

cluding Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) transmits and distributes power to 261,000 customers in Texas. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 42%;

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228 237 299 Fixed Charge Cov. (% ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '19-'21 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '25-'27 Revenues -.5% 1.5% 3.5% 'Cash Flow' 6.5% 9.0% 8.0% 10.0% 5.0% 5.0% Earnings 6.5% 2.0% 8.0% 5.5% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

1937

NA NA

1974

NA NA

1968

NA NA

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30	mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	349.7 333.6 364.7 <b>385</b> <b>400</b>	426.5	433.6 472.5 554.6 <b>575</b> <b>590</b>	434.1	1457.6 1523.0 1779.9 1850 1900
Cal- endar	EA Mar.31	RNINGS P Jun.30	ER SHARE Sep.30		Full Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.23 d.19 .20 .41 .43	.36 .72 .62 <b>.53</b>	1.30	.13 . <b>31</b>	2.28 2.15 2.27 <b>2.55</b> <b>2.65</b>
Cal- endar	QUARTI Mar.31		DENDS PAI Sep.30		Full Year
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022	.265 .29 .3075 .3275 .3475	.29 5 .3075 5 .3275	.29 5 .3075	.29	1.06 1.16 1.23 1.31

PNM Resources and AVANGRID are appealing the New Mexico commission's rejection of their proposed deal. The agreement calls for PNM Resources stockholders to receive \$50.30 in cash for each of their shares. However, the New Mexico regulators rejected a settlement agreement. In February, the companies appealed this to the state Supreme Court. This is expected to take 12-18 months.

We think the stock is trading as if the transaction will not be completed. The stock has moved up in price of late mainly because utility stocks in general have fared well in recent weeks. The recent quotation is 5% below the buyout price.

Another appeal is pending before the New Mexico Supreme Court. This involves the utility's request to abandon its stake in the Four Corners and recover its undepreciated investment by issuing securitized bonds. However, the commission denied PNM's request.

We expect significant earnings improvement in 2022, followed by further growth in 2023. The key factor this year is a \$285 million acquisition of transmission assets in late 2021. This is likely

to add \$0.17-\$0.18 to share net. The company will also benefit from load growth and rate relief for TNMP, its utility in Texas, thanks to regulatory mechanisms for transmission and distribution spending. TNMP was granted \$14.2 million, effective March 25th. Our share-net estimates are within the company's guidance of \$2.50-\$2.60 for 2022 and \$2.60-\$2.75 for 2023. Note that Public Service of New Mexico plans to file a rate case in December, but any rate relief won't come in time to help boost 2023 profits much, if at all.

The board of directors raised the divi**dend in the first quarter.** The hike was \$0.02 a share (6.1%) quarterly. The timing of the declaration was delayed from December because PNM Resources was anticipating completion of the deal with AVANGRID. Thus, there will probably be five declarations this year, versus only three in 2021.

This untimely stock's dividend yield does not stand out among utilities. It isn't notable for 3- to 5-year total return potential, either. The difficult regulatory climate in New Mexico is a disadvantage. Paul E. Debbas, CFA April 22, 2022

(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain (losses): '08, (\$3.77); '10, (\$1.36); '11, 88¢; '13, (16¢); '15, (\$1.28); '17, (92¢); '18, (59¢); '19, (\$1.31). Excl. gains from disc. ops.: '08, 42¢; '09, 78¢.

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Next egs. report due late April. (B) Div'ds paid adj. for split. (E) Rate base: net orig. cost. Rate mid-Feb., May, Aug., & Nov. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. 3 div'ds decl. in '21, 5 expected in '22. '11: 10.125%; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: (C) Incl. intang. In '21: \$10.86/sh. (D) In mill., 9.3%. Reg. Climate: NM, Below Avg.; TX, Avg. © 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

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