

% Change Retail Sales (KWH) Avg. Indust. Use (MWH) Avg. Indust. Revs. per KWH (¢) Capacity at Peak (Mw) Peak Load, Summer (Mw) -3.3 NA -1.0 NA ΝĂ 10.55 NMF NMF NMF NMF NMF NMF % Change Customers (yr-end)

Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 189 242 310 ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '15-'17 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '21-'23 -.5% 1.0% 1.5% Revenues -.5% 'Cash Flow' .5% SEE Earnings Dividends Book Value -.5% 4.0%

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2015	3899	4217	4550	4167	16833
2016	3974	4169	4810	4713	17666
2017	4268	4250	4517	4100	17135
2018	4056	4234	4381	4129	16800
2019		SEE	TEXT		
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2015	.27	.83	.63	.27	2.00
2016	.22	.46	.77	1.36	2.83
2017	1.13	.79	1.07	.51	3.50
2018	.86	d1.91	1.09	.41	.45
2019	;	SEE T	EXT		
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2015	.455	.455	.455	.455	1.82
2016	.455	.455	.49	.49	1.89
2017	.49	.49	.53	.53	2.04
2018					
2019					

Gas and Electric Company and nonutility subsidiaries. Supplies electricity and gas to most of northern and central California (population 16 million). Has 5.4 million electric and 4.5 million gas customers. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 41%; commercial, 39%; industrial, 12%; agricultural, 8%; other, less than 1%. Genera-

PG&E Corporation and its utility subsidiary, Pacific Gas and Electric, plan to file for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. This is expected to occur on or about January 29th, following a 15-day notice period mandated by California law. This stems from as-yet undetermined (but probably above \$30 billion) liabilities associated with wildfires that occurred in 2017 and 2018 in the utility's service area in northern California. This is far greater than the sum of PG&E's insurance coverage and cash on hand. A state agency has blamed the utility for some of the 2017 wildfires; reports on other fires are pending. What makes this situation especially troublesome is California's inverse condemnation law. As the company stated in an 8-K filing with the SEC, "If the Utility's facilities . . . are determined to be the substantial cause of one or more fires, and the doctrine of inverse condemnation applies, the Utility could be liable for property damage, business interruption, interest and attorneys' fees without having been found negligent." The company's chief executive officer, Geisha Williams, stepped down,

Fuel costs: 30% of revenues. '17 reported depreciation rate (utility): 3.8%. Has 23,000 employees. Chairman: Richard C. Kelly. Interim President & CEO: John Simon. Incorporated: California. Address: 77 Beale Street, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, California 94177. Telephone: 415-973-1000. Internet: www.pgecorp.com.

and the board appointed an interim CEO. The price of PG&E's stock has fallen substantially. Following the latest wildfires, in November, investors became even more concerned about the prospective size of the liabilities. The price plummeted 47% in 2018, and is down more than 70% so far in 2019.

The utility filed a general rate case. PG&E requested a rate increase of more than \$1 billion for 2020. Among other things, this reflects the soaring cost of wildfire insurance and measures PG&E is taking to address the wildfire problems. New tariffs will take effect at the start of 2020 (retroactively if an order has not been issued by then).

We advise investors to avoid this stock. Whether there will be anything left for common stockholders once the reorganization is completed is questionable. equity's Timeliness rank is suspended due to the Chapter 11 filing.

This is our final report on PG&E stock. Due to the prospective bankruptcy filing, making estimates and projections beyond 2018 is virtually impossible. Paul E. Debbas, CFA January 25, 2019

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gains (losses): $^{\prime}$ 04, $^{\prime}$ 6.95; $^{\prime}$ 09, $^{\prime}$ 18¢; $^{\prime}$ 11, $^{\prime}$ 68¢); $^{\prime}$ 12, $^{\prime}$ 15¢); $^{\prime}$ 15, $^{\prime}$ 21¢); $^{\prime}$ 16, $^{\prime}$ 5¢); $^{\prime}$ 17, $^{\prime}$ 717, $^{\prime}$ 99¢); gain from discontinued operations: $^{\prime}$ 08, 41¢. $^{\prime}$ 16 EPS

don't sum due to change in shares outstanding. Next earnings report due mid-Feb. (B) Dividends suspended 12/17. (C) Incl. in- 9.6%. Regulatory Climate: Average. tangibles. In '17: \$7.37/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate

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