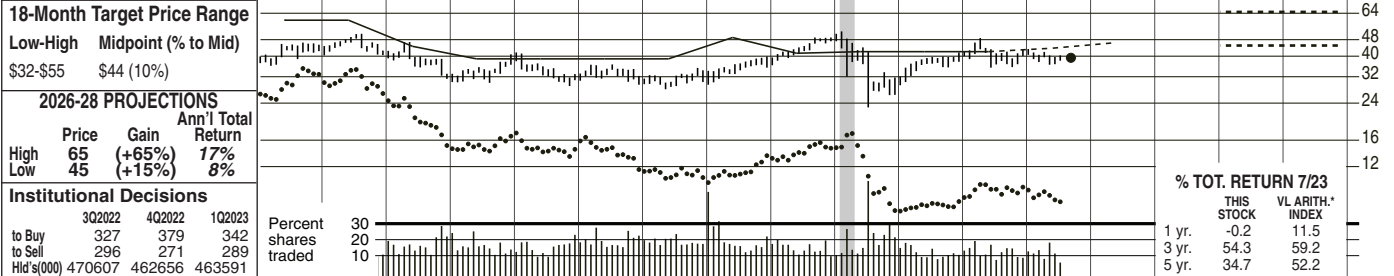


FIRSTENERGY NYSE-FE

RECENT PRICE **39.39** P/E RATIO **15.2** (Trailing: 16.7; Median: 13.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.87** DIV'D YLD **4.2%** **VALUE LINE**

TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 8/11/23	High: 51.1	46.8	40.8	41.7	36.6	35.2	39.9	49.1	52.5	41.8	48.8	43.3	Target Price Range		
SAFETY 3 Lowered 7/31/20	Low: 40.4	31.3	30.0	28.9	29.3	27.9	29.3	36.3	22.9	29.2	35.3	36.4	2026	2027	2028
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 7/28/23	LEGENDS — 27.0 x Dividends p sh ... Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession												128		
BETA .85 (1.00 = Market)													96		
18-Month Target Price Range													80		
Low-High Midpoint (% to Mid)													64		
\$32-\$55 \$44 (10%)													48		
2026-28 PROJECTIONS													40		
High	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total												24
Low	65	(+65%)	Return												16
	45	(+15%)	8%												12
Institutional Decisions													% TOT. RETURN 7/23		
			302022	402022	102023								THIS STOCK	VL ARITH. INDEX	
to Buy	327	379	342								1 yr.	-0.2	11.5		
to Sell	296	271	289								3 yr.	54.3	59.2		
Hlds(000)	470607	462656	463591								5 yr.	34.7	52.2		



2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC 26-28	
42.00	44.70	41.70	43.76	38.87	36.57	35.60	35.74	35.48	32.92	31.49	22.00	20.41	19.87	19.52	21.78	23.10	24.25	Revenues per sh	26.50
8.34	9.04	8.80	8.50	5.75	6.05	6.30	6.26	7.04	7.04	6.54	5.19	4.80	4.59	5.41	4.71	4.70	4.95	"Cash Flow" per sh	5.70
4.22	4.38	3.32	3.25	1.88	2.13	2.97	2.56	2.71	2.63	2.73	2.59	2.56	2.39	2.60	2.41	2.55	2.70	Earnings per sh A	3.10
2.05	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	1.65	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.82	1.53	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.62	1.72	Div'd Decl'd per sh B	2.05
5.36	9.47	7.23	6.44	5.45	7.09	6.90	8.42	6.83	6.93	6.38	5.23	4.93	4.89	4.29	4.82	5.90	6.05	Cap'l Spending per sh	6.50
29.45	27.17	28.08	28.03	31.75	31.29	30.32	29.49	29.33	14.11	8.81	13.17	12.90	13.33	15.21	17.77	18.80	19.90	Book Value per sh C	23.25
304.84	304.84	304.84	304.84	418.22	418.22	418.63	421.10	423.56	442.34	445.33	511.92	540.65	543.12	570.26	572.13	574.50	577.00	Common Shs Outst'g D	585.00
15.6	15.6	13.0	11.7	22.4	21.1	13.1	13.2	12.6	12.7	11.4	13.6	17.1	15.7	14.1	17.0	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	18.0
.83	.94	.87	.74	1.41	1.34	.74	.69	.63	.67	.57	.73	.91	.81	.76	.99	Relative P/E Ratio	1.00		
3.1%	3.2%	5.1%	5.8%	5.2%	4.9%	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	4.6%	5.2%	3.5%	4.2%	4.3%	3.8%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	3.7%		

