (E) Rate base: Net (B) Div'ds historically paid in late Mar., June, original cost. Rate allowed on common equity Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. | in '18: 9.6%; Regulatory Climate: Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 100

May 12, 2023



Diego County, and Southern California Gas (SoCalGas), which distributes gas to most of Southern California. Owns 80% of Oncor (acquired 3/18), which distributes electricity in TX. Customers: 5.2 mill. electric, 7.0 mill. gas. Electric revenue breakdown: N/A. Pur-

endeavors. Sold SA utilities in 2020. Power costs: 24.5% of revenue. '22 reported deprec. rates: 2.6%-7.0%. Employs 15,785. Chr., Pres. & CEO: Jeffrey W. Martin. Inc.: CA. Addr.: 488 8th Ave., San Diego, CA 92101. Tel.: 619-696-2000. Internet: www.sempra.com.

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Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Full Year	
2020	3029	2526	2644	3171	11370	
2021	3259	2741	3013	3844	12857	
2022	3820	3547	3617	3455	14439	
2023	6560	3575	3650	3815	17600	
2024	6125	3750	3825	4050	17750	
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHARI	E A	Full	
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year	
2020	2.53	1.58	1.31	1.88	7.38	
2021	2.95	1.63	1.70	2.16	8.43	
2022	2.91	1.98	1.97	2.35	9.21	
2023	2.92	1.80	1.90	2.40	9.00	
2024	3.05	1.95	2.05	2.55	9.60	
Cal-	QUAF	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				
endar	Mar.31	Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31				
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.895 .9675 1.045 1.10 1.145	.9675 1.045 1.10 1.145 1.19	.9675 1.045 1.10 1.145 1.19	.9675 1.045 1.10 1.145	3.80 4.10 4.35 4.54	

Sempra Energy will likely post down earnings this year, with growth expected to resume in 2024. Management affirmed its \$8.60-\$9.20 per share bottomline outlook. Quarterly comparisons will be difficult through the end of the third quarter, as last year's heat wave in southern California drove electricity usage up 2.8% in 2022. Regulatory lag is a key issue for this year in particular. Significant investments in grid modernization and the related financing costs await recoupment. Sempra has general rate cases filed in both of its state territories. A decision is overdue for Oncor, the company's 80%-owned transmission and distribution subsidiary in Texas. Higher delivery prices ought to benefit the back end of 2023, with further incremental improvement coming next year. A regulatory decision is expected in the second quarter of next year for San Diego Gas & Electric and SoCalGas. Higher rates in California should be retroactive to the start of 2024. The company's goal of 6%-8% longterm earnings growth looks achievable, given the prospects of the Infrastructure subsidiary (SI). The econom-

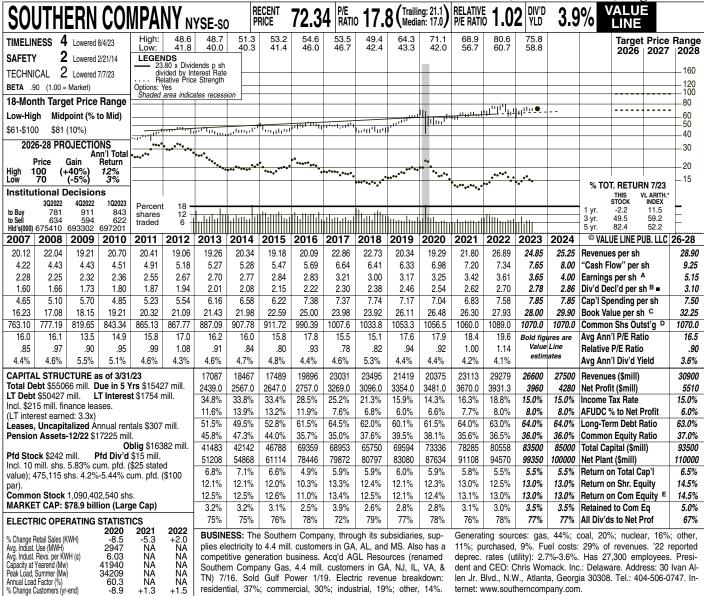
port operation look attractive. SI has put together a project that will export 13 million tonnes per annum of LNG from Texas to Europe and Asia starting in 2027. Long-term contracts are nearly fully subscribed. ConocoPhillips has come on board as a partner, and KKR will also help finance the \$13 billion endeavor. Sempra is expected to retain about a 20% stake, but will only have to put up a half-share of the capital. We estimate a bump in annual earnings power of \$0.50-\$0.75 per share, plus an opportunity to replicate the gains through additional project phases. More-over, SI has comparable-scaled LNG expansions taking place at its Baja California site in Mexico. The subsidiary is also exploring opportunities in green hydrogen and ammonia production, an arena that looks very promising.

