

**VALUE LINE SHEETS  
ELECTRIC UTILITY WEST REGION  
(FOR D'ASCENDIS PROXY GROUP)  
ISSUED JULY 20, 2020**

	April 2020	July 2020
AVA	0.60	0.95
HE	0.55	0.80
NWE	0.55	0.90
PNW	0.45	0.85
PNM	0.50	0.90
POR	0.55	0.85
XEL	0.45	0.75

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All of the major electric utilities located in the western region of the United States are reviewed in this Issue; eastern electrics, in Issue 1; and the remaining utilities, in Issue 5.

Companies in the Electric Utility Industry are dealing with the coronavirus-driven recession. Some have been able to offset the effects of the resulting slump in kilowatt-hour sales, others haven't been as successful.

Despite the recession, liquidity has not been a problem for the companies in the Electric Utility Industry.

The prices of most stocks in this group have declined more than 10% in 2020. In recent weeks, they have exhibited more price stability than they did when the market plummeted in late February.

### Dealing With The Coronavirus Problem

The last time Issue 11 went to press, in mid-April, none of the companies covered in the Electric Utility Industry (including those reviewed in Issues 1 or 5) had reported first-quarter results. Now that every company has reported earnings, and has had time to assess the effects of the economic recession and the slump in commercial and industrial kilowatt-hour sales, most companies have seen a modest falloff in their profit expectations for 2020. Utilities have suspended disconnections for nonpayment and waived late fees. They have also incurred direct costs associated with the coronavirus, such as personal protective equipment. Many states have allowed companies to defer these expenses for future recovery in a general rate case. Every utility has reduced expenses in order to compensate for the lost margin, but it appears as if this will not be enough to avoid an earnings decline, in some cases.

Some companies have reduced their 2020 earnings guidance in response to the recession. These include *Avista*, *Black Hills*, *NorthWestern*, and *Portland General Electric*. *Hawaiian Electric Industries* has withdrawn its target because it is impossible for management to predict how much greater the provision for loan losses at its American Savings Bank subsidiary will be. By contrast, *IDACORP*, *PNM Resources*, *Pinnacle West*, and *Xcel Energy* reiterated their earnings guidance. The companies with California utilities, *Edison International* and *Sempra Energy*, don't face earnings problems if kilowatt-hour sales plummet thanks to a regulatory mechanism in the Golden State that decouples revenues and volume.

### Liquidity Is More Than Adequate

During the last recession, more than 10 years ago, liquidity became a concern for electric companies due to structural problems in the financial system. In the autumn of 2008, some A-rated utilities issued long-term debt at rates of more than 8%, even before they needed the money. They were afraid that if they waited, the situation would become even worse. So, when the lockdowns began in March of 2020 and it became obvious that the economy would be entering a recession (if it wasn't already in one), utilities tapped their credit lines to ensure they would have adequate liquidity. This

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recession has been different from the previous one, and it has turned out that liquidity has not been a problem. The slump in stock prices has made equity offerings less appealing, but electric utilities (and their parent companies) have been able to issue debt at attractive rates. For example, in the second quarter, *Pinnacle West* issued \$500 million of five-year notes at a rate of 1.30% and its Arizona Public Service utility subsidiary sold \$600 million of 30-year debt at a rate of 3.35%. In the same period, *Black Hills* issued \$400 million of 10-year notes at a rate of 2.50%. *Black Hills* also had the good timing of selling stock in February, when market conditions were much more favorable. Similarly, *PNM Resources* issued stock in January through a forward sale.

