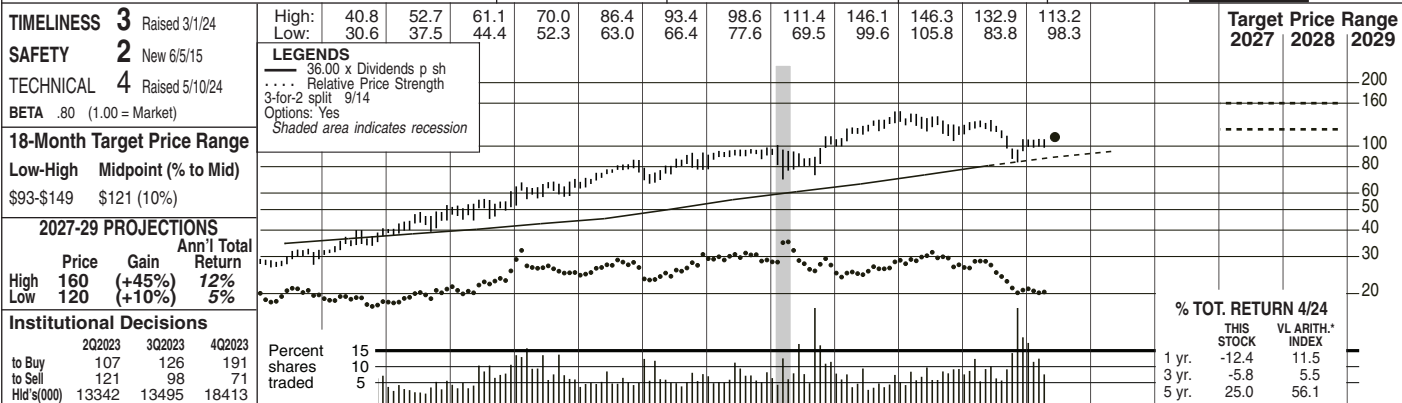


CHESAPEAKE UTIL. NYSE-CPK

RECENT PRICE **110.37** P/E RATIO **21.6** (Trailing: 23.0 Median: 23.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.19** DIV'D YLD **2.4%** VALUE LINE



