

Diego County, and Southern California Gas (SoCalGas), which distributes gas to most of Southern CA. Owns 80% of Oncor (acquired 3/18), which distributes electricity in TX. Serves nearly 40 mill, consumers, mainly in CA, TX, and Mexico. Elctrc. rev. breakdown: N/A.

energy endeavors. Sold S.A. utilities in '20. Power costs: 25% of revenue. '23 reported deprec. rates: 2.6%-7.1%. Employs 16,835. Chr., Pres. & CEO: Jeffrey W. Martin. Inc.: CA. Addr.: 488 8th Ave., San Diego, CA 92101. Tel.: 619-696-2000. Int: www.sempra.com.

207 232 194 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '21-'23 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '27-'29 Revenues 1.0% 1.5% 4.5% 6.0% 7.5% 7.0% 7.0% 8.0% 13.5% 7.0% 'Cash Flow" 6.0% 7.0% Earnings 5.0% 6.0% Dividends Book Value 10.0%

% Change Customers (yr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2021	3259	2741	3013	3844	12857
2022	3820	3547	3617	3455	14439
2023	6560	3335	3334	3491	16720
2024	3640	3500	3670	4240	15050
2025	4100	3825	3975	4400	16300
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021	1.48	.82	.85	1.08	4.22
2022	1.46	.99	.99	1.18	4.61
2023	1.46	.94	1.08	1.13	4.61
2024	1.34	.95	1.11	1.35	4.75
2025	1.45	1.05	1.20	1.40	5.10
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.484	.523	.523	.523	2.05
2021	.523	.55	.55	.55	2.17
2022	.55	.573	.573	.573	2.27
2023	.573	.595	.595	.595	2.36
2024	.595	.62	.62		

Sempra Energy's earnings should be back on a growth trajectory starting this year. Softer retail electric demand in 2023, where usage in the company's California service area was down 4.8%, was largely due to milder weather. This year's bottom line is up against an easier comparison. Higher interest expense and regulatory lag also weighed on last year's bot-tom line. With the first-quarter earnings release, management affirmed its 2024 earnings-per-share target of \$4.60 to \$4.90. In mid-2023, the company's Texas subsidiary, Oncor, received a favorable regulatory outcome, which should have beneficial knock-on effects for this year's bottom line. Meanwhile, in California, a general rate case decision is due before the end of 2024 for San Diego Gas & Electric and SoCalGas. Higher rates should be retroactive to January 1st, but won't start to be billed for until later this year, likely making the fourth quarter the most profitable interim. For 2025, the company has provided a preliminary earnings forecast of \$4.90 to \$5.25 a share. The late 2024 rate decision should be the main plus, as

well as continued strong growth at Oncor.

Management again affirmed its longterm 6%-8% growth expectation for **profits.** Oncor's rate base (assets for which a regulated utility is allowed to recoup an economic rate of return) is expected to increase from \$23 billion in 2023 to \$39 billion by 2028, an 11%-per-annum expansion. Its Texas service area is experiencing residential growth that's double the national average, as well as healthy demand from the continued increase in large commercial & industrial customers. The rate base for the California service area is projected to increase from \$27 billion in 2023 to \$38 billion in 2028, a 7%per-annum growth rate. Mitigating wildfire risks coupled with the state's "clean energy" goals are driving investment. Companywide, the rate base is projected to grow at a 9% yearly clip, which should translate to at least 7% share-earnings gains through 2027-2029.

Utility investors interested in Sempra Energy shares should target a better entry point. Annual total return potential through late decade is only slightly above the peer-group median.

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(A) Diluted egs. Excl. nonrec. gains/(losses): '09, (13¢); '10, (52¢); '11, 58¢; '12, (44¢); '13, (11¢); '15, 7¢; '16, 61¢; '17, (\$1.81); '18, (\$1.03); '19, 8¢; '20, (40¢); '21, (\$2.21); '22,

(\$1.30); '23, 18¢. Disc. ops.: '19, 58¢; '20, \$3.15. Qtly. EPS may not sum due to rounding. Next egs. report due early August. (B) Div'ds paid Jan., Apr., July, Oct. ■ Div. reinv. avail.

(C) Incl. intang. In '23: \$9.01/sh. (D) In mill., adj. for 8/23 stk. split. (E) Rate allowed on com. eq.: SDG&E '22: 9.95%; SoCalGas '22: 9.8%; Oncor '23: 9.7%. Reg. Climate: Average.

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

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