

sells electricity, gas, and steam in most of New York City and Westchester County. Also owns Orange and Rockland Utilities (O&R), which operates in New York and New Jersey. Has 3.7 mill. electric, 1.2 mill. gas customers. Pursues competitive energy op-

its power. Fuel costs: 20% of revenues. '21 reported deprec. rates: 3.1%-3.5%. Has 13,900 employees. Chairman, President & CEO: Timothy Cawley. Inc.: NY. Address: 4 Irving Place, New York, NY 10003. Tel.: 212-460-4600. Internet: www.conedison.com

257 284 267 Fixed Charge Cov. (% ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '19-'21 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '25-'27 -2.0% 4.5% 2.5% -2.5% 4.5% 2.0% Revenues 2.5% Cash Flow 4.0% 4.5% Earnings Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

13835 NMF

NA

13170

NA

NMF NA

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2019	3514	2744	3365	2951	12574
2020	3234	2719	3333	2960	12246
2021	3677	2971	3613	3415	13676
2022	3900	3200	3850	3550	14500
2023	4050	3300	4000	3650	15000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Full				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	1.31	.46	1.42	.88	4.08
2020	1.12	.57	1.47	.78	3.94
2021	1.58	.56	1.52	1.09	4.74
2022	1.50	.60	1.60	.90	4.60
2023	1.55	.60	1.65	.95	4.75
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = Fu				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2018	.715	.715	.715	.715	2.86
2019	.74	.74	.74	.74	2.96
2020	.765	.765	.765	.765	3.06
2021	.775	.775	.775	.775	3.10
2022	.79				

Consolidated Edison's primary utility subsidiary has a major rate case pending. Consolidated Edison Company of New York filed for electric increases of \$1.2 billion in 2023, \$853 million in 2024, and \$608 million in 2025. The utility requested gas tariff hikes of \$503 million in 2023, \$234 million in 2024, and \$218 million in 2025. The application is based on a 10% return on equity and a 50% commonequity ratio, up from the currently allowed 8.8% and 48%, respectively. Numerous factors are driving the rate case, including the need to place new infrastructure expenditures in the rate base and to recover higher property taxes. Asking for price increases is always challenging, but even more so now given the inflationary environment. The utility will attempt to settle the case. An order is expected by yearend. The New York State Department of

Public Service approved a settlement for Orange and Rockland. The order was retroactive to the start of 2022. Electric rates were raised \$4.9 million in 2022, \$16.2 million in 2023, and \$23.1 million in 2024. Gas tariffs were boosted \$0.7 million in 2022, \$7.4 million in 2023, and \$9.9 mil-

lion in 2024. This was based on a 9.2% ROE (up from 9.0% previously) and a 48% common-equity ratio.

Our 2022 share-earnings estimate is at the upper end of ConEd's guidance of **\$4.40-\$4.60.** The company excludes an expected \$0.11 a share of income from hypothetical liquidation at book value accounting for tax-equity investors in certain renewable-energy projects, but we include this because it is an ongoing part of Con-Ed's results. This amounted to \$0.29 last year, which is one reason why we estimate lower profits than in 2021. In 2023, rate relief ought to boost the bottom line. Note that we will also include any mark-tomarket accounting gains or losses. These, too, are an ongoing part of ConEd's results. Sources of uncertainty are inflation, supply-chain problems, and potentially higher tariffs for solar panels for the renewable-energy segment.

This stock's dividend yield is about average for a utility. However, total return potential is negative for the next 18 months and unspectacular for the 3- to 5year period.

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(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses):
13, (32¢); '14, 9¢; '16, 15¢; '17, 84¢; '18, (13¢); '20, (66¢); '21, (43¢); gain on disc. operations: '08, \$1.01. '19, '21 EPS don't sum due

to rounding. Next earnings report due early (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: net orig. cost. Rate Aug. (B) Div'ds historically paid in mid-Mar., allowed on com. eq. for CECONY in '20: 8.8%; Une, Sept., and Dec. ■ Div'd reinvestment O&R in '22: 9.2%; earned on avg. com. eq., plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '21: \$15.17/sh. '21: 8.4%. Regulatory Climate: Below Average.

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Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 90 Price Growth Persistence 35 **Earnings Predictability** 100