

NextEra Energy Resources is a nonregulated power generator with nuclear, gas, & renewables. Has 55% stake in NextEra Energy Partners. Acquired Gulf Power 1/19; Florida City Gas 7/18. Reve-

3.4%. Employs 15,300. Chairman, President and CEO: John W. Ketchum. Inc.: Florida. Address: 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, FL 33408. Tel.: 561-694-4000. Internet: www.nexteraenergy.com.

301 284 370 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 0.5% 7.5% 8.0% 1.0% 9.0% 11.0% Revenues 10.0% 'Cash Flow" 7.5% 9.5% Earnings 10.0% 8.0% Dividends Book Value

+1.5

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES ( Sep.30		Full Year
2020	4613	4204	4785	4395	17997
2021	3726	3927	4370	5046	17069
2022	2890	5183	6719	6164	20956
2023	6716	7349	7510	6425	28000
2024	7075	7750	7900	6775	29500
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.59	.65	.67	.40	2.31
2021	.67	.71	.75	.41	2.55
2022	.74	.81	.85	.51	2.90
2023	.84	.88	.88	.55	3.15
2024	.86	.95	.98	.61	3.40
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.3125	.3125	.3125	.3125	1.25
2020	.35	.35	.35	.35	1.40
2021	.385	.385	.385	.385	1.54
2022	.425	.425	.425	.425	1.70
2023	.4675	.4675			

NextEra Energy looks on pace for a solid bottom-line gain in 2023. company reported June-period adjusted earnings of \$0.88 per share, exceeding both our call and the Wall Street consensus by \$0.06 and \$0.07, respectively. Healthy profit growth of nearly 9% was driven by a 12.1% year-over-year increase in regulatory capital employed by the company's utility, Florida Power & Light (FP&L). That unit's authorized return on equity, achieved through electric rate pricing mechanisms as defined by the state regulatory process, is a healthy 10.8%. The company continues to drive efficiencies across its business segments, while keeping costs in check. We remain comfortable with our full-year 2023 earningsper-share estimate being just above management's targeted range of \$2.98-\$3.13.

The company is the fastest growing electric utility in the U.S., with profits rising about twice the historic norm of its peer group. Superior fundamentals at FP&L and NextEra's renewableenergy expertise are the main drivers. Florida's population gains, at triple the national average, low unemployment, and

high labor participation rate leads to plenty of transmission & distribution work. This, along with reliability and hardiness the hurricaneprojects in susceptible state, keep load growth and regulatory capital (i.e., the rate base) rising. FP&L also has the green light from regulators to expand solar capacity within the rate base from 5% of power generation to 35% over the next several years. Meanwhile, the holding company's nonregulated subsidiary, NextEra Energy Resources, is a major nationwide player in the burgeoning renewable-energy arena.

This issue offers worthwhile total return prospects on a risk-adjusted basis. Upside potential to the midpoint of our 18-month Target Price Range is also compelling at 30% from the recent quotation. Interest-rate sensitive stocks have been out of favor for the past several months, and NextEra, as the largest electric utility in terms of market capitalization, has not been an exception. Meanwhile, headline risk from the company's minor campaign-finance controversy seems to be dissipating.

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gains/ (losses): '11, (6¢); '13, (20¢); '16, 12¢; '17, \$1.22¢; '18, \$1.80; '20, (83¢); '21, (74¢); '22, (80¢); 1Q-2Q '23, 71¢; disc. ops.: '13, 11¢.

EPS may not some to full yr. due to rounding.

Next egs. report due late Oct. (B) Div'ds paid in mid-Mar., mid-June, mid-Sept., & mid-Dec. ■

vestment plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '22: \$6.38/sh. (D) in mill., adj. for stock split. (E) Rate all'd on com. eq. in '22 (FPL): 9.8%-

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Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 85 Price Growth Persistence 100 **Earnings Predictability** 95

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