

across north central New Mexico, including the cities of Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) transmits and distributes power throughout New Mexico. Electric

3.3%. Has 1,881 employees. Chairman, President & CEO: Patricia K. Collawn. Inc.: NM. Address: 414 Silver Ave. SW, Albuquerque, NM. 87102. Tel.: 505-241-2700. Internet: www.pnmresources.com.

241 250 N/A Fixed Charge Cov. (% ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '14-'16 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '20-'22 -2.5% 8.0% 13.5% Revenues -5.0% 1.5% 'Cash Flow' 1.5% 5.0% 9.0% Earnings 10.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

N/A

+.6

N/A +.9

Cal- endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31				Full Year
2014	328.9	346.2	413.9	346.9	1435.9
2015	332.9	352.9	417.4	335.9	1439.1
2016	311.0	315.4	400.4	336.2	1363.0
2017	330	335	425	360	1450
2018	340	345	440	375	1500
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.16	.36	.69	.24	1.45
2015	.21	.44	.76	.23	1.64
2016	.13	.40	.78	.34	1.65
2017	.24	.42	.81	.38	1.85
2018	.26	.45	.88	.41	2.00
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B=† F				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.145	.165	.165	.165	.64
2014	.185	.185	.185	.185	.74
2015	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80
2016	.22	.22	.22	.22	.88
2017	.2425	,			

PNM Resources should post solid 2017 results. Indeed, the Albuquerque-based electric utility recently said that it still expects "ongoing" earnings, excluding certain one-time items, to come in between \$1.77 and \$1.87 a share, this year, up 7%-13% from 2016's \$1.65 tally. Bottomline growth should accelerate nicely (from sub-1% in 2016), thanks, in large part, to improved performance at Public Service of New Mexico (PSNM), which late last year was granted the majority of an important rate request.

PNM's regulated power unit is still looking for more. In last October's rate New Mexico regulators denied PSNM's request that certain investments like coal scrubbers be added to its rate base. That said, PSNM has since appealed its case to the state's supreme court. It is our understanding that a ruling will likely come no sooner than February, 2018. Still, we suspect the utility would be eligible for retroactive recoveries, assuming it wins its appeal.

Modest customer growth may limit PNM's longer-term prospects. PSNM's customer base has recently been growing

little, if any, Still, there's some reason for optimism that New Mexico and its economy are on the upswing. We're encouraged, for example, by Facebook's decision to build a large data center in Los Lunas. Home improvement retailer Lowe's and Keter Plastics are also said to be expanding their operations in the state.

The dividend here is well covered and growing. To wit, PNM recently increased the quarterly distribution by just over 10%, to 24.25 cents a share. At \$0.97, the current annualized dividend represents a fairly undemanding 52%-55% payout ratio, based on the company's earnings target range for 2017. With that in mind, PNM has said that it may eventually look to return as much as 60% of net income to its shareholders in the form of dividends.

Shares of PNM Resources are now ranked 2 (Above Average) for relative year-ahead price performance, having moved up a notch on our Timeliness scale since late January. At the stock's recent quotation, long-term total return potential doesn't stand out, even with the aforementioned dividend.

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(A) EPS dil. Excl. n/r gains (losses): '01, (15¢); '03, 67¢; '05, (56¢); '08, (\$3.77); '10, (\$1.36); '11, 88¢. '13, (16); Excl. disc. ops.: '08, 42¢; '09, 78¢. Egs. may not sum due to rounding.

Incl. intang. '15: \$3.49/sh. (D) In mill., adjust. First Choice.

Next egs. rpt. due early May. (B) Div'ds hist. pd. in Feb., May, Aug., Nov. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan avail. † Shareholder invest. plan avail. (C) 13: 10.0%. Reg. Climate: Below Avg. (F) Excl.

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