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Fixed Charge Cov. (% 278 237 270 ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '19-'2' Past 10 Yrs. to '25-'27 5 Yrs. of change (per sh) Revenues "Cash Flow" 3.0% 4.0% 1.5% 2.5% Earnings Dividends 3.5% 1.5% 15.5% Book Value .5%

Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	1842	1400	1487	1609	6338.0
2020	1789	1392	1470	1669	6320.0
2021	1966	1477	1598	1933	6974.0
2022	2133		1700	2000	7400
2023	2150	1600	1750	2050	7550
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.70	.36	.48	.72	2.26
2020	.78	.28	.28	.54	1.88
2021	1.08	.28	.29	.42	1.97
2022	1.15	.25	.40	.50	2.30
2023	.85	.25	.40	.55	2.05
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2018	.432	.432	.432	.44	1.74
2019	.44	.44	.44	.44	1.76
2020	.44	.44	.44	.44	1.76
2021	.44	.44	.44	.44	1.76
2022	.44	.44			

We have raised our 2022 share-net estimate for AVANGRID from \$1.95 to \$2.30. This is near the midpoint of the company's guidance of \$2.20-\$2.38. Firstquarter profits topped our \$0.80-a-share estimate. However, the key factor was a restructuring of an offshore wind jointventure partnership, which now has AVANGRID taking full ownership of some projects. This resulted in a \$181 million aftertax gain. We are including this in our earnings presentation, but because this income is unusual, we estimate that the company's earnings will decline in 2023. Investors should note that the Renewables division faces uncertainties about solar energy due to inflation, possible tariff increases, and supply chain delays. The stock price is down 12% year to date.

Two key legal matters are pending. AVANGRID has agreed to acquire PNM Resources (the parent of electric utilities in New Mexico and Texas) for \$4.3 billion in cash. However, the New Mexico commission rejected the proposed combination. The companies have appealed the ruling to the New Mexico Supreme Court, and extended the merger agreement to April 20,

2023. Our estimates and projections do not include PNM Resources. AVANGRID is appealing a referendum in Maine that requires the legislature to approve a transmission line in the state. A decision from the Maine Supreme Court is expected this summer. As of March 31st, the company had spent \$561 million on the project, with a total expected cost of \$1.2 billion. If construction resumes in 2022, completion is expected in the second half of 2024.

Central Maine Power got some good **news.** Due to the utility's improved service, the state regulators removed a onepercentage-point penalty that had been imposed on the allowed return on equity. This raised the allowed ROE to 9.25%.

AVANGRID is adding offshore wind projects. Its first project is under construction. Capital spending contracts are mitigating current inflationary pressures, but there is still construction risk.

The stock is untimely, but has a dividend yield that is above the utility mean. The drawbacks are subpar dividend growth potential and (mostly) difficult regulatory climates. Paul E. Debbas, CFA

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(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gain (loss): '16, 6¢; '17, (44¢). '21 EPS don't sum to full-year total due to change in shares outstanding. Next earnings report due late July. (B) Div'ds

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paid in early Jan., April, July, and Oct. ■ Divi- allowed on com. eq. in NY in '20: 8.8%; in CT dend reinvestment plan available. **(C)** Incl. intangibles. In '21: \$5659 mill., \$14.64/sh. **(D)** In ME in '22: 9.25%; earned on avg. common eq., millions. **(E)** Rate base: Net original cost. Rate '21: 4.1%. Regulatory Climate: Below Average. © 2022 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

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

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