

tric (ACE). Has 9.1 mill. elec., 1.3 mill. gas customers. Spun off Constellation Energy (nonregulated generating & energy-marketing ops.) 2/22. Acq'd Constellation Energy 3/12; Pepco Holdings 3/16.

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325 211 237 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '26-'28 NMF 1.0% 5.5% 2.5% Revenues 2.5% 'Cash Flow" 3.0% NMF NMF Earnings 4.0% NMF NMF Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

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Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES ( Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2020	8747	7322	8853	8117	33039
2021	9890	7915	8910	9632	36347
2022	5327	4239	4845	4667	19078
2023	5563	4818	4900	4419	19700
2024	5300	4850	<i>5500</i>	4550	20200
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.87	.55	1.04	.76	3.22
2021	d.06	.89	1.09	.90	2.82
2022	.64	.44	.75	.43	2.26
2023	.70	.41	.79	.50	2.40
2024	.70	.50	.80	.50	2.50
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B =				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	.3625	.3625	.3625	.3625	1.45
2020	.3825	.3825	.3825	.3825	1.53
2021	.3825	.3825	.3825	.3825	1.53
2022	.3375	.3375	.3375	.3375	1.35
2023	.360	.360			

Exelon Corporation looks to be progressing smoothly, as an entirely regulated utility. Last February, the company spun off its nonregulated power generating assets as a new company, Constellation Energy (NASDAQ:CEG), with EXC shareholders receiving the new issue at a 3-for-1 ratio. The new entirely regulated utility appears to be more stable and predictable, which ought to grow earnings more consistently. Indeed, second-quarter earnings per share of \$0.41 outperformed both Wall Street's expectations, as well as our calls of \$0.40. Along with improved consistency, Exelon continues to benefit from rate relief and higher distribution rates. As a result, our bottom-line estimates for 2023 and 2024 are \$2.40 and \$2.50 a share, respectively. Too, management reaffirmed its full-year 2023 projections of \$2.30 to \$2.42 a share.

The company continues to target annualized earnings and dividend growth of 6%-8% through 2025. Management expects its capital expenditure plan to contribute a return of 9%-11% to shareholders through 2026. We think Exelon is well-positioned for the long term as

a entirely regulated utility. Indeed, earnings have been much less volatile of late, and we expect this to continue moving forward.

Exelon's utilities have continued to make progress in several pending rate cases. In New Jersey, Atlantic City Electric filed a distribution base rate case to support investments in infrastructure. In Maryland, Pepco is expected to file its second multi-year plan with the Maryland Public Service Commission. The company has a number of other pending rate cases, and rate relief will likely continue to drive earnings growth throughout the next

couple of years.

This issue may appeal to conservative, income-oriented investors. The dividend yield of this stock is aboveaverage, and Exelon is considered to be a solid addition to a well-rounded portfolio. Due to the company spinoff of Constellation Energy, the stock remains unranked for Timeliness. Meanwhile, total return potential over the 18-month and 3- to 5year stretch is unappealing, even with the

recent price decrease. Zachary J. Hodgkinson

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(A) Dil. egs. Excl. nonrec. gain (loss): '09, (20¢); '12, (50¢); '13, (31¢); '14, (22¢); '16, (\$1.46); '17, \$1.19; '18, (\$1.05); '19, (21¢); '20, (\$1.21); '21, (\$1.08); 1Q22, (15¢); disc. ops. © 2023 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part

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gain (loss): '07, 2¢; '08, 3¢. Next egs. report: (E) Rate allowed on common equity in IL in '15: Nov. (B) Div'ds paid in early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '22: \$15.20/sh. (D) In mill. NJ: Average; IL, MD: Below Avg.

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

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