

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, &

43.4%. Fuel costs: 41% of revs. '23 reported depr. rate: 3.1% Employs about 10,200. Chairman, President & CEO: Joseph R. Nolan, Jr. Inc.: MA. Addr.: 300 Cadwell Drive, Springfield, MA 01104. Telephone: 413-785-5871. Internet: www.eversource.com.

347 310 263 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '21-'23 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '27-'29 5.5% 5.5% 5.5% 6.0% 4.0% Revenues 3.5% 4.0% 5.0% 6.5% 7.0% 4.5% 'Cash Flow" 5.0% 6.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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2021	2826	2123	2433	2482	9863
2022	3471	2573	3216	3030	12289
2023	3796	2629	2792	2694	11911
2024	3900	2700	3250	3200	13050
2025	4075	2825	3375	3325	13600
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021	1.15	.79	1.02	.91	3.86
2022	1.30	.86	1.01	.92	4.09
2023	1.41	1.00	.97	.95	4.34
2024	1.45	1.03	1.07	1.05	4.60
2025	1.50	1.10	1.15	1.10	4.85
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.5675	.5675	.5675	.5675	2.27
2021	.6025	.6025	.6025	.6025	2.41
2022	.6375	.6375	.6375	.6375	2.55
2023	.675	.675	.675	.675	2.70
2024	.715				

Eversource Energy has largely divested its offshore wind generation assets, lifting most of the uncertainty that had been weighing on the stock. The rapid rise in financing and development costs over the past few years caused these assets to drop in value. The company ultimately had to take a \$1.95 billion nonrecurring impairment charge in 2023. Eversource was able to recoup some of its initial investment. In September, the company sold its stake in undeveloped offshore leased areas to its joint-venture partner, Orsted, for \$625 million. And in February, Eversource reached an agreement to sell its 50% stake in the South Fork Wind and Revolution Wind projects to Global Infrastructure Partners for \$1.1 billion. All that remains is a 50% interest in the Sunrise Wind venture, where a conditional sales agreement is in place with Orsted. The finances of that deal were not disclosed, as they are contingent on what New York State bids for the annual power.

To further shore up its finances, the company is exploring the sale of its water utility. Aquarion water, which was purchased in 2017 for \$1.67 billion, has

been deemed a nonstrategic asset by Eversource. The business distributes water to 72 towns and cities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Eversource remains poised for solid intermediate-term profit gains. In Massachusetts, \$64 million of higher electric rates were phased in during 2023. This year, additional increases will go into effect based on inflation, maintenance, and transmission & distribution project spending. Rate increases are tied to nearly realtime formulaic pricing adjustments based on a 9.8% return on equity in the company's most important state territory. The company is targeting earnings of \$4.50-\$4.67 per share this year. Management has affirmed its 5%-7% annual profit growth expectation through late decade. Longer-term utility investors should consider a commitment here. Eversource recently upped its dividend by

5.9%, and looks poised to regain its stride among utilities prized for their above-average dividend growth prospects. The equity trades at a deep discount to its peer group's average P/E multiple of 16.1. Anthony J. Glennon May 10, 2024

(A) Diluted EPS excl. nonrecur. gain/(losses): '08, (19¢); '10, 9¢; '19, (64¢); '20, (9¢); '21, (32¢); '22, (4¢); '23, (\$3.45). Next egs. report due early Aug. Quarterly figures may not sum

to full year due to rounding. **(B)** Div'ds paid late com. eq. in MA: (elec.) '22, 9.8%; (gas) '20, Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. **(C)** Incl. intangibles. In '23: 9.3%; in NH: '21, 9.3%; Regulatory Climate: \$26.45/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate allowed on CT, Below Avg.; NH, Avg.; MA, Above Avg.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 80 Price Growth Persistence 50 **Earnings Predictability** 100