

customers through subsidiaries in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and New Orleans (regulated separately from Louisiana). Distributes gas to 201,000 customers in Louisiana. Has a nonutility subsidiary that owns six nuclear units (one no longer operating). Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 37%; commercial, 27%; in-

31%; coal, 7%; purchased, 27%. Fuel costs: 28% of revenues. '16 reported depreciation rate: 2.8%. Has 13,600 employees. Chairman & CEO: Leo Denault. Incorporated: Delaware. Address: 639 Loyola Avenue, P.O. Box 61000, New Orleans, Louisiana 70161. Telephone: 504-576-4000. Internet: www.entergy.com.

| Fixed Charge Cov. (%) | | 309 | 223 | 258 |
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| ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value | Past 10 Yrs. 3.0% 7.0% 3.0% 5.0% 3.0% | Past 5 Yrs. 1.0% 2.5% -2.0% 1.0% | to 6 | 1'14-'16 20-'22 2.0% .5% 3.5% 2.0% Nil |
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Annual Load Factor (%)
% Change Customers (yr-end)

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| Cal- endar | QUAR Mar.31 | | VENUES (| | Full Year |
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| 2014 | 3208 | 2996 | 3458 | 2831 | 12494 |
| 2015 | 2920 | 2713 | 3371 | 2508 | 11513 |
| 2016 | 2610 | 2463 | 3125 | 2648 | 10846 |
| 2017 | 2588 | 2450 | 3100 | 2462 | 10600 |
| 2018 | 2550 | 2450 | 3100 | 2500 | 10600 |
| Cal- | EA | Full | | | |
| endar | Mar.31 | Year | | | |
| 2014 | 2.27 | 1.09 | 1.68 | .74 | 5.77 |
| 2015 | 1.65 | .83 | 1.90 | 1.43 | 5.81 |
| 2016 | 1.28 | 3.16 | 2.16 | .28 | 6.88 |
| 2017 | .92 | 1.14 | 1.64 | 1.10 | 4.80 |
| 2018 | 1.00 | 1.10 | 1.60 | 1.00 | 4.70 |
| Cal- | QUART | Full | | | |
| endar | Mar.31 | Year | | | |
| 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 | .83 .83 .83 .85 .87 | .83 .83 .83 .85 .87 | .83 .83 .83 .85 | .83 .83 .85 .87 | 3.32 3.32 3.34 3.42 |

Entergy is exiting almost all of its **nonregulated operations.** This strategic decision came in response to low market prices for the power produced by its non-regulated nuclear units, as well as rising nuclear operating costs. In 2014, the company closed the Vermont Yankee plant. This year, it sold FitzPatrick (in upstate New York) to Exelon. Entergy plans to close Palisades next year (if the buyout of a power contract is approved by the Michigan commission) and Pilgrim in Massachusetts in 2019. Finally, the company will shut in 2020 and 2021 the two Indian Point units, which have received much criticism from New York officials. These moves have forced Entergy to take significant nonrecurring charges in recent years, including one that amounted to \$0.46 a share (net of gains on the FitzPatrick sale) in the first quarter of 2017.

Earnings will almost certainly decline sharply in 2017, and we forecast a more modest drop in 2018. Last year, tax credits made Entergy's tax rate much lower than normal. Difficult conditions for the nonregulated business are also a concern. We think this will offset growth from the utility operations.

Entergy's utilities have some large capital projects in various stages of development. Entergy Louisiana is building a 980-megawatt gas-fired power plant at an expected cost of \$872 million. It is expected to go into service in 2019. A proposal for a similar facility, which would begin commercial operation in 2020, awaits regulatory approval. Entergy also wants to add generating capacity in its New Orleans and Texas jurisdictions. The new generating units will help the utilities meet rising demand from industrial customers, and will enhance Entergy's earning power. Finally, the company is seeking regulatory approval in each jurisdiction to build an advanced metering infrastructure. It has already received approval for this project in Mississippi.

This stock might interest income-oriented accounts. It has one of the highest yields of any utility issue, and the steps Entergy is taking with its nonregulated activities should reduce financial and operating risks. Total return potential to 2020-2022 is average for a utility.

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(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses): due to rounding. Next earnings report due late '01, 15¢; '02, (\$1.04); '03, 33¢; '05, (21¢); '12, July. (B) Div'ds historically paid in early Mar., (\$1.26); '13, (\$1.14); '14, (56¢); '15, (\$6.99); June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. def'd Regulatory Climate: Average.

due to rounding. Next earnings report due late July. (B) Div'ds historically paid in early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. • Div'd reinvest, plan avail. 10%; earned on avg. com. eq., '16: 12.8%.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 10 **Earnings Predictability** 65

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