

# PPL CORPORATION NYSE:PPL

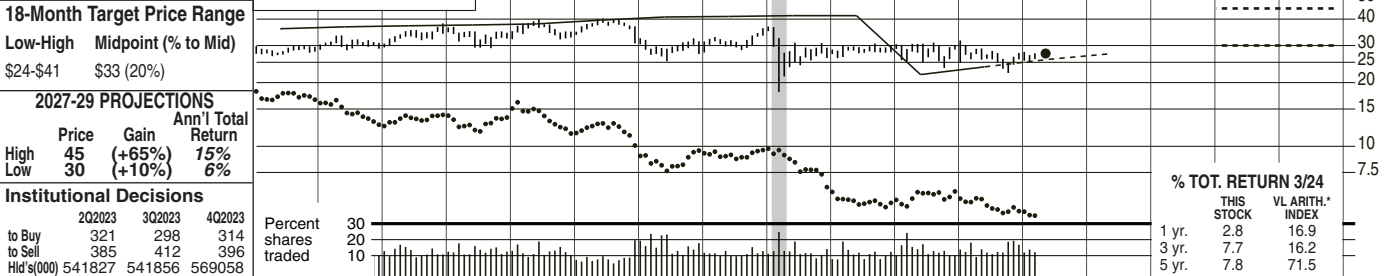
RECENT PRICE **27.53** P/E RATIO **16.2** (Trailing: 17.2 Median: 14.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.93** DIV'D YLD **3.7%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS **3** Raised 3/8/24  
 SAFETY **3** Lowered 3/18/22  
 TECHNICAL **4** Lowered 3/8/24  
 BETA 1.15 (1.00 = Market)

High: 33.6 38.1 36.7 39.9 40.2 32.5 36.3 36.8 30.7  
 Low: 28.4 29.4 29.2 32.1 30.7 25.3 27.8 18.1 26.2  
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LEGENDS  
 - - - 25.00 x Dividends p sh  
 . . . . Relative Price Strength  
 Options: Yes  
 Shaded area indicates recession

Target Price Range  
 2027 2028 2029



2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	27-29
21.47	20.03	17.63	22.02	21.11	18.82	17.27	11.38	11.06	10.74	10.81	10.13	9.89	7.87	10.73	11.28	11.00	11.30	Revenues per sh	11.80
4.71	3.47	3.66	4.59	4.84	4.64	4.58	3.78	4.28	3.68	4.16	3.94	3.81	2.07	3.09	3.44	3.55	3.65	"Cash Flow" per sh	4.10
2.45	1.19	2.29	2.61	2.61	2.38	2.38	2.37	2.79	2.11	2.58	2.37	2.04	.53	1.41	1.60	1.70	1.80	Earnings per sh A	2.25
1.34	1.38	1.40	1.40	1.44	1.47	1.49	1.50	1.52	1.58	1.64	1.65	1.66	1.66	.88	.95	1.03	1.10	Div'd Decl'd per sh B	1.35
3.79	3.25	3.30	4.30	5.34	6.68	6.14	5.24	4.30	4.52	4.50	4.02	4.23	2.68	2.93	3.24	3.65	3.70	Cap'l Spending per sh	4.00
13.55	14.57	16.98	18.72	18.01	19.78	20.47	14.72	14.56	15.52	16.18	16.93	17.39	18.67	18.89	18.90	19.85	20.55	Book Value per sh C	23.45
374.58	377.18	483.39	578.41	581.94	630.32	665.85	673.86	679.73	693.40	720.32	767.23	768.91	735.11	736.49	737.13	737.20	737.40	Common Shs Outst'g D	738.00
17.6	25.7	11.9	10.5	10.9	12.8	14.1	13.9	12.8	17.6	11.3	13.3	13.9	54.1	20.0	16.8	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	17.0
1.06	1.71	.76	.66	.69	.72	.74	.70	.67	.89	.61	.71	.71	2.92	1.16	.93			Relative P/E Ratio	.95
3.1%	4.5%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%	4.2%	5.6%	5.2%	5.8%	5.8%	3.1%	3.5%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	3.4%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 12/31/23		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	27-29
Total Debt	\$15604 mill. Due in 5 Yrs	11499	7669.0	7517.0	7447.0	7785.0	7769.0	7607.0	5783.0	7902.0	8312.0	8100	8350	Revenues (\$mill)	8700						
LT Debt	\$14611 mill. LT Interest \$427 mill.	1583.0	1603.0	1902.0	1449.0	1827.0	1746.0	1571.0	401.0	756.0	740.0	1255	1325	Net Profit (\$mill)	1660						
Incl.	23 mill. units 7.75%, \$25 liq. value; 82,000 units 8.23%, \$1000 face value. (LT interest earned: 3.5x)	33.0%	22.5%	25.4%	24.2%	20.0%	19.0%	20.3%	23.0%	22.0%	19.9%	21.0%	21.0%	Income Tax Rate	21.0%						
Leases, Uncapitalized	Annual rentals \$24 mill. Pension Assets-12/23 \$3175 mill. Oblig \$3333 mill.	2.8%	1.6%	1.6%	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.8%	6.0%	.7%	1.6%	2.0%	2.0%	AFUDC % to Net Profit	2.0%						
Pfd Stock None		58.0%	65.2%	64.3%	64.8%	63.3%	61.5%	61.7%	43.7%	48.1%	51.1%	51.0%	51.0%	Long-Term Debt Ratio	49.5%						
Common Stock	737,603,408 shs. as of 1/31/24	42.0%	34.8%	35.7%	35.2%	36.7%	38.5%	38.3%	56.3%	51.9%	48.8%	49.0%	49.0%	Common Equity Ratio	50.5%						
MARKET CAP: \$20.3 billion (Large Cap)		32484	28482	27707	30608	31726	33712	34926	24389	26804	28544	29875	30925	Total Capital (\$mill)	34280						
ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS		34597	30382	30074	33092	34458	36482	38892	25470	30238	31418	31900	32700	Net Plant (\$mill)	34900						
% Change Retail Sales (KWH)		6.5%	7.1%	8.4%	6.2%	7.2%	6.6%	5.9%	2.6%	2.8%	2.6%	5.5%	5.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	6.5%						
Avg. Indust. Use (MWH)		11.6%	16.2%	19.2%	13.5%	15.7%	13.4%	11.7%	2.9%	5.4%	5.3%	8.5%	8.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	9.5%						
Avg. Indust. Revs. per KWH (c)		11.6%	16.2%	19.2%	13.5%	15.7%	13.4%	11.7%	2.9%	5.4%	5.3%	8.5%	8.5%	Return on Com Equity E	9.5%						
Capacity at Peak (Mw)		4.5%	6.0%	8.8%	3.5%	6.0%	4.3%	2.2%	NMF	1.8%	1.6%	3.5%	3.5%	Retained to Com Eq	3.5%						
Peak Load, Winter (Mw)		61%	63%	54%	74%	62%	68%	81%	NMF	76%	67%	61%	61%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	60%						
Annual Load Factor (%)																					
% Change Customers (yr-end)																					