This issue is neutrally ranked for year-ahead relative price performance. However, SRE's total return potential looks good relative to its industry's 10% median level. Utility investors should consider it for a long-term holding. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

(A) Dil. egs. Excl. nonrec. gain/(loss): '09, (26¢); '10, (\$1.04); '11, \$1.15; '12, (87¢); '13, (21¢); '15, 14¢; '16, \$1.22; '17, (\$3.62); '18, (\$2.06); '19, 16¢; '20, (80¢); '21, (\$4.42); '22,

(\$1.64); 1Q '23, 15¢. Disc. ops.: '19, \$1.16; '20, \$6.30. Qtly. EPS may not sum due to rounding. Next egs. report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, Oct. ■ Div'd reinv. avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$14.42/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate allowed on com. eq.: SDG&E in '22: 9.95%; SoCalGas in '22: 9.8%. Regulatory Climate: Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 95 Price Growth Persistence 55 **Earnings Predictability** 90



competitive generation business. Acq'd AGL Resources (renamed Southern Company Gas, 4.4 mill. customers in GA, NJ, IL, VA, & TN) 7/16. Sold Gulf Power 1/19. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 37%; commercial, 30%; industrial, 19%; other, 14%

deprec. rates (utility): 2.7%-3.6%. Has 27,300 employees. President and CEO: Chris Womack. Inc.: Delaware. Address: 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Tel.: 404-506-0747. Internet: www.southerncompany.com

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		281	270	275
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value	Past 10 Yrs. 4.0% 3.0% 3.5% 3.0%	Past 5 Yrs. .5% 4.5% 3.0% 3.5% 2.5%	to'	'20-'22 26-'28 6.0% 5.0% 6.5% 3.5%

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAI Mar.31	RTERLY R Jun.30	EVENUES Sep.30		Full Year
2020	5018	4620	5620	5117	20375
2021	5910	5198	6238	5767	23113
2022	6648	7206	8378	7047	29279
2023	6480	6800	7120	6200	26600
2024	6800	7000	7200	6500	27500
Cal-	EA	RNINGS P	ER SHARE	Α	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.81	.75	1.18	.51	3.25
2021	1.09	.67	1.22	.44	3.42
2022	.97	1.07	1.31	.26	3.61
2023	.79	.95	1.36	.55	3.65
2024	1.20	1.00	1.30	.50	4.00
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS PA	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.60	.62	.62	.62	2.46
2020	.62	.64	.64	.64	2.54
2021	.64	.66	.66	.66	2.62
2022	.66	.68	.68	.68	2.70
2023	.68	.70			

Southern Company's Georgia Power subsidiary has experienced another delay in unit 3 of the Vogtle nuclear station. In June, the company delayed the commercial operation of its nuclear construction project due to a degraded hydrogen seal found during testing. Unit 3 is approaching an August deadline to reach commercial operation, as the project continues to face significant delays and cost overruns. Meanwhile, unit 4 of the Vogtle station is making strong progress towards completing the project. Indeed, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently approved plans to begin radioactive fuel loading. Management expects to load the fuel by the end of September, and unit 4 is scheduled to be in-service by the end of 2023 or in the first quarter of 2024. Additional delays and cost increases may occur, though. Construction timing will greatly influence growth and project delays could cause full-year estimates to be lowered. When construction is completed, we think the project will improve the company's dividend and earnings growth prospects, and benefit the transition towards cleaner energy.

