

1610 1593 on O'ahu, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, & Hawaii. Operating companies' 66.6 systems are not interconnected. Electric. revenue breakdown: +.5 +.5Hawaiian Electric Industries' utilities 437 are active in the regulatory arena. The company's three utilities haven't had a

410 399 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '14-'16 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '20-'22 -2.0% 4.5% Revenues -.5% Nil 'Cash Flow' 1.5% 2.5% 2.5% 1.5% Earnings 9.0% 2.0% 3.5% Dividends Book Value 2.5% 3.0%

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2014 2015 2016 2017	783.7 637.9 551.0 625	798.7 623.9 566.2 625	867.1 717.2 646.1 675	790.0 624.0 617.4 625	3239.5 2603.0 2380.7 2550
2018	650	650	700	650	2650
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.45	.41	.46	.32	1.64
2015	.31	.33	.47	.39	1.50
2016	.30	.41	1.17	.41	2.29
2017	.30	.38	.52	.40	1.60
2018	.33	.41	.54	.42	1.70
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.31	.31	.31	.31	1.24
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2015	.31	.31	.31	.31	1.24
2016	.31	.31	.31	.31	1.24
2017	.31				

base rate increase for a few years, and are not earning adequate returns on equity. As a group, the utilities earned an ROE of just 8.1% in 2016. HEI's largest utility, Hawaiian Electric Company, is seeking a rate hike of \$106.4 million (6.9%), based on a return of 10.6% on a common-equity ratio of 57%. Hawaii Electric Light Company filed for a tariff increase of \$19.3 million (6.5%), based on a return of 10.6% on a 57.1% common-equity ratio. Each utility, which hasn't had a rate hike since 2012,

(There is no timetable for a final decision.) HEI's other utility, Maui Electric Company, plans to put forth a rate application this summer. Its last increase occurred in 2013.

will receive an interim rate order in 2017.

Earnings are headed down this year. Profits were inflated in 2016 thanks to a \$90 million (pretax) payment HEI received from NextEra Energy in the third quarter after the latter company terminated its proposed acquisition of HEI. (This cash will offset the company's equity financing

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needs through 2018.) Even if this were to be excluded from our earnings presentation, the company's share net would have been \$1.75 last year. However, HEI's guidance for 2017 is \$1.55-\$1.70 a share. A regulatory mechanism to recover certain costs will not take effect until June 1st, in contrast to recent years when it was effective on January 1st. This will cost HEI an estimated \$0.13 a share this year.

We expect profits to advance in 2018. HEI's utilities should benefit from interim rate hikes, although Hawai'i's subpar regulatory climate is a cause for concern. We think HEI's American Savings Bank subsidiary will continue its steady improvement.

The stock is timely, but investors seeking dividend growth should look **elsewhere.** The yield of this stock is only slightly above the utility average, despite the lack of dividend growth—the disbursement hasn't been raised since the 1990sand the unfavorable regulatory climate in which HEI's utilities operate. The recent price is near the upper level of our 2020-2022 Target Price Range.

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(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. gains (losses) from disc. ops.: '01, (36¢); '03, (5¢); '04, 2¢; '05, (1¢); nonrec. gain (losses): '05, 11¢; '07, (9¢); '12, (25¢). Next earnings report due early May.

(B) Div'ds historically paid in early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '16: \$9.57/sh. (D) In mill.,

lowed on com. eq. in '11: HECO, 10%; in '12: HELCO, 10%; in '13: MECO, 9%; earn. on avg. com. eq., '16: 12.4%. Regulat. Climate: Below adj. for split. (E) Rate base: Orig. cost. Rate al- Avg. (F) Excl. div'ds paid through reinv. plan.

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

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