

South Carolina E&G, which serve 3.5 mill. customers in VA, SC, & NC. Serves 3.5 mill. gas customers in OH, WV, UT, SC, & NC. Other ops. incl. independent power production. Acq'd Questar 9/16; SCANA 1/19. Elec. rev. breakdown: residential, 47%; commercial,

costs: 31% of revs. '22 reported deprec. rates: 1.9%-3.9%. Employs 17,100. Chrmn., Pres. & CEO: Robert M. Blue. Inc.: VA. Address: 120 Tredegar St., P.O. Box 26532, Richmond, VA 23261-6532. Tel.: 804-819-2000. Internet: www.dominionenergy.com.

inally counting on from upcoming projects.

235 227 272 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 -3.0% 4.0% 3.0% Revenues -1.0% 3.5% 'Cash Flow" 3.0% 2.5% 2.5% Earnings 2.0% 4.5% Dividends Book Value 5.5%

% Change Customers (vr-end)

NA NA NA

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES ( Sep.30		Full Year
2020 2021	3938 3870	3106 3038	3607 3176	3521 3880	14172 13964
2022	4279 5252	3596 <b>3650</b>		4913	17174 18600
2023	5350	3950	4750	5100	19150
Cal- endar	EA Mar.31	RNINGS F Jun.30	ER SHARI Sep.30	E A Dec.31	Full Year
2020 2021	.92 1.09	.73 .76	1.08	.81 .90	3.54 3.86
2022 2023 2024	1.18 .99 <b>1.02</b>	.77 .47 .64	1.11 1.09 1.07	1.06 <b>1.05</b> <b>1.02</b>	4.11 3.60 3.75
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.9175 .94 .63 .6675 .6675	.9175 .94 .63 .6675 .6675	.9175 .94 .63 .6675	.9175 .63 .63 .6675	3.67 3.45 2.52 2.67

Dominion Energy is still in the process of working through its strategic business review. Announced late last year, the CEO has described it as a complete analysis, which will include a look at alternatives to the current business mix and capital allocation. The process is nearing a close, and we believe that the current dividend level is safe. No full-year earnings targets are being provided until a new plan is in place. We cut our 2023 estimate by \$0.40 per share due to seasonally-mild weather and rising interest expense. (Second-quarter results were due out just after our press cycle.) We've also scaled back our 2024 per-share profit target by \$0.45 based on the company's need to increase its debt load at higher than previously expected rates and the sale of income-generating assets.

Dominion stock has been hard hit due to the uncertainties at hand. Over the past nine months, the shares underperformed the Value Line Utility Index by 25 percentage points. Higher raw-material costs and rising interest rates are problematic and will make it a challenge to achieve the returns management was orig-

particularly its huge wind farm off the coast of Virginia. The company recently agreed to sell its interest in the Cove Point liquefied natural gas operation in Maryland for \$3.3 billion after taxes and proceeds. Dominion will likely divest more none-core assets to help fund infrastructure investments in its regulated utilities. Though untimely, this issue is not without merit for patient utility investors interested in the aboveaverage yield. Dominion is wrapping up its strategic review and is slated to reveal its conclusions and new projections during a third-quarter investment-day event. We've aggressively scaled back our estimates and still see decent earnings growth potential of 5%-7%, albeit from a lower base in 2024. The key Virginia service area is experiencing accelerating load growth, from 2%-3% in years past to 5%, on migration and rising data-center demand. Lawmakers in that state have recently lifted the company's authorized return on equity from 9.35% to 9.7%, and

put in measures to reduce regulatory lag.

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(A) Diluted egs. Excl. nonrec. gains/(losses): '08, 12¢; '09, (47¢); '10, \$2.13; '11, (31¢); '12, (\$2.18); '14, (81¢); '17, \$1.19; '18, (31¢); '19, (\$2.62); '20, (\$1.72); '21, (67¢); '22, (\$3.03);

mid-Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinv. | SC in '21: 9.5%. Reg. Clim.: Avg.

gain/(losses) from disc. ops.: '10, (26¢); '12, | plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$20.78/sh. (4¢); '13, (16¢); '20, (\$2.39); '21, 79¢; '22, 1¢. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost, adj. Next egs. report due early Nov. (B) Div'ds paid Rate all'd on com. eq. in VA in '22: 9.35%; in

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 90 Price Growth Persistence 20 **Earnings Predictability** 100

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