

tomers in Texas. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 30%;

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257 317 289 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 Revenues 1.0% 4.0% 5.0% 'Cash Flow' 7.5% 8.5% 6.0% 5.0% 5.0% Earnings 8.0% 3.5% 6.0% 4.0% Dividends Book Value

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2020 2021	333.6 364.7	357.6 426.5	472.5 554.6	359.3 434.1	1523.0 1779.9
2022 2023 2024	444.1 544.1 595	499.7 550 600	729.9 780 825	575.9 625.9 655	2249.6 2500 2675
Cal- endar	EA Mar.31		ER SHARI Sep.30		Full Year
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.18 .32 .50 .55 .55	.55 .55 .57 .55 .60	1.37 1.46	.15 .21 .15 .25	2.28 2.45 2.69 2.70 2.85
Cal- endar	QUARTI Mar.31		DENDS PA Sep.30		Full Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.29 .3075 .3275 .3475 .3675	.3275 .3475	.3275	.3275	1.16 1.23 1.31 1.39

PNM Resources' merger AVANGRID, Inc. is still in play. The companies remain committed to a deal and have extended their agreement through the end of this year. To recap, PNM shareholders are to receive \$50.30 per share in an all-cash deal. Approval was received from six of the seven necessary state and federal regulatory agencies. The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) voted against the merger in 2021, citing late concerns over AVANGRID's track record as a utility in the Northeast, a legal investigation of its parent company, Iberdrola of Spain, and potentially higher electric rates. Of these charges, we suspect it was the latter one that was the main stumbling block. The investigation of Iberdrola in its home country was dropped in mid-2022, and AVANGRID's pricing and reliability are no worse than its regional peers.

In March, the companies and the agency that was the main obstacle to the deal agreed to negotiate a conclusion, but the judiciary will be the final **arbiter.** A joint motion filed with the New Mexico Supreme Court to dismiss an

appeal the companies had made early last year and remand the case back to the NMPRC was denied by the bench in May. The revamped regulatory commission, with newly appointed members, had agreed to a "rehearing and reconsideration to be made in a timely fashion." Unfortunately, the justices are under no such time constraint, as there is no statutory deadline for the court to act. Historically, a decision is reached within 12 to 18 months of an initial appeal, so one would expect a conclusion isn't far off.

This issue's Timeliness rank suspended, as the buyout is the dominant factor. PNM stock was pricing in high odds of an acquisition earlier this year, but an upcoming court decision is more of a wild card versus the negotiating table route. At the recent price, there is 13% upside (including dividends) to the \$50.30 buyout level and probably 5%-10% downside. Existing shareholders should ride the process out, but we would not advise new investors to get involved unless they are prepared to hold a fairly average electric utility should the merger fail. Anthony J. Glennon July 21, 2023

(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain/(loss): '08, (\$3.77); '10, (\$1.36); '11, 88¢; '13, (16¢); '15, (\$1.28); '17, (92¢); '18, (93¢); '19, (\$1.19); '20,

disc. op. gains: '08, 42¢; '09, 78¢. Next egs. report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds paid mid-Feb., May, Aug., & Nov. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. \$14.94/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: net orig. cost. Rate allowed on com. eq. in NM in '18: 9.575%; in TX in '11: 10.125%; Regulatory (13¢); '21, (18¢); '22, (72¢). 1Q '23, 9¢. Excl. (C) Incl. def. charges/other intang. In '22: Climate: NM, Below Average.; TX, Average.

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

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