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/23																			
Total Debt \$24008 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$6699 mill.				14903	15049	15029	14562	14022	11261	11035	10790	11132	12459	13275	14000	Revenues (\$mill)	15500		
LT Debt \$22656 mill. LT Interest \$975 mill.				1245.0	1074.0	1144.0	1118.0	1213.0	1346.0	1380.0	1296.0	1419.0	1377.0	1470	1565	Net Profit (\$mill)	1815		
Incl. \$23 mill. finance leases. (Total Interest coverage: 3.0x)				36.1%	28.4%	35.8%	37.4%	37.2%	28.5%	19.8%	13.6%	20.6%	48.1%	21.0%	21.0%	Income Tax Rate	21.0%		
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$56 mill.				6.0%	11.0%	10.2%	9.2%	6.5%	4.8%	5.1%	5.9%	5.3%	6.1%	6.0%	6.0%	AFUDC % to Net Profit	6.0%		
Pension Assets-12/22 \$6693 mill.				55.5%	60.7%	60.7%	74.5%	84.3%	72.3%	73.8%	75.4%	71.9%	67.6%	67.0%	66.0%	Long-Term Debt Ratio	62.0%		
Oblig \$8828 mill.				44.5%	39.3%	39.3%	25.5%	15.7%	27.4%	26.2%	24.6%	28.1%	32.4%	33.0%	34.0%	Common Equity Ratio	38.0%		
Pfd Stock None				28523	31596	31613	24433	25040	24565	26593	29368	30923	31369	32850	33550	Total Capital (\$mill)	35700		
Common Stock 573,362,380 shs.				33525	35783	37214	29387	28879	29911	31650	33294	34744	36285	38525	39650	Net Plant (\$mill)	46600		
MARKET CAP: \$22.6 billion (Large Cap)				6.0%	5.0%	5.3%	6.6%	7.0%	7.4%	6.8%	6.0%	6.2%	5.9%	6.0%	6.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	6.5%		
ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS				9.8%	8.6%	9.2%	17.9%	30.9%	19.8%	19.8%	17.9%	16.4%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	Return on Shr. Equity E	13.5%		
2020 2021 2022				9.8%	8.6%	9.2%	17.9%	30.9%	18.9%	19.7%	17.9%	16.4%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	Return on Com Equity E	13.5%		
% Change Retail Sales (MWH)				2.6%	3.8%	4.3%	8.1%	14.6%	8.4%	8.1%	6.2%	6.6%	4.8%	5.0%	5.0%	Retained to Com Eq	4.5%		
Residential Use (MWH)				74%	56%	53%	55%	53%	58%	59%	65%	60%	65%	63%	64%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	66%		
Commercial Use (MWH)				BUSINESS: FirstEnergy Corp. is a holding company for Ohio Edison, Pennsylvania Power, Cleveland Electric, Toledo Edison, Metropolitan Edison, Penelec, Jersey Central Power & Light, West Penn Power, Potomac Edison, & Mon Power. Provides electric service to 6.214 million customers in OH, PA, NJ, WV, MD, & NY. Acq'd Allegheny Energy 2/11. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 57.2%; commercial, industrial & other, 42.8%. Purchases most of its power. Power costs: 36.9% of revenues. 2022 reported depreciation rate: 2.7%. Has 12,335 employees. Chair: John W. Somerhalder II. President and CEO: Brian X. Tierney. Incorporated: Ohio. Address: 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308-1890. Telephone: 800-736-3402. Internet: www.firstenergycorp.com.															
Industrial Use (MWH)				<p>FirstEnergy's new chief executive should be able to build upon the many positives that have taken place at the company of late. On June 1st, Brian Tierney, who served as American Electric Power's executive vice president of strategy after a 12-year stretch as that company's CFO, replaced Interim President and CEO John Somerhalder, who will stay on as FirstEnergy's board chair. Subscribers may recall that in 2021 the company settled its bribery charges with federal prosecutors and Ohio regulators. A growth-oriented plan that leverages the flexibility and strengths of FirstEnergy's huge Mid-Atlantic and contiguous service area was erected. Equity injections of \$1 billion were received, followed by the mid-2022 sale of a minority interest in the company's long-range transmission assets for \$2.38 billion. Fitch lifted FirstEnergy's credit rating to investment grade, and other agencies may well follow suit now that an additional stake went under contract, to be sold for \$3.5 billion, with an early-2024 closing date. Notably, the company will retain nearly 70% of its overall transmission portfolio.</p> <p>The company appears on target for solid annual bottom-line gains this year and next. Management recently affirmed its 2023 operating earnings projection of \$2.44-\$2.64 per share, following a decent close to the first half of the year, considering milder-than-typical weather in much of FirstEnergy's service area. Higher pension expense, stemming from last year's weak stock and bond markets, is a significant headwind for this year that will probably moderate in 2024.</p> <p>FirstEnergy is likely to resume dividend growth later this year. The board increased the payout target to 60%-70% of profits, clearing the way for a fourth-quarter increase in the disbursement. The substantial infrastructure investments the company is making in its vast service area, plus forthcoming rate relief, should drive 5%-7% annual earnings and dividend growth from last year's base through late decade. The mix of income, growth and valuation should appeal to patient utility investors as the balance sheet improves. Annual total return potential exceeds the peer median by 280 basis points.</p> <p><i>Anthony J. Glennon</i> <i>August 11, 2023</i></p>															
Tot. Electric Deliv'd (MWH)																			
Peak Load Summer (Mw)																			
% Change Customers (yr-end)																			

