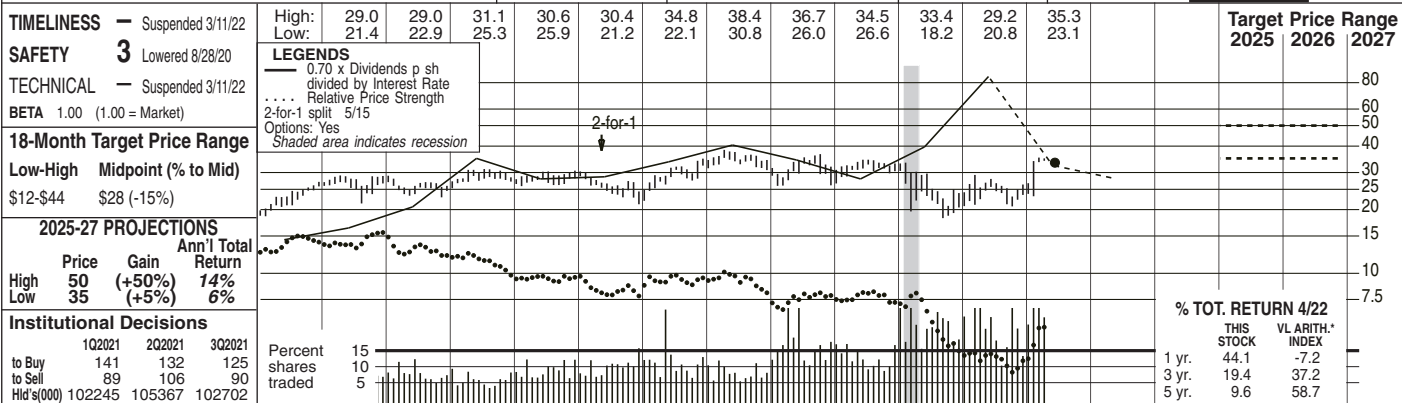


# SOUTH JERSEY INDS. NYSE-SJI

RECENT PRICE **33.38** P/E RATIO **19.1** (Trailing: 19.9) (Median: 19.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.18** DIV'D YLD **3.7%** VALUE LINE



2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	25-27
15.88	16.15	16.18	14.19	15.48	13.71	11.16	11.18	12.98	13.52	13.04	15.63	19.20	17.63	15.32	16.98	<b>18.50</b>	<b>19.05</b>	Revenues per sh	<b>21.60</b>
1.75	1.60	1.74	1.86	2.10	2.23	2.34	2.48	2.67	2.42	2.67	2.79	2.91	2.56	3.32	3.32	<b>2.90</b>	<b>3.25</b>	"Cash Flow" per sh	<b>4.25</b>
1.23	1.05	1.14	1.19	1.35	1.45	1.52	1.52	1.57	1.44	1.34	1.23	1.38	1.12	1.68	1.62	<b>1.75</b>	<b>1.95</b>	Earnings per sh <sup>A</sup>	<b>2.70</b>
.46	.51	.56	.61	.68	.75	.83	.90	.96	1.02	1.06	1.10	1.13	1.16	1.19	1.22	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.28</b>	Div'ds Decl'd per sh <sup>B</sup>	<b>1.50</b>
1.26	.94	1.04	1.83	2.79	3.20	4.01	4.84	5.01	4.87	3.50	3.43	3.99	5.46	4.84	4.53	<b>5.65</b>	<b>6.35</b>	Cap'l Spending per sh	<b>8.00</b>
7.55	8.12	8.67	9.12	9.54	10.33	11.63	12.64	13.65	14.62	16.22	14.99	14.82	15.41	16.51	16.95	<b>20.85</b>	<b>22.45</b>	Book Value per sh <sup>C</sup>	<b>24.80</b>
58.65	59.22	59.46	59.59	59.75	60.43	63.31	65.43	68.33	70.97	79.48	79.55	85.51	92.39	100.59	117.34	<b>115.00</b>	<b>118.00</b>	Common Shs Outst'g <sup>D</sup>	<b>125.00</b>
11.9	17.2	15.9	15.0	16.8	18.4	16.9	18.9	18.0	17.9	21.7	27.9	22.6	28.3	14.9	15.1	<i>Bold figures are Value Line estimates</i>		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	<b>16.0</b>
.64	.91	.96	1.00	1.07	1.15	1.08	1.06	.95	.90	1.14	1.40	1.22	1.51	.77	.82			Relative P/E Ratio	<b>.90</b>
3.2%	2.8%	3.1%	3.4%	3.0%	2.8%	3.2%	3.1%	3.4%	3.9%	3.6%	3.2%	3.6%	3.7%	4.8%	5.0%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	<b>3.5%</b>

