

tomers in Virginia & northeastern North Carolina. Serves 2.3 mill. gas customers in Ohio, West Virginia, & Utah. Nonutility ops. incl. independent power production. Owns 70.9% of Dominion Midstream Partners. Acq'd Questar 9/16. Elec. rev. breakdown: resi-

15%. Fuel costs: 31% of revs. '15 reported depr. rates: 2.3%-3.7%. Has 14,700 employees. Chairman, Pres. & CEO: Thomas F. Farrell II. Inc.: VA. Address: 120 Tredegar St., P.O. Box 26532, Richmond, VA 23261-6532. Tel.: 804-819-2000. Internet: www.dom.com

339 266 352 Fixed Charge Cov. (% ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '13-'15 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '20-'22 -4.5% 2.5% 1.5% Revenues -.5% 1.0% 'Cash Flow' 4.0% 5.5% 6.5% 5.5% Earnings 8.0% 2.5% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

NA

NA +.9

NA

+1.0

NA

NA +.9

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES ( Sep.30		Full Year
2014	3630	2813	3050	2943	12436
2015	3409	2747	2971	2556	11683
2016	2921	2598	3132	3082	11733
2017	3400	2850	3150	3050	12450
2018	3500	2900	3250	3150	12800
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	1.03	.60	.95	.46	3.05
2015	.91	.70	1.00	.60	3.20
2016	.88	.73	1.10	.73	3.44
2017	.90	.75	1.00	.75	3.40
2018	1.00	.85	1.10	.85	3.80
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.5625	.5625	.5625	.5625	2.25
2014	.60	.60	.60	.60	2.40
2015	.6475	.6475	.6475	.6475	2.59
2016	.70	.70	.70	.70	2.80
2017	.755				

Dominion Resources' earnings guidance for 2017 disappointed Wall Street. By the company's definition, its 'operating" earnings were \$3.80 a share in 2016. (This excludes some expenses that we include in our presentation, which shows share net of \$3.44.) Management's targeted "operating" range of profits for 2017 is \$3.40-\$3.90 a share. Among the negative factors expected this year are lower prices for power generated by the Millstone nonregulated nuclear plant in Connecticut, which will hurt earnings by an estimated \$0.15-\$0.20 a share; an additional refueling outage at Millstone; lower tax credits for solar investment (a negative factor of \$0.20 a share); and an increase in average shares outstanding. As a result, we have slashed our earnings estimate by \$0.60 a share, to \$3.40. The stock reacted negatively to Dominion's announcement, falling 6% in price that day.

The company's bottom-line prospects for this year have not affected its divi**dend policy.** In the first quarter, the board of directors raised the annual dividend \$0.22 a share (7.9%). Beginning next year, Dominion is targeting growth of over

8% annually in the disbursement. The company's cash flow will benefit from the completion of the Cove Point liquefied natural gas export facility in late 2017, which Dominion will drop into its Dominion Midstream Partners master limited partnership. This enables the company to have a higher payout ratio than most utilities.

Dominion believes earnings will advance at least 10% in 2018. The biggest factor is Cove Point, which should contribute \$0.40-\$0.45 a share to the bottom line. We think the company can achieve this target (albeit off a lower base), and are estimating earnings of \$3.80 a share. Weakness in the power markets, which affects Millstone, is a source of uncertainty, however. Beyond 2018, management's goal is annual profit growth of 6%-8% through 2020. The addition of a 1,588-megawatt, \$1.3 billion gas-fired plant at Virginia Power in late 2018 should help in 2019. Dominion is also adding solar capacity and expanding its transmission system.

This stock offers a dividend yield and 3- to 5-year total return potential that exceed those of most utility issues.

Paul E. Debbas, CFA February 17, 2017

(A) Dil. egs. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses): '01, (42¢); '03, (\$1.46); '04, (22¢); '06, (18¢); '07, \$1.67; '08, 12¢; '09, (47¢); '10, \$2.18; '11, (7¢); '12, (\$1.70); '14, (76¢); losses from disc. ops.:

'06, 26¢; '07, 1¢; '10, 26¢; '12, 4¢; '13, 16¢. '14 avail. **(C)** Incl. intang. In '15: \$9.61/sh. **(D)** In & '15 EPS don't add due to rounding. Next egs. due early May. **(B)** Div'ds histor. paid in middle adj. Rate all'd on com. eq. in '11: 10.9%; earn. Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan on avg. com. eq., '15: 15.6%. Reg. Clim.: Avg.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 100 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 85