

supplies electricity to 5.1 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-

Fuel costs: 38% of revs. '16 reported depr. rate: 3.8%. Has 12,400 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.

306 247 246 Fixed Charge Cov. (% ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '14-'16 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '20-'22 Revenues .5% -.5% 3.0% 4.0% 5.0% Cash Flow 5.5% 5.5% Earnings 3.0% 6.5% 2.5% 9.0% 4.5% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

23055 52.3

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50.7

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23079

52.2

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2014	2926	3016	4356	3115	13413
2015	2512	2908	3763	2341	11524
2016	2440	2777	3767	2885	11869
2017	2600	2950	3900	2950	12400
2018	2750	3100	4050	3100	13000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.61	1.07	1.51	1.15	4.33
2015	.91	1.15	1.15	.94	4.15
2016	.85	.86	1.27	.96	3.94
2017	1.00	.90	1.45	.90	4.25
2018	.90	.90	1.50	.95	4.25
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.3375	.3375	.3375	.3375	1.35
2014	.355	.355	.355	.355	1.42
2015	.4175	.4175	.4175	.4175	1.67
2016	.48	.48	.48	.48	1.92
2017	.5425				

Edison International's utility subsidiary is awaiting an order on its general rate case. Southern California Edison is requesting rate hikes of \$222 million (2.7%) in 2018; \$533 million (4.2%) in 2019; and \$570 million (5.2%) in 2020. SCE's capital budget for the 2018-2020 period is \$15.1 billion. Of this amount, \$2.1 billion is for modernization of the electric This is significant because this spending is not the kind of expenditure that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has approved in previous orders. SCE hopes to receive an order by yearend, but new tariffs will be retroactive to the start of 2018 if the ruling is delayed. The utility reached a settlement on its cost of capital. If approved, this would lower its allowed return on equity from 10.45% to 10.3%. This would cut its net profit by an estimated \$39 million a year. As this report went to press, SCE was meeting with parties that want to reopen a regulatory settlement about the shut San Onofre nuclear plant. The CPUC had set a deadline of April 28th to reach an agreement. The CPUC's Office of Ratepayer Advocates and an intervenor

group complained about ex parte communications between SCE and former CPUC commissioners. Already, the utility's ratepayers have benefited from refunds and credits totaling nearly \$1.6 billion. Even so, an additional refund or credit cannot be ruled out. The CPUC was to determine the next move if the sides were unable to reach an agreement.

The utility received a disappointing arbitration award regarding the problems that led to the closing of San Onofre. SCE will get \$52 million. Most of this will enable it to recoup its legal costs associated with this matter. This will likely boost 2017 profits by \$0.09 a share, and is reflected in our estimate of \$4.25. This is above the company's guidance of \$4.04-\$4.24, which does not include an award. In 2018, the absence of the award, along with the assumed reduction in the allowed ROE, makes earnings growth a challenge.

The company's solid dividend growth

potential is reflected in the recent price. The yield is below average for a utility, and like most utility issues, 3- to 5year total return potential is just modest. Paul E. Debbas, ĈFA April 28, 2017

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses): '02, \$1.48; '03, (12¢); '04, \$2.12; '09, (64¢); '10, 54¢; '11, (\$3.33); '13, (\$1.12); '15, (\$1.18); gains (loss) from disc. ops.: '12, (\$5.11); '13,

11¢; '14, 57¢; '15, 11¢; '16, 3¢. '14 EPS don't add due to rounding. Next earnings report due early May. (B) Div'ds paid late Jan., Apr., July, & Oct. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Incl. eq., '16: 11.0%. Regulatory Climate: Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 100 Price Growth Persistence 50 **Earnings Predictability** 65