

707,000 customers in central, southern, and southwestern South Carolina. Supplies gas service to 1.3 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 44%; commercial, 33%; industrial, 18%; other,

reported depreciation rate: 2.6%. Has 5,800 employees. Chairman, CEO & President: Kevin B. Marsh. Incorporated: South Carolina. Address: 100 SCANA Parkway, Cayce, South Carolina 29033. Telephone: 803-217-9000. Internet: www.scana.com.

293 307 323 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '13-'15 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '20-'22 -3.5% 3.0% 4.5% Revenues -1.0% .5% 'Cash Flow' 1.5% 3.5% 4.5% 4.5% Earnings 2.5% 5.0% 4.5% 5.0% Dividends Book Value 5.0%

% Change Customers (vr-end)

4574

+1.2

4853

NA

+1.4

4970

NA

+1.5

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2014	1590	1026	1121	1214	4951.0
2015	1389	967	1068	956	4380.0
2016	1172	905	1093	930	4100
2017	1200	950	1000	1000	4150
2018	1250	1000	1050	1050	4350
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	1.37	.68	1.01	.73	3.79
2015	1.39	.69	1.04	.69	3.81
2016	1.23	.74	1.32	.71	4.00
2017	1.35	.75	1.25	.80	4.15
2018	1.40	.80	1.30	.85	4.35
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.495	.5075	.5075	.5075	2.02
2014	.5075	.525	.525	.525	2.08
2015	.525	.545	.545	.545	2.16
2016	.545	.575	.575	.575	2.27
2017	.575				

SCANA's electric utility subsidiary has fixed the price of the two nuclear units under construction. Units 2 and 3 of the Summer plant are expected to come on line in August of 2019 and August of 2020. The project has had delays and cost overruns, so last fall South Carolina Electric & Gas chose to exercise its option to fix the cost at \$7.658 billion. This represented an increase of \$831 million, but reduced uncertainty about the project. Any excess costs will be absorbed by the contractor, Westinghouse. However . .

There is still some risk associated with the project. Toshiba, the parent of Westinghouse, is experiencing financial troubles and has had its credit ratings downgraded by the rating agencies. If problems arise that make Westinghouse unable to complete construction, SCE&G has contingency plans and some forms of protection, such as surety bonds. In any case, the market appears to be taking the construction risks in stride. SCANA stock's 25.0% total return in 2016 put the equity in the upper half for the electric utility industry, and exceeded the group median of 18.7%.

Rate relief should enable earnings to climb in 2017 and 2018. Every year, SCE&G receives a rate hike under the state's Base Load Review Act for its construction work in progress for the aforementioned nuclear units. The most recent increase was \$64.4 million (2.7%), last November. This year, SCE&G and PSNC Energy will have a full year's benefit of the gas rate increases that took effect in November of 2016.

We think the board of directors raised the dividend shortly after this report went to press. In recent years, the board has reviewed the dividend in mid-February. We estimate an increase of \$0.03 a share (5.2%), the same hike as a year ago, effective with the April payment. SCANA is targeting a payout ratio in a range of 55%-60%.

SCĂNA stock has a valuation that is typical for a utility. The dividend yield is near the industry average. Like most utility issues, the recent quotation is within our 3- to 5-year Target Price Range. Total return potential over that time frame is also average for the group Paul E. Debbas, CFA February 17, 2017

(A) Diluted earnings. Excl. nonrecurring gains (losses): '01, \$3.00; '02, (\$3.72); '03, 31¢; '04, (23¢); '05, 3¢; '06, 9¢; '15, \$1.41. Next earnings report due late April. (B) Div'ds historically

paid in early Jan., Apr., July, & Oct. **•** Div'd reinvestment plan available. † Shareholder investment plan available. **(C)** Incl. intangibles. In NC: 9.7% in '16; earned on avg. com. eq., '15: paid in early Jan., Apr., July, & Oct. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available. † Shareholder in-

'15: \$13.55/sh. (D) In millions. (E) Rate base: | 10.6%. Regulatory Climate: Above Average.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 55 **Earnings Predictability** 100