

throughout a 24,000-square-mile area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon (population: 1.4 million). Most of the company's revenues are derived from the Idaho portion of its service area. Revenue breakdown: residential, 38%; commercial, 27%; industrial,

nues. '22 reported depreciation rate: 3.0%. Has 2,077 employees. Chairman: Richard J. Dahl. President & CEO: Lisa Grow. Incorporated: Idaho. Address: 1221 W. Idaho St., Boise, Idaho 83702. Telephone: 208-388-2200. Internet: www.idacorpinc.com

313 334 419 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 2.5% 3.5% 4.0% Revenues 3.5% 4.0% 'Cash Flow' 4.5% 5.0% Earnings 4 0% 8.5% 5.0% 6.5% 4.5% 6.0% 4.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

3392

+2.7

3751

NA

+2.8

3568

NA

+2.4

Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES(\$ mill.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	291.0	318.8	425.3	315.6	1350.7
2021	316.1	360.1	446.9	335.0	1458.1
2022	344.3	358.7	518.0	422.9	1644.0
2023	429.7	360	550	410.3	1750
2024	440	370	560	430	1800
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.74	1.19	2.02	.74	4.69
2021	.89	1.38	1.93	.65	4.85
2022	.91	1.27	2.10	.83	5.11
2023	1.11	1.30	1.99	.75	5.15
2024	1.10	1.35	2.10	.85	5.40
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.63	.63	.63	.67	2.56
2020	.67	.67	.67	.71	2.72
2021	.71	.71	.71	.75	2.88
2022	.75	.75	.75	.79	3.04
2023	.79	.79			

We think IDACORP will eke out a profit gain in 2023, which would mark its 16th consecutive year of annual earnings-per-share growth. The utility got off to a good start to the year due mainly to strong customer growth in its service area and higher electric rates from mechanistic pricing adjustments. The latter of which are tied to the recoupment of grid modernization and expansion work. In May, leadership affirmed its earnings outlook of \$4.95 to \$5.15 a share. The main headwind for full-year 2023 net profits will be the interest expense on a significantly rising debt load, which is growing to fund massive infrastructure projects and clean-energy initiatives. At a minimum, the pace of earnings gains will slow this year. That's certainly not a positive, but these sorts of projects are the lifeblood of utilities, as it's how they are able to grow their earnings over time. IDACORP will be able to recoup some of its invested capital in short order from the aforementioned formulaic pricing mechanisms. The company will also be seeking rate relief from its regulatory commissions in Idaho and Oregon over the coming months.

General rate cases (GRC) are in the works. IDACORP has not filed a GRC since 2011. Over the past decade, the population/customer growth has increased by 23%, and the investments made to meet capacity needs have been substantial. What's more, growth in the company's service area has been accelerating, so electric delivery rates will almost assuredly be going up early next year in the company's Idaho territory. The utility will likely be seeking an increase in the 10% neighborhood. The timing for Oregon's GRC filing has not been disclosed yet.

IDACORP shares rank high for both Safety and Timeliness. This is an excellent electric utility that benefits from above-average population growth and a vibrant and growing local economy. This, coupled with the green-energy initiatives in its state territories, should lead to years of 5%-6% earnings gains, on average. The problem for utility investors is that premium companies often come with premium valuations. At the recent quote, IDA's total return potential is two percentage points below the peer-group median. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

(A) Diluted EPS. Earnings may not sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early August. (B) Dividends historically paid in late February, May, August, and November. ■ Dividend

reinvestment plan available. † Shareholder investment plan available. **(C)** Incl. intangibles. In illatory Climate: Above Average. on common equity in '12: 10% (imputed); Regulatory Climate: Above Average. (E) Rate base: Net original cost. Rate allowed

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 100 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 100