

customers through subsidiaries in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, 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,

and solar, 1%. Fuel costs: 32% of revenues. '23 reported depreciation 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.

243 209 250 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '21-'23 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs 5 Yrs. to '27-'29 Revenues -.5% 2.5% 2.5% .5% 3.5% 4.0% 'Cash Flow" 1.0% 1.0% 5.5% 3.0% 6.5% Earnings Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (yr-end)

NA

NA +1.0

6.00 NA

NA

NA

+.4

NA

NA

+1.0

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Full Year
2021 2022 2023	2845 2878 2981	2822 3395 2846			11743 13764 12147
2024 2025	2795 3000	3200 3500	3200 3400	3105 3200	12300 13100
Cal- endar	EA Mar.31	RNINGS P Jun.30	ER SHARI Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025	1.66 1.36 1.47 .35 1.60	1.30 .78 1.84 1.05 1.15	2.63 2.74 3.14 2.95 3.05	1.28 .51 4.66 .95 1.05	6.87 5.37 11.10 5.30 6.85
Cal- endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = † Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31				Full Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.93 .95 1.01 1.07 1.13	.93 .95 1.01 1.07 1.13	.93 .95 1.01 1.07	.95 1.01 1.07 1.13	3.74 3.86 4.10 4.34

Entergy recorded disappointing firstquarter results. Revenues fell to just under \$2.8 billion, as the company faced lower industrial sales, while warmer weather caused less energy to be used across its coverage areas. The company signed an additional eight electric service agreements with industrial customers, including a data center in Mississippi, which represents 1.1 gigawatts of loads. The power provider had much higher maintenance costs as a few planned plant refurbishments occurred in the quarter, and Entergy had some downtime at a few of its plants. The company achieved much higher interest income, but it faced some negative regulatory charges, such as one in Arkansas, while another was based on an old audit resolution. These factors caused earnings to drop sharply to \$0.35 per share during the March period.

The company ought to have better results over the rest of the year. Revenues should increase thanks to projects going into service to supply multiple new industrial clients. Several areas that Entergy supplies power to are seeing population growth, leading to incremental supply

gains. Some rate cases have reached conclusions recently, including one in New Orleans, which should have better operations and fewer legal costs. Still, costs will likely rise to provide more power, and we think less of higher fuel prices will be passed along to industrial customers. Overall, we estimate that earnings will tumble to \$5.30 per share this year.

We expect solid expansion over the long haul. Several projects have been approved to enhance resilience and improve the grid, including 2,100 capital expansions in the company's Louisiana coverage area totaling \$1.9 billion over the next five years. Moreover, we think other renewable energy projects should help operations expand. Entergy ought to also benefit from continued growth in the Texas region as more operations occur there. Overall, we project earnings will recover to \$6.85 per share in 2025 and \$8.05 by 2027-2029.

Shares of Entergy are neutrally ranked for Timeliness. The stock has below average appreciation potential but the dividend yield is appealing, making this equity best suited for income-seekers. John E. Šeibert III June 7, 2024

(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-

(C) Incl. deferred charges. In '23: \$26.66/sh. Average.

gust. (B) Div'ds historically paid in early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. † Shareholder investment plan avail.

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

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