

provides electricity to 4.8 million customers in a 27,650-sq.-mi. area in eastern & southern Florida. NextEra Energy Resources is a nonregulated power generator with nuclear, gas, & wind ownership. Has a 79.9% stake in NextEra Energy Partners. Rev. breakdown:

Fuel costs: 30% of revs. '15 reported depr. rate (utility): 3.3%. Has 13,800 employees. Chairman: Lewis Hay, III. President and CEO: James L. Robo, Inc.: FL. Address: 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach. FL 33408. Tel.: 561-694-4000. Internet: www.nexteraenergy.com.

295 334 357 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '13-'15 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs 5 Yrs. to '20-'22 3.0% 7.5% 8.5% Revenues -.5% 1.0% 6.0% 5.0% 8.5% 7.5% 'Cash Flow' 5.0% 6.0% Earnings 9.5% 6.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

26236 21576

NA

+1.8

22900

ŇĀ

+1.4

NA

+1.4

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2014	3674	4029	4654	4664	17021
2015	4104	4358	4954	4070	17486
2016	3835	3817	4805	3698	16155
2017	4000	4200	4800	4000	17000
2018	4100	4400	5000	4200	17700
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.98	1.12	1.50	2.00	5.60
2015	1.45	1.59	1.93	1.10	6.06
2016	1.41	.93	1.62	1.82	5.78
2017	1.65	1.75	1.85	1.30	6.55
2018	1.75	1.85	1.95	1.40	6.95
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.66	.66	.66	.66	2.64
2014	.725	.725	.725	.725	2.90
2015	.77	.77	.77	.77	3.08
2016	.87	.87	.87	.87	3.48
2017					

NextEra Energy expects to complete the acquisition of Oncor in the first half of 2017. Oncor is a distribution utility with 3.3 million electric customers in Texas. However, its parent company is in bankruptcy protection, meaning the bankruptcy court as well as the Texas commission will have a say in whether the transaction gets approved. NextEra is paying \$12 billion (mostly in cash) for Oncor. In anticipation of the deal's closing, the company has already begun issuing securities and selling assets to finance it. However, our estimates and projections will not include Oncor until after the acquisition has been completed.

The Florida commission approved Florida Power & Light's regulatory settlement. Rates rose \$400 million at the start of 2017 and will climb another \$211 million at the start of 2018. A \$200 million hike will take effect in mid-2019 once a 1,748-megawatt gas-fired plant is completed. The allowed return on equity is 10.55%, with a range of 9.6%-11.6%.

We expect solid earnings growth in 2017 and 2018. The aforementioned rate increases will help. On the nonutility side,

NextEra continues to enhance the company's earning power by adding contracted renewable-energy projects. Our 2017 and 2018 share-earnings estimates are within the company's targeted ranges of \$6.35-\$6.85 and \$6.80-\$7.30, respectively, which do not include Oncor. Note, however, that mark-to-market accounting items affect NextEra's quarterly and annual profits. We include these in our earnings presentation because they are an ongoing part of the company's results.

We believe the board of directors raised the dividend substantially shortly after our report went to press. We estimate an increase of \$0.11 a share (12.6%) in the quarterly disbursement. NextEra's goal is 12%-14% annual dividend growth through at least 2018.

The earnings and dividend growth we project through 2020-2022 should produce a respectable total return over that time frame. What's more, investors do not have to sacrifice much current income for this long-term potential, as the dividend yield is only slightly below the utility norm.

Paul E. Debbas, CFA February 17, 2017

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecur. gains (losses): '02, (60¢); '03, 5¢; '11, (24¢); '13, (80¢); '16, 47¢; gain on discontinued ops.: '13, 44¢. '15 EPS don't add due to rounding. Next earnings

vestment plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred charges. Regulatory Climate: Average.

report due late Apr. **(B)** Div'ds historically paid in mid-Mar., mid-June, mid-Sept., & mid-Dec. In '15: \$6.36/sh. **(D)** In mill., adj. for stock split. **(E)** Rate allowed on com. eq. in '17: 9.6%-Div'd reinvestment plan avail. † Shareholder in-11.6%; earned on avg. com. eq., '15: 12.9%.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 100 Price Growth Persistence 75 **Earnings Predictability** 70