

consists of electric distribution/transmission operations of The United Illuminating Company and natural gas transportation/distribution operations of The Southern Connecticut Gas Company, The Connecticut Natural Gas Company, and The Berkshire

revenues; O&M costs, 24%. Has 1,902 employees as of 12/14. President & Chief Executive Officer: James P. Torgerson. Inc.: CT. Address: 157 Church Street, P.O. Box 1564, New Haven, CT. 06506-0901. Telephone: 203-499-2000. Internet: www.uil.com.

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		249	262	257
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '1 to '18-	
Revenuës	-4.5%	-4.0%	4.5	5%
"Cash Flow" Earnings	0.5% 3.0%	-1.0% 2.0%	5.0)%
Dividends Book Value	1.0%	4.5%		Nil 5%

Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (yr-end)

NA NA +.8

NA +1.6

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year	
2012	458.3	283.5	323.8	420.9	1486.5	
2013	548.0	319.1	316.5	435.1	1618.7	
2014	571.2	334.8	293.0	432.9	1631.9	
2015	584.1	312.0	330.5	443.4	1670	
2016	605	350	370	475	1800	
Cal-	Cal- EARNINGS PER SHARE A					
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year	
2012	.92	.23	.31	.56	2.04	
2013	1.01	.35	.31	.61	2.28	
2014	.97	.16	.22	.57	1.92	
2015	1.01	.28	.27	.69	2.25	
2016	1.00	.40	.45	.75	2.60	
Cal-	Cal- QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B■				Full	
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year	
2011	.432	.432	.432	.432	1.73	
2012	.432	.432	.432	.432	1.73	
2013	.432	.432	.432	.432	1.73	
2014	.432	.432	.432	.432	1.73	
2015	.432	.432				

UIL Holdings expects to soon become part of Iberdrola. Indeed, the Connecticut electric and gas utility is still targeting a year-end closing for its merger with the Spanish company's U.S. unit (Iberdrola U.S.), which includes New York State Electric & Gas and the secondlargest wind-power portfolio in the United States. Under terms of the proposed transinvestors are slated to receive \$10.50 in cash and one share of newly issued stock in the merged company, worth up to \$44.03, for each share of UIL that they own. Current UIL stakeholders would own 18.5% of the yet-to-be-named newco, which plans to list on the New York Stock Exchange, while Iberdrola S.A. would control the remaining 81.5%.

Left standing in the merger's way is, among other things, approval by the **Connecticut Public Utility Regulatory** Authority (CPURA). That body's draft decision in July would have denied the change of control, which prompted UIL to withdraw its original submission. A subsequent settlement agreement, promising concessions to ratepayers and other constituences, should help clear the path for approval. That said, CPURA is expected to issue a final ruling on December 9th.

Reported earnings rose sharply in the September quarter, as a one-time reserve made for an easy year-ago comparison. Still, the headline growth figure was significantly less than we envisioned, due to higher uncollectable billings at the utility's gas distribution unit. Ahead of the merger, UIL has also put off a rate case, further limiting near-term growth.

Shares of UIL remain unranked for year-ahead Timeliness due to the utilĭty's pending merger with Iberdrola. Investors may want to stay pat here with the intention of participating in the cashand-stock exchange. That option, in our view, will provide good exposure to what looks to be a relatively fast-growing, shareholder-friendly newco. Indeed, earnings at the merged company are expected to increase approximately 10% per year through 2019, partly reflecting the accelerated utilization of existing tax benefits. A competitive dividend and aboveaverage payout increases also appear to be in the cards.

Nils C. Van Liew November 20, 2015

(A) EPS basic. Excl. nonrecur. gains (losses): '00, 4¢; '03, (26¢); '04, \$2.14; '06, (\$5.07); '10, (47¢). Next egs. report due in early February (B) Div'ds historically paid in early March,

June, Sept., and Dec.

Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '14: \$321.9 mill. or \$5.66/sh. (D) Rate base: orig. cost. Rate allowed on common equity in '13: 9.15%.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 90 Price Growth Persistence 50 **Earnings Predictability** 85

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