

area of Oregon, including Portland and Salem (population: 1.9 million). The company is in the process of decommissioning the Trojan nuclear plant, which it closed in 1993. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 47%; commercial, 29%; industrial, 11%; other, 13%

tion rate: 3.4%. Has 2,800 full-time employees. Chairman: Jack E. Davis. President and Chief Executive Officer: Maria M. Pope. Incorporated: Oregon. Address: 121 S.W. Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204. Tel.: 503-464-8000. Internet: www.portlandgeneral.com.

265 187 261 Fixed Charge Cov. (% ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '19-'21 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '25-'27 2.0% 4.0% 1.5% Revenues .5% 4.0% 'Cash Flow' 4.5% 3.5% Earnings 6.0% 3.0% 6.0% 3.5% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

3765

+1.1

3771

NA

+1.5

NA

+.6

Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	573.0	460.0	542.0	548.0	2123.0
2020	573.0	469.0	547.0	556.0	2145.0
2021	609.0	537.0	642.0	608.0	2396.0
2022	645	560	660	635	2500
2023	675	575	675	650	2575
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.82	.28	.61	.68	2.39
2020	.91	.43	d.19	.57	1.72
2021	1.07	.36	.56	.73	2.72
2022	1.05	.45	.60	.80	2.90
2023	1.10	.45	.65	.85	3.05
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2018	.34	.34	.3625	.3625	1.41
2019	.3625	.3625	.385	.385	1.50
2020	.385	.385	.385	.4075	1.56
2021	.4075	.4075	.43	.43	1.68
2022	.43	.43			

Portland General Electric will soon get an order on its general rate case. Some matters have already been settled. The revenue increase would be \$74 million, \$64 million of which would be for recovery of higher power costs. The extra \$10 million doesn't seem like much, but under the agreement PGE would retain \$50 million in rates for the Boardman coal-fired plant, which is no longer in the rate base. The allowed return on equity and common-equity ratio would remain at 9.5% and 50%, respectively. Other matters have yet to be settled, such as whether a project still under construction should be included in this case, and whether the decoupling mechanism will be eliminated. An order from the Oregon commission is due in time for new tariffs to take effect no later than May 9th.

Earnings growth is likely in 2022 and 2023. A partial year of rate relief this year and a full year's effect next year will be one factor. Another is accelerating load growth, thanks to the healthy economy of the utility's service territory, where there is a vibrant tech sector. Our 2022 estimate is at the upper end of PGE's targeted range of \$2.75-\$2.90 a share. We estimate 5% profit growth in 2023, which is within management's long-term goal of 4%-6%.

The utility is awaiting decisions on its request for proposals. PGE wants to add renewables and "nonemitting" capacity. The short list should be known soon and the goal is for contracts to be executed with the winning bidders by yearend. If PGE winds up building some of this capacity, it might have to issue equity-something the company has not done since 2015

We think the board of directors will raise the dividend soon. This was the timing of the increase in the disbursement in 2021. We estimate that the board will boost the dividend \$0.025 a share (5.8%). PGE's targets are a long-term growth rate of 5%-7% and a payout ratio of 60%-70%.

The dividend yield of this stock is about average for a utility. Total return potential is negative for the next 18 months and low for the 3- to 5-year period. Like many utility issues, the recent quotation is near our 2025-2027 Target Price Range Paul E. Debbas, CFA April 22, 2022

(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring losses: '13, 42¢; '17, 19¢. Next earnings report due April 28. (B) Dividends paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, and Oct. Dividend reinvestment plan

available. † Shareholder investment plan available. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '21: \$533 mill., \$5.96/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Net original cost. Rate allowed on common equity

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