Our bottom-line estimates for 2023 and 2024 are \$3.65 and \$4.00 a share, respectively. Second-quarter results were released shortly after our report went to Southern Company's earnings should continue to benefit from rate relief, higher retail pricing, and increased usage of electricity. Too, we think profit growth will show more acceleration once the nuclear units are completed. Management is targeting a long-term annual earningsper-share growth target of 5%-7%.

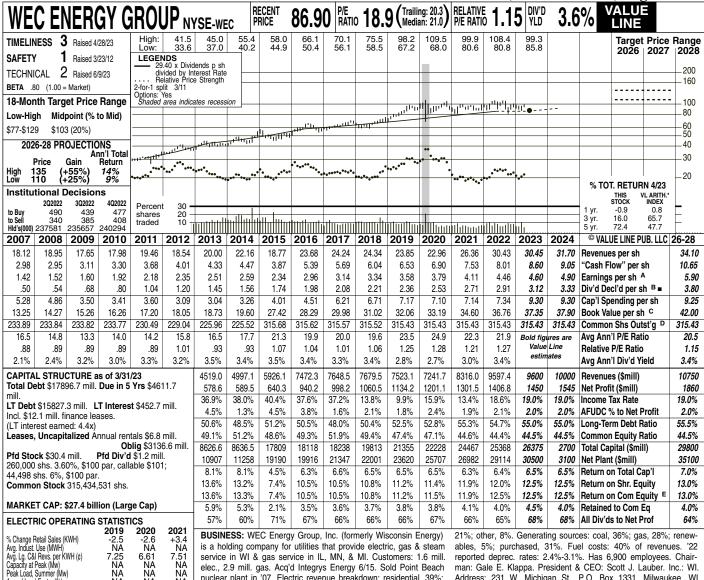
This issue is ranked 4 (Below Aver-

age) for Timeliness. Also, at the current quotation, capital appreciation potential over the coming 18 months and out to 2026-2028 does not stand out compared to ValueLinemedian. However, Southern shares may appeal to conservative, income-oriented accounts. Indeed, the stock's dividend yield of 3.9%, which sits above the industry average, remains its most notable feature. The company also holds a strong financial strength rating (A), as well as an Above-Average (2) Safety rank and high marks for Earnings Predictability and Price Stability. Zachary J. Hodgkinson August 11, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain (losses): '09, (25¢); '13, (83¢); '14, (59¢); '15, (25¢); '16, (28¢); '17, (\$2.37); '18, (78¢); '19, \$1.30; '20, (17¢); '21, (54¢). Next earnings report due in

late Oct. (B) Div'ds paid in early Mar., June, Sept., and Dec. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Incl. def'd charges. In '22: \$19.85/sh. '21: 12.8%. Regulatory Climate: GA, AL Above (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: AL, MS, fair value; Average; MS, FL Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 95 Price Growth Persistence 45 **Earnings Predictability** 95



service in WI & gas service in IL, MN, & MI. Customers: 1.6 mill. elec., 2.9 mill. gas. Acq'd Integrys Energy 6/15. Sold Point Beach nuclear plant in '07. Electric revenue breakdown: residential. 39%: small commercial & industrial, 32%; large commercial & industrial,

reported deprec. rates: 2.4%-3.1%. Has 6,900 employees. Chairman: Gale E. Klappa. President & CEO: Scott J. Lauber. Inc.: WI. Address: 231 W. Michigan St., P.O. Box 1331, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Tel.: 414-221-2345. Internet: www.wecenergygroup.com