**BUSINESS:** PPL Corporation (formerly PP&L Resources, Inc.) is a holding company for PPL Electric Utilities, which distributes electricity to 1.4 mill. customers in eastern & central Pennsylvania. Acquired Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas and Electric (1.3 mill. customers) 11/10. Acq'd Narragansett Electric (770,000 customers, renamed Rhode Island Energy) 5/22. Spun off power-generating sub. in '15. Sold electric distribution sub. in U.K. in '21. Electric rev. breakdown: res'l, 48%; comm'l, 22%; ind'l, 10%; other, 20%. Fuel costs: 29% of revs. '23 reported deprec. rate: 3.2%. Has 6,527 employees. Chairman: William H. Spence. President & CEO: Vincent Sorgi, Inc.: PA. Address: Two North Ninth St., Allentown, PA 18101-1179. Tel.: 800-345-3085. Internet: www.pplweb.com.

**We look for PPL Corp. to deliver solid 2024 results.** The company finished the 2023 final stanza on a good note with better-than-expected financial results, while also raising the quarterly dividend and capital expenditure plan. Too, management reaffirmed its long-term annual earnings growth target of 6%-8% through 2028 and released its 2024 earnings forecast range of \$1.63-\$1.75 per share. At \$1.70 per share, our profit call is right near PPL's midpoint and represents an increase of 6% over the \$1.60 that the Pennsylvania-based electric utility tallied last year. The company was set to release first-quarter financial results as this report went to press. We expect earnings of \$0.50 a share on revenues of \$2.06 billion.

**Our full-year 2025 earnings estimate is staying put at \$1.80 per share.** This represents a 6% increase from our 2024 target, and is within PPL's long-term annual profit growth estimate. Additional revenues from regulatory mechanisms and lower operating and maintenance expenses should benefit prospects over that interim. Indeed, a full year of rate relief in

Kentucky, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania will likely benefit the company's bottom line. Too, the utility hopes to save \$150 million in cost savings through the end of 2025, largely due to infrastructure improvements.

**The board of directors recently raised the dividend.** The increase was \$0.018 a share (7.3%), making the quarterly distribution \$0.2575 per share. The dividend yield of 3.8% sits just above the utility median.

**Shares of PPL are now ranked 3 (Average) for relative year-ahead price performance, having been raised a notch on our Timeliness scale since February.** The major draw here remains the dividend, especially after the aforementioned hike. The stock's prospects for the 18-month period are solid by utility standards. And, the total return potential for the 3- to 5-year time frame is respectable, given the strong yield and reduced risk of this equity. We recommend that conservative buy-and-hold investors seeking utility exposure take a closer look at this equity.

Zachary J. Hodgkinson  
 May 10, 2024

(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain (losses): '10, (8c); '11, 8c; '13, (62c); '20, (13c); '21, (50c); gains (losses) on disc. ops.: '08, 3c; '09, (10c); '10, (4c); '12, (1c); '14, 23c; '15, (\$1.36); '21, (\$1.94). '20 & '21 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next egs. rept. due early Aug. (B) Div'ds paid in early Jan., April, July, & Oct. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '23: \$3.10/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Fair val. Rate all'd on com. eq. in PA in '16: none spec.; in KY in '19: 9.725%; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: 2.8%. Reg. Clim.: Avg.	Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence Earnings Predictability	A 15 75 45
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