

approximately one million electric and 425,000 natural gas customers in Wisconsin and Iowa. Electric revenue: residential, 36%; commercial, 25%; industrial, 29%; wholesale, 8%; other, 2%. Generat-

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259 NA NA Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '21-'23 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '27-'29 Revenues .5% 1.5% 2.5% 'Cash Flow' 6.0% 6.0% 2.0% 6.0% 6.5% 7.0% Earnings 6.5% 6.5% 6.0% 4.0% Dividends Book Value 6.0%

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Cal- endar	EA Mar.31		ER SHARI Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
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Cal- endar	QUARTI Mar.31		DENDS PA Sep.30		Full Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.38 .4025 .4275 .4525 .48	.4275	.4275	.4275	1.52 1.61 1.71 1.81

Alliant Energy kicked off 2024 on a fairly weak note. Indeed, earnings at the Wisconsin-based electric and gas utility fell nearly 5% in the March quarter, as unseasonably mild weather resulted in lower heating demand across the company's Midwest service area. Notably, the key markets of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Madison, Wisconsin each had the warmest start to a year since 2012 and were 6%-9% less frigid, year over year, based on the total number of heating degree days through the first three months of 2024. On a consolidated basis, the incremental earnings hit due to the unseasonable weather was roughly \$0.04 a share. Other, nonweatherrelated costs were a \$0.02 drag.

Recent rate hikes are providing some support. Late last year, Alliant's Wisconsin Power & Light (WPL) subsidiary received regulatory authorization to raise electric and gas rates by \$49 million and \$13 million respectively, coinciding with capital investments in, among other things, solar power and battery storage. As we understand it, the recent quarterly benefit was roughly \$0.03, net of associated increases in borrowing costs and depreciation expense.

Alliant remains a compelling longterm investment play on renewable energy. WPL was recently expected to complete the last of several projects that will increase the utility's overall solarpower capacity in the Badger State to 1.1 gigawatts. Meantime, Interstate Power & Light continues to target 400 megawatts of solar power generation by the end of this year. Importantly, these solar projects have zero fuel costs, thus reducing Alliant's susceptibility to swings in naturalgas prices and the like. Its investments in "green" power also yield significant tax credits that can be sold to regional manufacturers and other third parties looking to maintain compliance with restrictions on carbon emissions. In 2025 alone, Alliant could realize as much as \$400 million from the sale of tax credits.

Alliant neutrally shares remain ranked for relative year-ahead price performance. Still, the utility company boasts both a fairly attractive dividend (current yield: 3.8%) and solid long-term total return potential. Nils C. Van Liew June 7, 2024

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring losses: '11, 1¢; '12, 8¢. '20 & '21 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early Aug. (B) Dividends historically paid in mid-Feb.,

May, Aug., and Nov. ■ Dividend reinvestment plan avail. † Shareholder investment plan avail. † Shareholder investment plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '21: \$1,980 mill., \$7.91/sh. (D) In millions, adj. for split. (E) Rate | Wisconsin, Above Average; lowa, Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 95 Price Growth Persistence 60 **Earnings Predictability** 100

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