

lion). The company is in the process of decommissioning the Trojan nuclear plant, which it closed in 1993. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 52%; commercial, 33%; industrial, 14%; other, 1%

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275 261 254 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs 5 Yrs. to '26-'28 4.0% 5.5% 5.0% 6.0% 3.0% Revenues 1.0% 3.5% 'Cash Flow' 4.0% 4.0% 4.5% 5.0% Earnings 5.0% 3.0% 5.5% 4.0% Dividends Book Value

% Change Customers (vr-end)

3771

NA

+1.5

4255

NA

+1.1

NA

+.6

Cal-	QUAR		VENUES (\$ mill.)	Full
endar	Mar.31		Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	573	469	547	556	2145
2021	609	537	642	608	2396
2022	626	591	743	687	2647
2023	687	610	775	728	2800
2024	740	660	825	775	3000
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2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.91 1.07 .67 .80 . 85	.43 .36 .72 .65	.84 .56 .65 .60	.57 .73 .70 .65 .75	2.75 2.72 2.74 2.70 3.00
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endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.3625 .385 .4075 .43 .4525	.3625 .385 .4075 .43 .4525	.385 .385 .43 .4525 .475	.385 .4075 .43 .4525	1.50 1.56 1.68 1.77

Portland General Electric will likely post flat-to-down earnings this year, followed by a healthy gain in 2024. For full-year 2023, management reaf-firmed its \$2.60 to \$2.75 per share bottomline outlook. Weather extremes helped push 2022's electric usage up 3.4% in the company's territory, making for a difficult comparison this year. The level to which PGE is expanding its capital budget in regards to major investments in generating capacity and battery storage, however, is the more significant factor for this year's profits. Capital expenditures are expected to rise more than 70%, to \$1.33 billion. Financing costs will be a drag on the bottom line. Earnings ought to be on the mend in 2024, though. In February, PGE filed a general rate case with its Oregon regulatory body. The utility is seeking a 14% price hike, in part to recoup higher purchased power costs. Most of the reis to address reliability resiliency work, capital investments, and rising operating and financing costs. We expect a constructive outcome, with new rates to take effect in January of 2024.

Investments in "clean" energy should

drive growth. Oregon is targeting zero emissions from electric generation 2040. As such, PGE is looking to add at least 375 to 500 megawatts of nonemitting annual power generation in the intermediate term, with significant battery storage capacity as well. Thus far, the company has agreed to partner with NextEra Energy (NEE) to construct a 311-mw wind energy facility. PGE will own two-thirds of the venture, and will have a 30-year contract with NEE to purchase the remaining generation. Project completion is targeted for December. The green light from regulators to pursue these types of investments should result in mid- to high-single-digit growth in the rate base (the dollar value of assets a utility is allowed to earn an economic return on) for many years. This, plus rising demand from a healthy techbased local economy, should allow the company to achieve its long-term 5%-7% earnings and dividend growth targets.

This issue's annual total return potential looks appealing relative to the electric utility industry's median of 10.4% for this measure.

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(A) Diluted earnings. Excl. nonrecurring gains/(losses): '13, (42¢); '17, (19¢); '20, gains/(losses): '13, (42¢); '17, (19¢); '20, (\$1.03); '22, (14¢). Next earnings report due

(B) Dividends paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, and Oct. ■ Dividend reinvestment plan available. † (E) Rate base: Net original cost. Rate allowed Shareholder investment plan available. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '21: \$473 mill., Climate: Average.

on common equity in '22: 9.5%. Regulatory

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 45 **Earnings Predictability** 95

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