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)	203	171	291														
ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22																	
of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '26-'28																	
Revenues				-6.5%	-9.5%	4.0%											
"Cash Flow"				-3.0%	-6.5%	2.5%											
Earnings				-	-1.5%	4.0%											
Dividends				-3.5%	1.5%	4.5%											
Book Value				-6.5%	-2.5%	7.0%											

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2020	2709	2522	3022	2537	10790
2021	2726	2622	3124	2660	11132
2022	2989	2818	3475	3177	12459
2023	3231	3006	3675	3363	13275
2024	3400	3175	3875	3550	14000

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2020	.66	.57	.84	.32	2.39
2021	.69	.59	.82	.51	2.60
2022	.60	.53	.79	.50	2.41
2023	.60	.47	.90	.58	2.55
2024	.65	.50	.95	.60	2.70

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2019	.38	.38	.38	.38	1.52
2020	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56
2021	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56
2022	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56
2023	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2019	.38	.38	.38	.38	1.52
2020	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56
2021	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56
2022	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56
2023	.39	.39	.39	.39	1.56

(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. loss: '13, \$2.07; '14, \$2.05; '15, \$1.34; '16, \$1.72; '17, \$6.61; '18, \$1.26; '19, 89c; '20, 54c; '21, 33c; '22, \$1.70; '23, 14c; gains from disc. ops.: '18, 66c; '20, 14c; '21, 8c. Qtrly. EPS don't sum due to chg. in shs. Next egs. report due Nov. (B) Div'ds pd. early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. 3 div'ds in '13, 5 in '18. ■ Div'd reinv. avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '22: \$9.88/sh. (D) In mill. (E) High ROE from large writeoffs. Rate base: Depr. orig. cost. Rates all'd on com. eq.: 9.6-11.7%; Reg.: OH, Above Avg.; PA, NJ Avg.; MD, WV Below Avg.	Company's Financial Strength	B+
	Stock's Price Stability	85
	Price Growth Persistence	25
	Earnings Predictability	100

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