

customers through subsidiaries in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and New Orleans (regulated separately from Louisiana). Distributes gas to 206,000 customers in Louisiana. Is selling its last nonutility nuclear unit (shut down 5/22). Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 37%; commercial, 24%; industrial, 27%; other,

chased, 18%. Fuel costs: 32% of revenues. '21 reported depreciation rate: 2.7%. Has 12,400 employees. Chairman & CEO: Leo P. Denault. Incorporated: Delaware. Address: 639 Loyola Avenue, P.O. Box 61000, New Orleans, Louisiana 70161. Telephone: 504-576-4000. Internet: www.entergy.com.

165 243 202 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '19-'21 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '25-'27 Revenues -1.0% -3.5% 2.0% 'Cash Flow' 2.5% 4.0% -.5% 1.5% 1.0% Earnings 2.0% 1.5% 5.0% 5.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

21598

+.8

21340

+1.0

NA

NA

+1.0

Cal- endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31				Full Year
2019	2610	2666	3141	2462	10879
2020	2427	2413	2904	2370	10114
2021	2845	2822	3353	2723	11743
2022	2878	2822	3200	2700	11600
2023	2950	2850	3250	2750	11800
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	1.32	1.22	1.82	1.94	6.30
2020	.59	1.79	2.59	1.93	6.90
2021	1.66	1.30	2.63	1.28	6.87
2022	1.36	1.59	2.70	.75	6.40
2023	1.35	1.70	2.85	.80	6.70
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2018	.89	.89	.89	.91	3.58
2019	.91	.91	.91	.93	3.66
2020	.93	.93	.93	.95	3.74
2021	.95	.95	.95	1.01	3.86
2022	1.01	1.01			

Entergy is making progress in re-covering the costs of severe storms in its service area in 2020 and 2021. The company is recovering these capital and operating expenses through the issuance of securitized bonds. Entergy Texas issued \$291 million in April, and Entergy Louisiana has received \$3.2 billion. Entergy Louisiana expects to get an additional \$1.7 billion by yearend, pending approval by the state commission.

The company's last nonutility nuclear plant ceased operations in May. The sale of the unit will likely be completed soon. (The buyer is getting the nuclear decommissioning trust at a significant discount.) Now that Entergy is almost entirely a regulated utility, its business risk is lower. However . .

Earnings will probably decline this year. The nonutility operations that Entergy is exiting provided \$0.61 a share of income in 2021 and \$0.04 a share in the first quarter of 2022 (versus \$0.19 in the same period a year earlier). Also, average shares outstanding will rise. Entergy's financing plans call for the issuance of \$1 billion of common equity from 2022

through 2024. Our 2022 share-earnings estimate of \$6.40 is near the upper end of management's targeted range of \$6.15-\$6.45.

Rate requests under formula rate plans are pending in Mississippi and New Orleans. Entergy Mississippi requested \$48.6 million (the utility has a deficiency of \$69 million, but the increase is subject to a cap of 4% of retail revenues), and Entergy New Orleans requested \$40.2 million. Revenues obtained under formula rate plans are a source of the company's annual earnings growth.

We look for higher profits in 2023. Revenues from formula rate plans are one factor. Also, the service area's economy is showing no signs of slowing, in contrast to the GDP decline in the first quarter. Industrial kilowatt-hour sales advanced 6.5% in the March period. Our earnings estimate remains at the midpoint of Enter-

gy's guidance of \$6.55-\$6.85 a share. The dividend of this untimely stock is slightly above average for a utility. The equity lacks appeal for the next 18 months or the 3- to 5-year period. Paul E. Debbas, CFA June 10, 2022

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. losses: '12, \$1.26; '13, \$1.14; '14, 56¢; '15, \$6.99; '16, \$10.14; '17, \$2.91; '18, \$1.25; '21, \$1.33. Next

earnings report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds his- charges. In '21: \$35.95/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate

torically paid in early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. Div'd reinvestment plan avail. † Shareholder (blended): 9.95%; earned on avg. com. eq., investment plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred '21: 12.1%. Regulatory Climate: Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 90 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 70