2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	27-29
28.46	19.07	29.93	29.13	27.26	30.73	34.19	30.07	30.60	37.79	43.81	29.24	27.96	32.28	38.37	30.16	33.35	36.90	Revenues per sh	66.00
2.50	2.15	3.50	3.69	3.95	4.73	5.05	5.16	5.42	6.47	6.47	6.50	7.37	8.28	8.87	6.87	8.15	8.60	"Cash Flow" per sh	10.80
1.39	1.43	1.82	1.91	1.99	2.26	2.47	2.68	2.86	2.68	3.45	3.72	4.21	4.73	4.97	4.73	5.10	5.40	Earnings per sh ^A	7.00
.81	.83	.87	.91	.96	1.01	1.07	1.12	1.19	1.26	1.39	1.55	1.69	1.84	2.03	2.25	2.46	2.64	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	3.25
3.00	1.89	3.18	3.28	5.00	6.72	6.66	9.47	10.42	10.73	16.47	11.26	9.48	10.59	7.23	8.48	13.40	14.20	Cap'l Spending per sh	16.00
12.02	14.89	15.84	16.78	17.82	19.28	20.59	23.45	27.36	29.75	31.65	34.23	39.92	43.85	46.94	56.04	59.50	62.40	Book Value per sh	70.70
10.24	14.09	14.29	14.35	14.40	14.46	14.59	15.27	16.30	16.34	16.38	16.40	17.46	17.66	17.74	22.24	22.50	22.50	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	25.00
14.2	14.2	12.2	14.2	14.8	15.6	17.7	19.1	21.8	27.8	22.9	24.7	21.6	25.6	25.8	24.3	25.0	25.0	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	20.0
.85	.95	.78	.89	.94	.88	.93	.96	1.14	1.40	1.24	1.32	1.11	1.38	1.49	1.36	1.49	1.36	Relative P/E Ratio	1.10
4.1%	4.1%	3.9%	3.4%	3.3%	2.9%	2.4%	2.2%	1.9%	1.7%	1.8%	1.7%	1.9%	1.5%	1.6%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.3%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/24		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Debt \$1374.1 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$625.0 mill.		498.8	459.2	498.9	617.6	717.5	479.6	488.2	570.0	680.7	670.6	750	830	Revenues (\$mill)	1650				
LT Debt \$1185.2 mill. LT Interest \$60.0 mill.		36.1	40.2	44.7	43.8	56.6	61.1	70.6	83.5	88.4	87.2	115	122	Net Profit (\$mill)	175				
(LT interest earned: 4.1x; total interest coverage: 4.1x) (48% of Cap'l)		39.9%	39.5%	38.8%	39.5%	27.1%	25.6%	25.0%	25.9%	27.4%	24.4%	26.5%	27.0%	Income Tax Rate	29.0%				
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$2.8 mill.		7.2%	8.8%	9.0%	7.1%	7.9%	12.7%	14.5%	14.6%	13.0%	13.0%	15.3%	14.7%	Net Profit Margin	10.6%				
Pfd Stock None		34.5%	29.4%	23.5%	28.9%	37.9%	43.9%	42.2%	41.5%	41.0%	48.8%	48.0%	48.0%	Long-Term Debt Ratio	48.0%				
Pension Assets-12/23 \$49.4 mill.		65.5%	70.6%	76.5%	71.1%	62.1%	56.1%	57.8%	58.5%	59.0%	51.2%	52.0%	52.0%	Common Equity Ratio	52.0%				
Oblig. \$51.3 mill.		458.8	507.5	583.0	683.7	834.5	1001.7	1205.6	1324.0	1411.2	2433.2	2575	2700	Total Capital (\$mill)	3400				
Common Stock 22,270,177 shs. as of 5/6/24		689.8	855.0	986.7	1126.0	1384.0	1463.8	1601.2	1744.9	1810.5	2456.4	2600	2825	Net Plant (\$mill)	3500				
MARKET CAP: \$2.5 billion (Small Cap)		8.5%	8.9%	8.6%	7.3%	7.8%	7.2%	6.8%	7.1%	7.1%	4.3%	6.0%	6.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	6.5%				
CURRENT POSITION		12.0%	11.2%	10.0%	9.0%	10.9%	10.9%	10.1%	10.8%	10.6%	7.0%	8.5%	8.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	10.0%				
(SMILL.)		12.0%	11.2%	10.0%	9.0%	10.9%	10.9%	10.1%	10.8%	10.6%	7.0%	8.5%	8.5%	Return on Com Equity	10.0%				
Cash Assets		7.4%	6.8%	6.1%	4.9%	6.7%	6.5%	6.2%	6.7%	6.4%	3.8%	4.5%	4.5%	Retained to Com Eq	5.5%				
Other		38%	40%	39%	45%	39%	40%	38%	38%	40%	46%	48%	49%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	46%				
Current Assets		BUSINESS: Chesapeake Utilities Corporation consists of two main units. The Regulated Energy segment distributes natural gas in Delaware, Maryland, and Florida; distributes electricity in Florida; and transmits natural gas on the Delmarva Peninsula and in Florida. The Unregulated Energy operation wholesales and distributes propane; markets natural gas; and provides other unregulated energy services, including midstream services in Ohio. Revenue breakdown for 2023: Regulated Energy, 70.6%; Unregulated Energy, 33.3%; Other, d3.9%. Officers and directors own 1.7% of common stock; BlackRock, 16.1% (3/24 Proxy). Chairman and CEO: Jeffrey Householder, Inc.: DE. Address: 500 Energy Lane, Dover, DE 19901. Tel.: (302) 734-6799. Internet: www.chpk.com.																	
Accts Payable		Chesapeake Utilities got off to an underwhelming start, earningswise, in 2024. For the first quarter, profits of \$2.07 per share were just a few pennies above last year's \$2.04 figure. That was attributable partly to costs, amounting to \$0.03 per share, associated with last November's purchase of Florida City Gas (FCG) from NextEra Energy for nearly \$923 million. Results for the quarter were also weighed down by a sharp rise in interest charges, reflecting debt issued to help finance the aforesaid acquisition. The company's income tax rate increased some, too.																	
Debt Due		Still, higher profits appear to be in store for the full year. Chesapeake's fourth quarter, 2023 tally of \$1.26 a share (which includes expenses of \$0.38 from FCG) ought to be easy to beat. We expect the business climate to remain generally favorable, as well. So, the bottom line stands to grow about 8%, to \$5.10 a share, versus last year's \$4.73 total. Turning to 2025, share net might advance another 6% or so, to \$5.40, as operating margins exhibit further improvement.																	
Other		This year's capital expenditures are anticipated to be \$300 million—\$360 million. The bulk of the funds are being deployed to the Regulated Energy unit, with an emphasis on the natural gas distribution and transmission segments. Leadership adds that it expects total capital spending to be in the range of \$1.5 billion to \$1.8 billion for the five-year period between 2024 and 2028. All told, we believe these objectives can be achieved, assuming that the balance sheet remains in sound condition.																	
Current Liab.		The quarterly common stock dividend was raised 8.5%, to \$0.64 per share. That was brought about, no doubt, by the company's solid capital position. Moreover, our 3- to 5-year projections indicate that additional steady increases in the distribution will probably take place. The payout ratio over that horizon ought to be in the neighborhood of 45%, which is quite manageable.																	
Fix. Chg. Cov.		What about the equity? Capital gains potential in the 18-month span looks uninspiring. Upside possibilities out to 2027-2029 lack appeal, too. Also, the dividend yield is not alluring, versus those of other Natural Gas Utility stocks we track. <i>Frederick L. Harris, III</i> May 24, 2024																	

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)	Full Year			
Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year	
2021	191.2	111.1	107.3	160.4	570.0
2022	222.9	139.5	131.1	187.2	680.7
2023	218.1	135.6	131.5	185.4	670.6
2024	245.7	160	150	194.3	750
2025	265	180	170	215	830

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A	Full Year			
Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year	
2021	1.96	.78	.71	1.28	4.73
2022	2.08	.88	.54	1.47	4.97
2023	2.04	.90	.53	1.26	4.73
2024	2.07	.98	.60	1.45	5.10
2025	2.16	1.05	.66	1.53	5.40

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B	Full Year			
Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year	
2020	.405	.405	.44	.44	1.69
2021	.44	.44	.48	.48	1.84
2022	.48	.48	.535	.535	2.03
2023	.535	.535	.59	.59	2.25
2024	.59	.59	.64		

(A) Diluted shrs. Excludes nonrecurring gains (loss): '08, (7c); '15, 6c; '17, 87c; '22, 8c. Excludes discontinued operations: '19, 24c; '20, 5c. Next earnings report due early Aug.

(B) Dividends historically paid in early January, April, July, and October. ■ Dividend reinvestment plan. Direct stock purchase plan available.

(C) In millions, adjusted for split.

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