300 338 357 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 3.0% 7.0% 6.5% 2.0% 7.5% 7.0% Revenues 5.0% 6.5% 6.0% 7.0% 4.0% "Cash Flow" Earnings 6.5% 3.5% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	2108	1548	1651	1933	7241.7
2021	2691	1676	1746	2201	8316.0
2022	2908	2127	2003	2558	9597.4
2023	2888	2200	2150	2362	9600
2024	3000	2250	2200	2550	10000
Cal-	EA	RNINGS F	ER SHAR	ΕA	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	1.43	.76	.84	.76	3.79
2021	1.61	.87	.92	.71	4.11
2022	1.79	.91	.96	.80	4.46
2023	1.61	1.00	1.14	.85	4.60
2024	1.90	1.00	1.15	.85	4.90
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DIV	IDENDS P	AID B =	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.59	.59	.59	.59	2.36
2020	.6325	.6325	.6325	.6325	2.53
2021	.6775	.6775	.6775	.6775	2.71
2022	.7275	.7275	.7275	.7275	2.91
2023	.7800	.7800			

WEC Energy's utility in Minnesota reached a settlement in its rate case. The settlement, if approved by the Minnesota Commission, will grant Minnesota Energy Resources a 7.1% increase in base rates, based on a 9.65% return on equity. In March, the company's utility in Michigan filed a base rate increase of 9.1% for 2024. The company also had pending rate cases in Illinois for Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas. Hearings are scheduled for August, and new tarrifs are expected to take effect by next year.

Our 2023 bottom-line projection is staying put at \$4.60 per share, which is the midpoint of management's updated guidance range. The Energy Infrastructure segment's earnings dropped \$0.01 a share and the corporate segment's earnings fell \$0.08 a share compared to the first quarter of 2022. Too, natural gas deliveries in Wisconsin declined by 10.5% year over year due to one of the mildest winters in history. On a positive note, rate relief remains a main driver to performance, and contributed \$0.22 a share to earnings in the March period. The bottomline will likely continue to benefit from a

number of pending gas rate hikes. The company expects profits in the second-half of 2023 to be materially better than last year. Our projections mirror this sentiment.

The company is making progress on a number of zero carbon projects. The Red Barn Wind purchase went to service in April, and is providing 82 megawatts of clean energy to Wisconsin customers. In February, WEC received approval for 100 megawatts of Riverside capacity for approximately \$102 million, and also completed its acquisition of a Sapphire Farm, which currently offers 250 megawatts of capacity in total. There are many other capital projects that are underway, which will provide assistance to the company's zero carbon goals.

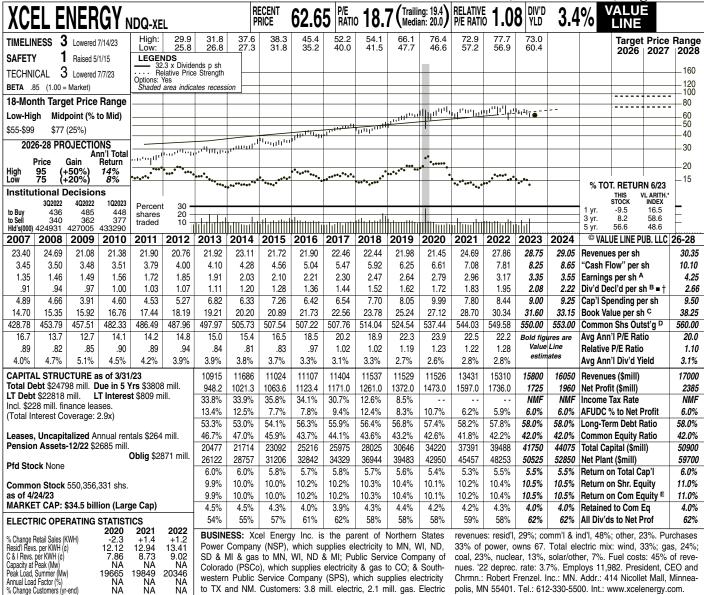
WEC Energy stock likely will appeal to conservative investors. The utility holds a strong Price Stability and Earnings Predictability scores, as well as a top notch Safety rank. Too, the dividend yield of 3.6% is right around the industry average. Total return potential to 2026-2028 is modest, however.

Zachary J. Hodgkinson June 9, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. gain on discontinued ops.: '11, 6¢; nonrecurring gain: '17, 65¢. Next earnings report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds paid in early Mar., June, Sept. & Dec. Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$20.05/sh. (D) In mill., adj. for split. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rates all'd on com. eq. in WI in '15: 10.0%-10.2%; in IL in '21: 9.67%; in MI, Average.

