

troit and a 7,600-square-mile area in southeastern Michigan, and DTE Gas (formerly Michigan Consolidated Gas). Customers: 2.2 mill. electric, 1.3 mill. gas. Has various nonutility operations. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 50%; commercial, 33%; industrial,

deprec. rates: 4.2% electric, 2.9% gas. Has 10,600 employees. Chairman, President & CEO: Jerry Norcia. Incorporated: Michigan. Address: One Energy Plaza, Detroit, Michigan 48226-1279. Tel.: 313-235-4000. Internet: www.dteenergy.com.

268 233 264 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '21-'23 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '27-'29 2.5% 4.5% 2.5% 3.0% 3.0% 4.0% Revenues 5.0% 'Cash Flow' 4.5% 4.5% Earnings 5.5% 3.0% 5.5% 1.5% 3.0% 1.0% Book Value

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Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ MIII.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021	3581	3021	3715	4647	14964
2022	4577	4924	5251	4476	19228
2023	3779	2684	2888	3394	12745
2024	3240	2400	2850	4110	12600
2025	3400	2500	2900	4200	13000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021	1.65	.60	.30	1.55	4.10
2022	2.03	.19	1.99	1.31	5.52
2023	2.16	.97	1.61	2.02	6.76
2024	1.51	1.20	1.90	2.09	6.70
2025	2.40	1.30	2.00	1.50	7.20
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
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	.9525	1.02	3.88
2024	1.02				

DTE Energy's electric utility subsidiary has filed another general rate case. The utility is seeking an increase of \$456 million to improve reliability. Note, DTE received a \$368.1 million electricity rate increase in December, compared to its initial request of \$620 million. As a result of this and past decisions, we think the Michigan Public Service Commission will likely give the utility an unfavorable, but reasonable, ruling. This shouldn't have too much of an effect on the company's results this year, but will probably boost profits nicely in 2025.

We have slightly lowered our 2024 earnings-per-share estimate. The firstquarter performance was negatively impacted by inflationary pressures and the interest rate environment, which led to higher rate base costs. And, these challenges should persist throughout this year, before the utility is able to pass on higher costs to consumers. Our earnings estimate is now right near the midpoint of DTE Energy's targeted range of \$6.54-\$6.83 a share, and within the company's 6%-8% long-term profit growth forecast based off original 2023 guidance.

DTE Energy is well positioned for the **long term.** The utility's grid investments to improve maintenance and infrastructure, reduce outages, and enhance tree trimming should come to fruition over that interim and benefit operations. DTE plans to fully automate the grid within five to six years, and we think it's in a great position to take advantage of elevated power demand from data centers and tech innovations. Too, the utility should be able to pass on the aforementioned higher costs associated with the challenging macroeconomic climate to the consumer. Our 2025 bottom-line estimate is staying put at \$7.20 per share.

Conservative, income-oriented, longterm investors may be attracted to this issue. Indeed, the dividend yield is in line with the high-paying industry average, and has a decent annual dividend growth rate of 3.0%. Too, 18-month and 3to 5-year appreciation potential is solid in comparison to most of its peers. These shares also hold a high mark for Price Stability (90), and are ranked Above Average (2) for Safety.

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(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (loss): '08, 50¢; '11, 51¢; '15, (39¢); '17, 59¢; gains (losses) on discontinued operations: '08, 13¢; 12, (33¢); '21, 57¢. Next earnings report due

(E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate allowed on

late July. **(B)** Div'ds paid mid-Jan., Apr., July & Common equity in '20: 9.9% elec.; in '22: 9.9% Oct. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available. **(C)** Incl. intang. In '22: \$29.20/sh. **(D)** In mill. latory Climate: Above Average.

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