

throughout a 24,000-square-mile area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon (population: 1.3 million). Most of the company's revenues are derived from the Idaho portion of its service area. Revenue breakdown: residential, 45%; commercial, 24%; industrial,

nues. '21 reported depreciation rate: 2.9%. Has 2,000 employees. Chairman: Richard J. Dahl. President & CEO: Lisa Grow. Incorporated: Idaho. Address: 1221 W. Idaho St., Boise, Idaho 83702. Telephone: 208-388-2200. Internet: www.idacorpinc.com

307 313 334 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '19-'21 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '25-'27 Revenues 2.5% 1.5% 4.0% 'Cash Flow' 3.5% 4.0% Earnings 4.0% 7.0% 4.5% 8.5% 5.0% 6.5% 4.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES(\$ mill.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	350.3	316.9	386.3	292.9	1346.4
2020	291.0	318.8	425.3	315.6	1350.7
2021	316.1	360.1	446.9	335.0	1458.1
2022	330	355	465	350	1500
2023	345	360	480	365	1550
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.84	1.05	1.78	.93	4.61
2020	.74	1.19	2.02	.74	4.69
2021	.89	1.38	1.93	.65	4.85
2022	.95	1.25	2.10	.75	5.05
2023	1.00	1.30	2.20	.75	5.25
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2018	.59	.59	.59	.63	2.40
2019	.63	.63	.63	.67	2.56
2020	.67	.67	.67	.71	2.72
2021	.71	.71	.71	.75	2.88
2022	.75				

We expect IDACORP to continue its solid performance in 2022. The company has been producing steady earnings past several growth for $_{
m the}$ vears. IDACORP's utility subsidiary, Idaho Power, is benefiting from its service area's healthy economy and population growth. Customer growth has been accelerating, and was 2.8% in 2021. Besides growth in the region's traditional industries, such as food processing and mining (a cobalt mine is scheduled to begin operating in mid-2022), new industrial customers such as data centers are entering the service area. The company has controlled operating and maintenance expenses effectively, even with inflationary pressures. All told, we estimate earnings of \$5.05 a share this year, which is at the upper end of IDACORP's targeted range of \$4.85-\$5.05 a share. Management's guidance is typically conservative, and is usually raised as the year progresses. The same positive factors should produce additional profit growth in 2023. Our estimate is \$5.25 a share.

The capital budget has increased significantly. Two things are driving this

rise. Idaho Power plans to boost its ownership in a \$1.0 billion-\$1.2 billion transmission line from 21% to 45%. The utility plans to spend \$400 million for 120 megawatts of battery storage, which is expected to be in service by June of 2023. This will require financing. Initially, the company will use debt, but by 2024, IDACORP will

probably issue equity.

Rate cases might well be upcoming. Idaho Power's rapid customer growth has enabled the utility to go for more than 10 years without filing a rate application. However, the company's capital spending since then will need to be placed in rates, especially in view of the increased capital budget. The utility will probably file both in Idaho and Oregon. Any rate relief won't come until 2023.

The untimely stock's dividend yield is below the utility average. The market has recognized IDACORP's consistency. (Note the Earnings Predictability score.) Total return potential does not stand out for the next 18 months or the 3- to 5-year period. The recent quotation is within our 2025-2027 Target Price Range. Paul E. Debbas, CFA April 22, 2022

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gain: '06, 17¢. '19 earnings don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due late April. (B) Dividends historically paid in late Feb., May,

\$28.95/sh. (D) In millions. (E) Rate base: Net | Average.

Aug., and Nov. Dividend reinvestment plan available. † Shareholder investment plan available. † Shareholder investment plan available. (C) Incl. intangibles. In '21: \$1,462.4 mill., eq., '21: 9.4%. Regulatory Climate: Above

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 100 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 100