

company for Southern California Edison Company (SCE), which supplies electricity to 5.2 mill. customers in a 50,000-sq.-mi. area in central, coastal, & southern CA (excl. Los Angeles & San Diego). Edison Energy is an energy svcs. co. Disc. Edison Mission Energy (independent power producer) in '12. Elec. rev. breakdown: resi

ing sources: nuclear, 8%; gas, 3%; hydro, 3%; purch., 86%. Power costs: 37% of revs. '21 reported depr. rate: 3.7%. Has 13,000 empls. Chairman: William P. Sullivan. Pres. & CEO: Pedro J. Pizzaro. Inc.: CA. Address: 2244 Walnut Grove Ave., P.O. Box 976, Rosemead, CA 91770. Tel.: 626-302-2222. Web: www.edison.com.

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)		172	NMF 113
ANNUAL RATES	Past	Past	Est'd '19-'21
of change (per sh) Revenues	10 Yrs. 5%	5 Yrs. 5%	to '25-'27 6 4.0%
"Cash Flow"		-3.5%	7.0%
Earnings Dividends	-2.5% 7.5%	-9.0% 8.5%	
Book Value	1.5%	1.0%	

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

22009

49.6

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21190 52.7

23133

46.7

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year		
2019	2824	2812	3741	2970	12347		
2020	2790	2987	4644	3157	13578		
2021	2960	3315	5299	3331	14905		
2022	3100	3450	5300	3450	15300		
2023	3250	3550	<i>5500</i>	3550	15850		
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Full						
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year		
2019	.64	1.57	1.35	.45	3.98		
2020	.50	.85	d.76	1.13	1.72		
2021	.68	.84	d.90	1.38	2.00		
2022	.80	.90	1.45	1.00	4.15		
2023	.85	.95	1.55	1.05	4.40		
Cal-	QUAR	Full					
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year		
2018	.605	.605	.605	.605	2.42		
2019	.6125	.6125	.6125	.6125	2.45		
2020	.6375	.6375	.6375	.6375	2.55		
2021	.6625	.6625	.6625	.6625	2.65		
2022	.70						

Edison International's utility subsidiary is awaiting an order on a cost-ofcapital filing. A mechanism in the current cost-of-capital scheme indicates that Southern California Edison's allowed return on equity for 2022 is to be reduced from 10.3% to 9.72%. This would cut the company's earning power by \$0.23 a share. SCE is arguing that the interest-rate cuts to address coronavirus-related disruptions constituted extraordinary circumstances that should prevent triggering of the me-chanism. When the California Public Utilities Commission will rule on this matter is unknown, but the order will be retroactive to the start of 2022. The allowed ROE for 2023 through 2025 will be determined in a separate regulatory proceeding.

Our earnings estimate for 2022 is based on the utility maintaining an allowed ROE of 10.3%. This is also the basis of management's profit guidance of \$4.40-\$4.70 a share. However, the company excludes amortization expense for its payments to the wildfire insurance fund, but we include this because it is part of ongoing results. This amounted to \$155 million (\$0.41 a share) in 2021, and we

look for a similar figure this year. Our estimate in January of \$4.50 a share was probably too high, so we lowered it to \$4.10. We are not assuming any additional charges for claims related to wildfires and mudslides in 2017 and 2018, but these cannot be ruled out. (This is why the bottom line fell into the red in the third quarter of 2020 and 2021.) Note that Édison International's earning power rises as the rate base of SCE increases, and this is the source of the profit growth we expect in 2023.

A rising capital budget will result in significant financing. SCE will add long-term debt to finance capital spending of at least \$6 billion this year. This is above the \$5.5 billion spent in 2021 because the utility is adding battery storage. In addition, the parent company will issue common and preferred equity.

The stock has an above-average dividend yield, even for a utility. This reflects the lingering uncertainties stemming from wildfires. Total return potential is low for the next 18 months and below the median for the 2025-2027 period. Paul E. Debbas, CFA Āpril 22, 2022

(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses): '09, (64¢); '10, 54¢; '11, (\$3.33); '13, (\$1.12); '15, (\$1.18); '17, (\$1.37); '18, (15¢); '19, (21¢); '20, 25¢; gains (loss) from disc. ops.: '12, (\$5.11);

Apr., July, & Oct. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. eq., '21: 5.4%. Regulatory Climate: Average.

'13, 11¢; '14, 57¢; '15, 11¢; '18, 10¢. '19 EPS (C) Incl. def'd chgs. In '21: \$20.14/sh. (D) In don't sum due to change in shs. Next earnings mill. (E) Rate base: net orig. cost. Rate all'd on report due early May. (B) Div'ds paid late Jan., com. eq. in '20: 10.3%; earned on avg. com.

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

B++ 75

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