MN in '19: 9.7%; in MI in '22: 9.85%; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: 12.2%. Regulatory Climate: WI, Above Average; IL, Below Average; MN &

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 90 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 100



Colorado (PSCo), which supplies electricity & gas to CO; & Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), which supplies electricity to TX and NM. Customers: 3.8 mill. electric, 2.1 mill. gas. Electric

newspapers

reported that several insurers have

filed a lawsuit against Xcel Energy. The case seeks restitution for payouts

made to victims of the December 2021

Marshall wildfire, one of the worst ever in

Office and the county's district attorney recently named Xcel as one of two parties

responsible for the blaze that killed two

people, destroyed over 1,000 homes, and

caused more than \$2 billion in property

cluded that two fires had separate origins

and merged to form a more destructive

one. Local authorities stated a fire was set

The Boulder County Sheriff's

The investigation report con-

nues. '22 deprec. rate: 3.7%. Employs 11,982. President, CEO and Chrmn.: Robert Frenzel. Inc.: MN. Addr.: 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401. Tel.: 612-330-5500. Int.: www.xcelenergy.com

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		252	262 255
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '20-'22 to '26-'28
Revenues	1.5%	2.5%	3.5%
"Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends	6.5% 5.5%	7.5% 6.0%	
Dividends Book Value	6.0% 5.0%	6.0% 5.5%	

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Book value		5.0	% 5.	5%	5.0%
Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2020 2021 2022 2023	2811 3541 3751 4080	2586 3068 3424 3550		2947 3355 4053 4070	11526 13431 15310 15800
Cal- endar	4125 EA Mar.31	3650 ARNINGS F Jun.30	4150 PER SHARI Sep.30	_	16050 Full Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.56 .67 .70 .76	.54 .58 .60 . 64	1.14 1.13 1.18 1.25 1.33	.54 .58 .69 . 70	2.79 2.96 3.17 3.35 3.55
Cal- endar	QUART Mar.31	ERLY DIVI Jun.30	DENDS PA Sep.30		Full Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.38 .405 .43 .4575 .4875	.405 .43 .4575 .4875 .52		.405 .43 .4575 .4875	1.60 1.70 1.80 1.92

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gain (losses): '10, 5¢; '15, (16¢); '17, (5¢); gains (loss) on discontinued ops.: '09, (1¢); '10, 1¢. 20 EPS don't sum due to rounding.

on the property of a religious group near Marshall Road and was extinguished by firefighters. The debris were said to be still smoldering six days later when strong winds reignited it. The report claims that on the same day the debris reignited, an Xcel power line sent sparks into dry brush. Xcel has denied its equipment played a role in the devastating wildfire. But there is clear video on the day of the blaze of very strong wind gusts (estimated at over 100 mph) causing Xcel's power lines

to touch and send off electrical arcing into the air near the area investigators say was one wildfire's origin. Xcel responded to the sheriff's report stating it does not agree with the conclusion that its power lines caused the second ignition, and went on to state "Xcel Energy did not have the opportunity to review and comment on the analyses relied on by the sheriff's office and believes those analyses are flawed and their conclusions are incorrect." Xcel also said it reviewed its records and believes the system was properly maintained.

The market reaction to this information has been fairly subdued. So far, XEL shares are down just four percentage points more than the electric utility average decline of 6.5% in 2023. Yet the situation is reminiscent of the lawsuits against California utility Edison International (EIX), which has paid out a net \$7 billion after recouping \$2 billion from insurance. The same attorneys are involved here. Over 9,500 plaintiffs lined up against Edison, so we don't think the scale is nearly the same, but XEL holders need to weigh the risks, including the news cycle. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

Next earnings report due July 27th. (B) Div'ds typically paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, and Oct.
■ Div'd reinvestment plan available.

(C) Incl. intangibles. In '22: \$2871 mill., \$5.22/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Varies. Rate allowed on common equity (blended): 9.6%. Regulatory Climate: Average.

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Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 95 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 100