

tric (ACE). Has 9.1 mill. elec., 1.3 mill. gas customers. Spun off Constellation Energy (nonregulated generating & energy-marketing ops.) 2/22. Acq'd Constellation Energy 3/12; Pepco Holdings 3/16.

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237 325 NA Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '21-'23 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '27-'29 NMF Revenues 2.5% 1.0% 'Cash Flow' 3.0% 5.5% NMF NMF Earnings -3.0% 4.5% 4.0% 3.5% NMF NMF Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021	9890	7915	8910	9632	36347
2022	5327	4239	4845	4667	19078
2023	5562	4818	5980	5367	21727
2024	5600	4850	6100	4950	21500
2025	5750	5000	6250	5000	22000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021	d.06	.89	1.09	.90	2.82
2022	.64	.44	.75	.43	2.26
2023	.70	.41	.67	.60	2.38
2024	.70	.45	.80	.50	2.45
2025	.75	.45	.85	.55	2.60
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.3825	.3825	.3825	.3825	1.53
2021	.3825	.3825	.3825	.3825	1.53
2022	.3375	.3375	.3375	.3375	1.35
2023	.360	.360	.360	.360	1.44
2024	.380				

Exelon Corporation continues to look more stable and predictable as an entirely regulated utility. Indeed, the company delivered a better-than-expected fourth-quarter performance, while also raising its quarterly dividend and capital spending plan. Management now looks for \$35 billion of capital expenditures through 2027, a 10% increase from its previous outlook, and expects annual profit growth of 5%-7% over that interim. Investors were enthused with the strong final stanza and the stock has risen nearly 10% in value since our early February review, outperforming most electric utility equities. Exelon was set to release first-quarter financial results shortly after this report went to press. We look for earnings of \$0.70 a share on revenues of \$5.6 billion.

Our full-year 2024 profit estimate is staying put at \$2.45 per share. This is the midpoint of management's initial target range of \$2.40-\$2.50 a share, which was released in late February. Exelon's earnings continue to be much less volatile as an entirely regulated utility, and results are benefiting from additional revenues from regulatory mechanisms and

higher distribution rates. Along with rate relief, volume growth and growing power demand should contribute to higher profits. Regarding 2025, we estimate that the bottom line will advance 6%, to \$2.60 a share, within managements aforementioned growth target.

The Illinois rate case rejection and higher power bills are challenging long-term energy goals. Remember, Exelon's Commonwealth Edison (COMED) unit had its \$1.5 billion integrated grid plans rejected by the Illinois Commerce Commission in December, 2023. Since then, the transition toward renewable power has slowed as the utility has cut \$1.4 billion in capital spending in Illinois and laid off 900 direct contractors, which impacted more than 2,000 indirect jobs. As of now, the company remains committed to reducing emissions by 50% by 2030 and achieving net-zero by 2050.

Income-oriented accounts may want to take a look at this issue. Exelon holds an above-average dividend yield and is generally considered to be a solid addition to a well-rounded portfolio. Zachary J. Hodgkinson May 10, 2024

(A) Dil. egs. Excl. nonrec. gain (loss): '09, Div'ds paid in early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ in MD in '16: 9.75% elec., 9.65% gas; Reg-(20¢); '12, (50¢); '13, (31¢); '14, (22¢); '16, Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred ulatory Climate: PA, NJ: Average; IL, MD: Be-(\$1.46); '17, \$1.19; '18, (\$1.05); '19, (21¢); '20, charges. In '22: \$15.20/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate (\$1.21); '21, (\$1.08); Next egs. report: Aug. (B) allowed on common equity in IL in '15: 9.25%; Constellation Energy spinoff.

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

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