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/22					2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Debt \$3344.3 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$278.5 mill.					706.3	731.4	887.0	959.6	1036.5	1243.1	1641.3	1628.6	1541.4	1992.0	<b>2125</b>	<b>2250</b>	Revenues (\$mill)	<b>2700</b>				
LT Debt \$3187.6 mill. LT Interest \$120.0 mill.					93.3	97.1	104.0	99.0	102.8	98.1	116.2	103.0	163.0	178.0	<b>195</b>	<b>225</b>	Net Profit (\$mill)	<b>330</b>				
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$1.1 mill.					10.8%	--	--	5.9%	42.0%	--	--	--	9.9%	22.0%	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>21.0%</b>	Income Tax Rate	<b>21.0%</b>				
Pension Assets-12/21 \$331 mill.					13.2%	13.3%	11.7%	10.3%	9.9%	7.9%	7.1%	6.3%	10.6%	8.9%	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	Net Profit Margin	<b>12.2%</b>				
Pfd Stock None					45.0%	45.1%	48.0%	49.2%	38.5%	48.5%	62.4%	59.2%	62.6%	61.6%	<b>58.5%</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	Long-Term Debt Ratio	<b>57.0%</b>				
Common Stock 122,407,427 shs. as of 2/15/22					55.0%	54.9%	52.0%	50.8%	61.5%	51.5%	37.6%	40.8%	37.4%	38.4%	<b>41.5%</b>	<b>42.5%</b>	Common Equity Ratio	<b>43.0%</b>				
MARKET CAP: \$4.1 billion (Mid Cap)					1337.6	1507.4	1791.9	2043.9	2097.2	2315.4	3373.9	3493.9	4437.3	5178.2	<b>5800</b>	<b>6250</b>	Total Capital (\$mill)	<b>7250</b>				
CURRENT POSITION					1578.0	1859.1	2134.1	2448.1	2623.8	2700.2	3653.5	4073.5	4464.2	4912.3	<b>5200</b>	<b>5600</b>	Net Plant (\$mill)	<b>6500</b>				
CASH ASSETS					7.4%	6.8%	6.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.1%	4.4%	4.0%	4.8%	4.6%	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	Return on Total Cap'l	<b>5.5%</b>				
OTHER ASSETS					12.7%	11.7%	11.2%	9.5%	8.0%	8.2%	9.2%	7.2%	9.8%	9.0%	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	Return on Shr. Equity	<b>10.5%</b>				
CURRENT LIABILITIES					12.7%	11.7%	11.2%	9.5%	8.0%	8.2%	9.2%	7.2%	9.8%	9.0%	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	Return on Com Equity	<b>10.5%</b>				
FIX. CHG. COV.					5.8%	4.8%	4.3%	2.8%	1.6%	.9%	1.7%	NMF	2.9%	2.2%	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	Retained to Com Eq	<b>4.5%</b>				
					55%	59%	61%	71%	80%	89%	82%	NMF	70%	75%	<b>74%</b>	<b>67%</b>	All Div'ds to Net Prof	<b>57%</b>				

**BUSINESS:** South Jersey Industries, Inc. is a holding company. The company distributes natural gas in New Jersey and Maryland. South Jersey Gas rev. mix '21: residential, 48%; commercial, 23%; cogen. and electric gen., 9%; industrial, 20%. Acq. Elizabethtown Gas and Elkton Gas, 7/18. Nonutil. oper. incl. South Jersey Energy, South Jersey Resources Group, South Jersey Exploration, Marina Energy, South Jersey Energy Service Plus, and SJI Midstream. Has about 1,173 empl. Off/dir. own less than 1% of common; BlackRock, 14.4%; State Street Corporation, 13.9%; The Vanguard Group, 10.8% (3/21 proxy). Pres. & CEO: Michael J. Renna. Chairman: Joseph M. Rigby. Inc.: NJ. Addr.: 1 South Jersey Plaza, Folsom, NJ 08037. Tel.: 609-561-9000. Web: www.sjindustries.com.

**South Jersey Industries has agreed to be acquired by Infrastructure Investments Fund for \$36.00 per share in cash.** This represents an enterprise value of about \$8.1 billion. The transaction was unanimously approved by the company's board of directors, and is expected to close in the fourth quarter of this year, subject to customary conditions.

**Assuming completion, the company will become a private entity and its shares will no longer trade on the New York Stock Exchange.** Following its acquisition, South Jersey is expected to remain at its present location and be run by the current management team.

**Revenue advanced at a strong pace for the March quarter.** Utility South Jersey Gas benefited from growth in the customer base and infrastructure replacement programs. On the nonutility side, results at the Energy Management line were supported by more robust asset optimization opportunities and improved contributions from consulting activities and appliance service contract fees. However, operating expenses also increased considerably, and bottom-line results were less impressive for the recent period. Looking forward, top-line comparisons ought to remain positive in the second and third quarters. The company's utility operations should be able to capitalize on the popularity of natural gas within its service territories. Earnings will probably remain roughly flat in the June period, but we anticipate that the deficit will narrow in the September quarter, assuming a measure of cost control. Infrastructure modernization, as well as clean energy and decarbonization initiatives, should also provide support. We envision solid performance from the nonutility side going forward.

**This stock is unranked for year-ahead relative price performance, due to the aforementioned merger.** On its own, the issue offers uninspiring long-term total return potential. The stock is now trading fairly close to the price that Infrastructure Investments Fund will probably pay to acquire the company. Moreover, should the deal fall through, then these shares would most likely decline significantly in price. Stockholders should consider selling their position, in our view.

*Michael Napoli, CFA* *May 27, 2022*