

(PSE&G), which serves 2.4 million electric and 1.9 million gas customers in NJ, and PSEG Power LLC, a nonregulated power generator with 5 nuclear plants in the Northeast (sold fossil-fuel generation, 2/22). Divested offshore wind assets (5/23). Percentange of

(utility): 1.84%-2.54%. Employs approximately 12,500. Chair of the Board, President and CEO: Ralph A. LaRossa. Inc.: New Jersey. Address: 80 Park Plaza, P.O. Box 1171, Newark, New Jersey 07101-1171. Tel.: 973-430-7000. Internet: www.pseg.com.

403 297 285 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '21-'23 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '27-'29 2.0% 3.0% 4.0% Revenues 4.5% 'Cash Flow' 4.5% 5.0% 2.0% 3.0% Earnings 5.0% 5.0% Dividends Book Value 3.0% 1.5%

NA +.9

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (avg.)

NA NA

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Cal-	QUAR		VENUES (	\$ mill.)	Full
endar	Mar.31		Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025	2889 2313 3755 2760 <b>3500</b>	1874 2076 2421 <b>2590</b> <b>2650</b>	1903 2272 2456	3056 3139 2605 <b>3000</b> <b>3150</b>	9722 9800 11237 11100 12200
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endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025	1.28 1.33 1.39 1.31 <b>1.41</b>	.70 .64 .70 . <b>77</b> . <b>82</b>	.98 .86 .85 <b>.95</b>	.69 .64 .54 . <b>62</b>	3.65 3.47 3.48 <b>3.65</b> <b>3.90</b>
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endar	Mar.31		Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.49 .51 .54 .57 .60	.49 .51 .54 .57	.49 .51 .54 .57	.49 .51 .54 .57	1.96 2.04 2.16 2.28

Public Service Enterprise Group has been one of the top-performing electric utilities, of late. The equity held up better than most peers last year in a weak overall period for the group, which has a high negative correlation with rising interest rates. PSEG shares are up 28% from their October low and 12% year to date, outperforming the Value Line Utility Index by 18 percentage points (PPs) and 13 PPs, respectively. Investors apparently appreciate the lower risk of a nearly pure-play utility. The only significant business held outside of the regulatory pricing umbrella is the company's nuclear power generators, which provide a steady stream of cash flow to the company. PSEG's balance sheet is in good shape, interest expense is well covered by profits, and a relatively low amount of debt comes due in the next five years. There is also no intermediateterm need to do a major equity offering, which dilutes existing shareholders. The dividend was recently raised by 5.3% and the payout ratio is near the industry median. Longer-term growth prospects for both earnings and dividends are slightly above the peer-group average.

Profits should be up this year. Utility revenue is rising due to regulatory pricing mechanisms that allow for nearly realtime returns on capital deployed for electric grid improvements. Relatively mild weather in the second half of 2023 provides a somewhat easy comparison, while interest expense and pension contributions are likely to moderate. Management recently affirmed its earnings target of \$3.60-\$3.70 per share for 2024 and its 5%-7% annual growth expectation through late decade (supported by New Jersey's clean energy goals).

PSEG wants to extend the life of its nuclear power plants. The company hopes to receive federal approval to keep its units operational for 20 additional years, extending the average life to 2061.

The valuation has gotten a little rich as a result of the stock's outperformance. The P/E multiple, at 18.8 times 2024 expected earnings, compares unfavorably to PSEG's electric utility peer median of 16.1. Total return prospects look somewhat limited over the longer term and the stock is untimely. Anthony J. Glennon May 10, 2024

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains/(losses): '08, (96¢); '09, 6¢; '11, (34¢); '12, 7¢; '15, 39¢; '16, (\$1.08); '17, 28¢ (net); '18, (29¢); '19, 5¢; '20, 33¢; '21, (\$4.94); '22, (\$1.41); '23, \$1.65;

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(B) Div'ds historically paid in late Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. in '21: 9.9%-10.4%; Regulatory Climate: Avg. © 2024 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part

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