

(PSE&G), which serves 2.2 million electric and 1.8 million gas customers in New Jersey, and PSEG Power LLC, a nonregulated power generator with nuclear, gas, and coal-fired plants in the Northeast. PSEG Energy Holdings is involved in renewable energy.

tion rate (utility): 2.5%. Has 12,700 employees. Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Ralph Izzo. Inc.: New Jersey. Address: 80 Park Plaza, P.O. Box 1171, Newark, New Jersey 07101-1171. Telephone: 973-430-7000. Internet: www.pseg.com.

705 635 529 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '13-'15 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '20-'22 Revenues -1.5% -4.0%1.0% Cash Flow 6.0% 5.5% 3.0% 4.5% 2.5% Earnings 3.0% 7.5% 2.5% 7.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (avg.)

NA NA

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NA NA

NA NA

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2014	3223	2249	2641	2773	10886
2015	3135	2314	2688	2278	10415
2016	2616	1905	2450	2279	9250
2017	2700	1950	2500	2250	9400
2018	2750	2000	2550	2300	9600
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.76	.42	.87	.94	2.99
2015	1.15	.68	.87	.60	3.30
2016	.93	.37	.94	.51	2.75
2017	.95	.60	.80	.50	2.85
2018	1.00	.60	.80	.50	2.90
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.36	.36	.36	.36	1.44
2014	.37	.37	.37	.37	1.48
2015	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56
2016	.41	.41	.41	.41	1.64
2017					

Public Service Enterprise Group's utility subsidiary has become the main source of income—and earnings **growth** — **for the company.** Several years ago, this was not the case. PSEG's main nonutility subsidiary, PSEG Power, generated the bulk of corporate profits. That was when conditions in the power markets were more favorable for owners of merchant (i.e., noncontracted) generating assets than they are today. PSEG Power has managed well through the downturn, but has not been immune to difficult market conditions. On the other hand, Public Service Electric and Gas' investments in transmission and distribution infrastructure are expanding the utility's rate base. PSE&G has a storm-hardening program that was developed after Hurricane Sandy hit the service area in the fall of 2012. Most of these expenditures are recoverable in rates concurrently, which lessens the effects of regulatory lag. Electric transmission is a key growth area for the utility. The allowed return on equity for transmission is greater than that for distribution.

This is not to say that there is no growth at PSEG Power. This unit will

spend an estimated \$1.975 billion-\$2.125 billion on three gas-fired facilities (1,780 megawatts in all) in Maryland, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The plants will come on line in 2018 and 2019.

PSE&G received a rate increase at the start of the new year, and another fil-ing will occur at the start of November. Every year, the utility's transmission business receives rate relief from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission through a forward-looking formula rate plan. This year's increase is \$121 million. PSE&G will file an electric and gas rate case in November, in which it will seek recovery of costs that aren't subject to regulatory tracking mechanisms.

We think the board of directors raised the dividend shortly after this report went to press. We estimate a boost of two cents a share (4.9%) quarterly, the same hike as in each of the past two years.

This timely stock is suitable for con**servative utility investors.** It has our top rank for Safety. The dividend yield and 3- to 5-year total return potential are each above the utility averages

Paul E. Debbas, CFA February 17, 2017

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecur. gain (losses): '02, (\$1.30), '05, (3¢); '06, (35¢); '08, (96¢); '09, 6¢; '11, (34¢); '12, 7¢; '16, (30¢); gains

3¢; '08, 40¢; '11, 13¢. Next egs. report due late Feb. (B) Div'ds histor. paid in late Mar., June, Sept., and Dec. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan lowed on com. eq. in '10: 10.3%; earned on (loss) from disc. ops.: '05, (33¢), '06, 12¢; '07, avail. † Shareholder investment plan avail. (C) avg. com. eq., '15: 13.2%. Reg. Climate: Avg. © 2017 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product

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

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