

area of Oregon, including Portland and Salem. The company is in the process of decommissioning the Trojan nuclear plant, which it closed in 1993. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 47%; commercial, 35%; industrial, 11%; other, 7%. Generating sources: gas,

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243 271 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 248 ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '14-'16 10 Yrs. of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. to '20-'22 Revenues -.5% -1.5% 2.0% 4.5% 5.5% 3.0% 3.5% 5.0% 6.0% 6.0% 3.5% Cash Flow' 2.0% 7.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (yr-end)

3866 NA +.7

3914 NA

+1.2

3726 NA

+1.2

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2014	493.0	423.0	484.0	500.0	1900.0
2015	473.0	450.0	476.0	499.0	1898.0
2016	487.0	428.0	484.0	524.0	1923.0
2017	525	445	505	525	2000
2018	545	460	525	545	2075
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Full				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.73	.43	.47	.55	2.18
2015	.62	.44	.40	.57	2.04
2016	.68	.42	.38	.68	2.16
2017	.75	.40	.40	.65	2.20
2018	.78	.42	.42	.68	2.30
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.27	.27	.275	.275	1.09
2014	.275	.275	.28	.28	1.11
2015	.28	.28	.30	.30	1.16
2016	.30	.30	.32	.32	1.24
2017	32	32			

Portland General Electric has filed a rate case. PGE is seeking an increase of \$100 million (5.6%), based on a return of 9.75% on a common-equity ratio of 50%. An order is expected in December, in time for new tariffs to take effect at the start of 2018.

We estimate that earnings will rise moderately in 2017 and 2018. We base our estimates on normal weather patterns; mild weather hurt the bottom line by \$0.22 a share in 2016. On the other hand, weather-adjusted kilowatt-hour might well decline this year due to weakness in certain industrial sectors in PGE's service area. Our earnings estimate is at the low end of the company's targeted range of \$2.20-\$2.35 a share. (Note: Firstquarter earnings were scheduled to be released shortly after this report went to press.) Our 2018 forecast is based on the assumption that the utility receives a reasonable ruling in the pending rate case.

Litigation about the Carty gas-fired plant is ongoing. The facility began commercial operation in July of 2016, but only after experiencing construction problems. In fact, PGE declared the original con-

tractor (now in bankruptcy protection) in default of the construction agreement in December of 2015. The utility is suing the insurers to collect a performance bond of \$145.6 million, plus additional damages. The insurers have denied liability. PGE estimates that resolving this matter will take two to four years.

The Carty dispute is causing a drag on profits. The plant's cost was \$640 mil-lion, but just \$514 million is reflected in rates. Costs associated with the unrecovered portion, as well as legal fees, reduced earnings by \$0.06 a share in 2016. This drag is estimated at \$0.07 this year.

We expect a dividend hike at the **board meeting in the second quarter.**We think the directors will raise the quarterly disbursement by two cents a share (6.25%), the same increase as in each of the past two years. PGE is targeting a payout ratio of 50%-70%.

We continue to believe this stock is **expensively priced.** The dividend yield is somewhat below the utility mean, and the recent price is above the upper level of our 2020-2022 Target Price Range Paul E. Debbas, CFA April 28, 2017

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring loss: '13, 42¢, '15 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next 42¢. '15 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due late July. (B) Div'ds paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, and Oct. ■ Div'd reinvest-

ment plan avail. † Shareholder investment plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred chgs. In '16: \$5.60/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate base on shs. outstanding when stock began allowed on com. eq. in '16: 9.6%; earned on trading in '06. (G) Summer peak in '15 & '16.

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

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