

tional (19.3%), Gas Utility (20.7%), Midstream & Marketing (27.4%), and Corp. & Other (8.3%). UGI Utilities distributes natural gas and electricity to over 655,000 customers mainly in Pennsylvania; 26%owned AmeriGas Partners is the largest U.S. propane marketer,

Vanguard Group owns 10.6% of stock; Blackrock, 10.3%; Officers/directors, 2.2% (12/19 proxy). Has 12,800 empls. President & CEO: John L. Walsh. Inc.: PA. Address: 460 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406. Tel.: 610-337-1000. Internet: www.ugicorp.com.

to '23-'25 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. -2.5% 5.5% 9.5% 7.0% .5% 6.5% 1.0% 3.0% Revenues "Cash Flow 6.0% 7.5% 5.5% 6.0% Dividends Book Value 8.0% 6.0% 5 5% Full Fisca Year Fiscal QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) A Year Ends Dec.31 Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 1680 2174 2017 1153 1114 6120 2812 2018 2125 1441 1273 7651 2019 2200 2606 1364 1150 7320. 2020 2007 2228 1199 1251 6685 2021 2210 2435 1405 1450 7500 Fiscal EARNINGS PER SHARE A B Full Year Ends Dec.31 Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 2017 .91 1.31 .09 d.02 2.29 2018 1.01 1.69 .09 2.74 d.05 2019 .81 1.43 .13 d.09 2.28 2020 1.17 1.56 .08 d.26 2.55 2021 1.28 1.67 .20 d.15 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C = Cal-Full endar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 2016 .23 .238 .238 .238 2017 .238 .238 .25 .25

381.7 448.9

848.4

450%

1679.0

UGI Corp. posted lower-than-expected June-quarter results. To that point, sales declined 12.1%, to \$1.199 billion due to the COVID-19 pandemic driving reduced demand from UGI's commercial driving customers. This is evident in year-overyear drops in retail volumes and revenues at the AmeriGas Propane, UGI International, and Midstream & Marketing business segments. On the plus side, the UGI Utility division got a boost in revenues thanks to colder-than-normal weather patterns in its service territory, along with customer account growth. Elsewhere, on the margin front, management has been quite disciplined with regard to its expense management, which helped to reduce total costs by 13.8%, as a percentage of the top line. All told, after accounting for a sharp rise in shares outstanding, UGI's fiscal third-quarter earnings fell 38.5%, to \$0.08 a share. This was markedly below our call for \$0.22

Consequently, we have sliced \$0.35 off our fiscal 2020 (ends September 30th) bottom-line estimate, to \$2.55 a share. This figure would still represent a nearly 12% rise in earnings. However, the

anticipated uptick in share net is more reflective of significant cost cuts and 2019's easy comparison, rather than strength in UGI's underlying business this year. In fact, weakness stemming from the coronovirus pandemic and volatility in the commodity markets are anticipated to result in a roughly 8.5% decline in revenues this year, to \$6.685 billion. We have also sliced \$500 million and \$0.25 a share off of our 2021 top- and bottom-line estimates, bringing those figures to \$7.5 billion and \$3.00 a share, respectively.

A pending rate case and acquisitions augur well for prospects. UGI Utilities recently filed a joint petition with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for approval of its rate case filed back in January. This case would permit a \$20 million annual distribution rate increase and a future rate recovery of COVID-19 expenses. Too, UGI Energy Services acquired GHI Energy, a Houston-based renewable natural gas company.

These shares have wide rebound potential, a decent yield, and a Safety rank of 2 (Above Average). Bryan J. Fong August 28, 2020

(A) Fiscal year ends Sept. 30. Quarterly sales and earnings may not sum to total due to rounding and/or change in share count. (B) Dil-Excludes nonrécur.

.25

.26

.325

.26

.30

.33

.26

.325

1.02

1.15

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

Fix. Chg. Cov

ANNUAL RATES

Other

2018

2019

2020

.25

.26

.325

561.8

525.3

1732.1

445%

Past

438.8

820.4

2026.9

445%

Past Est'd '17-'19

historically paid in early Jan., April, July, and

gains/(losses): '04, d6¢; '05, 3¢; '06, 5¢; '07, Oct. ■ Div. reinvest. plan available. (D) Incl. in-12¢; '15, (41¢); '16, 3¢; '17, 17¢; '18, \$1.32. In Next egs. report due late Oct. (C) Dividends mill., adjusted for stock split.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 85 Price Growth Persistence 75 **Earnings Predictability** 80

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