

+.3 +1.0325 342 Est'd '14-'16 to '20-'22 4.0% 6.0% 6.0% 4.5%

2.12

Full

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1.02

1.10

1.18

**Book Value** 4.0% 4.5% 4.0% QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) Full Cal-Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar Year 2014 952.8 750.3 843.1 804.1 3350.3 2015 897.4 717.2 898.9 740.1 3253.6 843.8 754.2 925.0 797.0 3320.0 2016 853.9 765 975 906.1 3500 2017 880 905 3600 2018 810 1005 EARNINGS PER SHARE A Full Calendar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Year 2014 .49 .28 .70 .27 1.74 2015 .44 .30 .80 .15 1.69 2016 .43 .37 .57 .28 1.65 2017 .44 .36 .88 .32 2.00

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320

10 Yrs.

0.5%

3.5% 5.0% 7.5%

Past

5 Yrs.

-1.5% 6.5% 6.5% 6.5%

% Change Customers (yr-end)

Fixed Charge Cov. (%

of change (per sh)

Revenues "Cash Flow"

Earnings Dividends

ANNUAL RATES

2018 .47 .38 .92 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =† Calendar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 2013 .235 .255 .255 .255 .255 2014 2015 .275 .275 .275 .275 .295 .295 .295 .295 2016

and other services in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. Elect. revs. by state: WI, 44%; IA, 55%; MN, 1%. Elect. rev.: residential, 35%; commercial, 25%; industrial, 29%; wholesale, 9%; other, 2%. Fuel

Alliant Energy has filed a rate case with the Iowa Utilities Board. The company is seeking an increase of approximately \$176 million (11.6%), based on a 10.3% return on a 49% common-equity ratio. Under Iowa law, Alliant was able to implement a temporary rate hike on April 13th for \$102 million (58%) of the request. The temporary rates collected are subject to refund if the board rejects the application. A final decision is expected later this year or in early 2018 (the IUB has 10 months from the date of the filing to issue a ruling). Alliant said it would use the funds to upgrade power grids and improve facilities such as the Marshalltown natural gas generating station.

The rate case should help lift earnings this year and next. The aforementioned hike plus an earlier increase at Wisconsin Power and Light ought to help boost 2017 share net by \$0.35, to \$2.00. Note that last year's tally included \$0.23 per share in charges related to the revaluation of the Franklin County wind farm. In addition, Alliant is set to benefit from improved electric and gas distribution systems (thanks to investments made in previous

ecutive Officer: Patricia L. Kampling. Incorporated: Wisconsin. Address: 4902 N. Biltmore Lane, Madison, Wisconsin 53718. Telephone: 608-458-3311. Internet: www.alliantenergy.com. years), as well as renewed cost-efficiency

efforts. Looking ahead, we have modeled EPS of \$2.12 in 2018 (+6% year over year), which is in line with management's stated 5%-7% growth target.

The company is making good progress on renewable energy. At the end of the first quarter, LNT was generating 1,200 megawatts of clean energy across three different states. It plans to invest about \$1.4 billion over the next four years on various wind and solar projects to further boost its renewable portfolio.

The balance sheet is in good shape. The fixed-charge coverage is above average for the utility industry, and the capitalization ratio is healthy. Alliant merits a Financial Strength rating of A, and its stock is ranked 2 (Above Average) for Safety.

This stock has a dividend yield that is slightly below the industry mean. In addition, the equity appears expensively priced. Its price-to-earnings ratio (20.7) is well above the 10-year average of about 15. Investors may want to wait for a better entry point before deploying funds here. Daniel Henigson June 16, 2 June 16, 2017

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecur. gains (losses): '07, 55¢; '08, 4¢; '09, (44¢); '10, (8¢); '11, (1¢); '12, (8¢). Next earnings report due early August. (B) Dividends historically paid in mid-© 2017 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product

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2017

\$0.10/sh. (D) In millions, adjusted for split. (E)

Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. Div'd reinvest. Rate base: Orig. cost. Rates all'd on com. eq. plan avail. † Shareholder invest. plan avail. (C) in IA in '16: 10.5%; in WI in '16 Regul. Clim.: lncl. deferred chgs. In '16: \$22.6 mill., WI, Above Avg.; IA, Avg.

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

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