

revenue breakdown: residential, 50%; commercial, 33%; industrial,

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268 233 264 Fixed Charge Cov. (% ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 2.5% 4.5% 2.5% 3.0% 3.0% 4.0% Revenues 5.0% 'Cash Flow' 4.5% 4.5% Earnings 5.5% 3.0% 5.5% 1.5% 3.0% 1.0% Dividends Book Value

Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	3022	2583	3284	3288	12177
2021	3581	3021	3715	4647	14964
2022	4577	4924	5251	4476	19228
2023	3779	3850	4821	4550	17000
2024	4575	4550	4850	4525	18500
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	1.76	1.44	2.46	1.42	7.08
2021	1.65	.60	.30	1.55	4.10
2022	2.03	.19	1.99	1.31	5.52
2023	1.33	1.10	2.10	1.67	6.20
2024	2.30	1.20	1.90	1.30	6.70
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.945	.945	.945	.945	3.78
2020	1.0125	1.0125	1.0125	1.0125	4.05
2021	.9225	.9225	.9225	.825	3.59
2022	.885	.885	.885	.885	3.54
2023	.9525	.9525			

DTE Energy's electric utility subsidiary has filed another general rate case. This request comes just months after Michigan regulators rejected a majority of rate increases, largely due to customer pushback at public hearings. The utility is seeking an increase of \$622 million, compared to the 2022 initial request of \$388 million. While rate cases should help ease the costs of the transition to providing cleaner, more reliable energy, we think The Michigan Public Service Commission will likely give the utility an unfavorable ruling, given the prior rate case in November

We have slightly lowered our full-year 2023 earnings estimate. DTE has a low return on total capital and relies on heavy debt levels. The interest rate environment and inflationary pressures should continue to raise borrowing costs and challenge margins in the short term. Accordingly, the company had higher rate base costs in the first quarter. On a positive note, rate relief and the Inflation Reduction Act will likely benefit performance in the short term and boost growth. We look for earnings of \$6.20 per share, just shy of man-

agement's EPS midpoints and within DTE Energy's yearly target of 5%-7% profit growth.

The utility is committed to improving the electric grid. The company plans to invest \$9 billion in the grid over the next five years. The investment will enhance tree trimming, improve maintenance and infrastructure, and accelerate the full automation of the electric grid, which will reduce the duration of outages. The utility plans to fully automate the grid within 5-6 vears

DTE Energy shares have continued to struggle of late. Indeed, the stock dropped more than 6% since our March review, and is now down more than 20% over the past 12 months. These shares are ranked 4 (Below Average) for Timeliness. Conversely, income-oriented investors may be drawn to the utility's dividend yield of 3.6%, which is in line with the strong industry average. Too, the utility has a solid potential dividend growth rate of 3.0%. The stock also has a high mark for Price Stability, and is ranked Above Average (2) for Safety. Zachary J. Hodgkinson June 9, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (loss): '07, \$1.96; '08, 50¢; '11, 51¢; '15, (39¢); '17, 59¢; gains (losses) on discontinued operations: '07, \$1.20; '08, 13¢; '12, (33¢); '21, 57¢. Next earn-

ings report due late July. (B) Div'ds paid mid-Jan., Apr., July & Oct. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$29.20/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Net orig. | Above Average.

cost. Rate allowed on common equity in '20: 9.9% elec.; in '22: 9.9% gas; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: 7.6%. Regulatory Climate:

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 90 Price Growth Persistence 60 **Earnings Predictability** 65