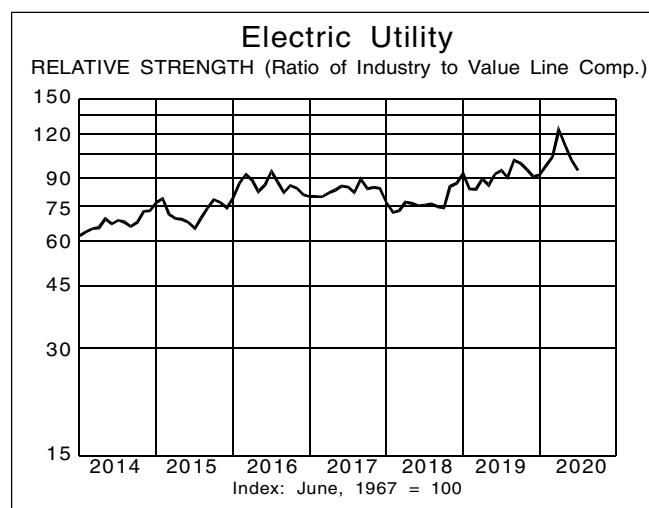
### Conclusion

Due to investor concern about the effects of the recession on electric utilities, most stocks in the Electric Utility Industry have lost more than 10% of their value in 2020—despite a decline in interest rates. Some prices have fallen more than 20%. During the first several weeks after the market decline began, electric company stocks exhibited much more volatility than usual. Lately, their volatility has declined to a level befitting their high Price Stability indexes.

Two exceptions are the equities of *El Paso Electric Company* and *Xcel Energy*, which are about where they were in price at the beginning of 2020. The former company is being acquired, and the latter has appeal as a pure-play utility that has maintained its earnings guidance for the current year.

When electric utility stocks reached their peak in February, the group's average dividend yield briefly fell below 3%. Since the market's decline, the industry's average yield has risen to 3.7%. This is still quite low, by historical standards. Most of the electric stocks reviewed this week offer attractive 18-month total return potential, but projected returns aren't so appealing for the period to 2023-2025. Even after the market's downturn, some of the equities in the Electric Utility Industry are trading within their 3- to 5-year Target Price Range.

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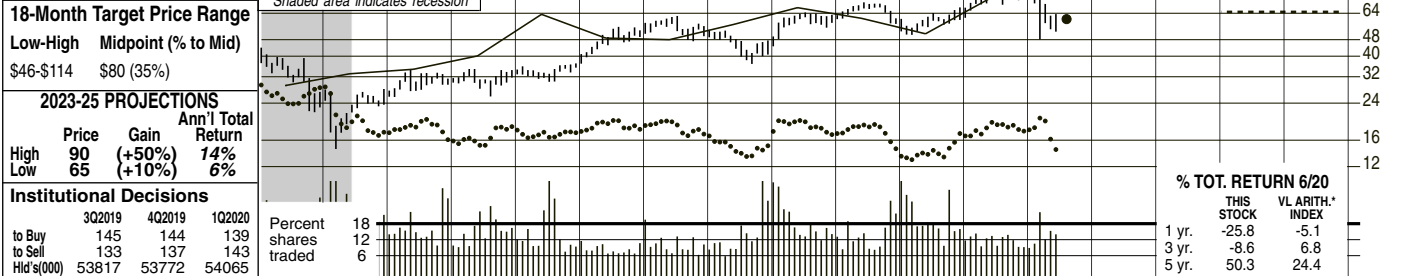


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YLD **4.6%** **VALUE  
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<p> <b>(A)</b> Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain (loss): '14, 10c; '17, (16c); gains on disc. ops.: '14, \$1.17; '15, 8c. '19 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early Aug. <b>(B)</b> Div'ds paid in mid-Mar., June, Sept. &amp; Dec. <b>(C)</b> Div'd reinvestment plan available. <b>(D)</b> Incl. deferred chgs. In '19: \$10.77/sh. <b>(E)</b> In mill. <b>(F)</b> Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate all'd on com. eq. in WA in '20: 9.4%; in ID in '17: 9.5%; in OR in '17: 9.4%; earned on avg. com. eq., '19: 10.6%. Regulatory Climate: WA, Below Average; ID, Above Average. <b>(F)</b> Winter peak in '17. </p>	<p> <b>Company's Financial Strength</b> B++  <b>Stock's Price Stability</b> 70  <b>Price Growth Persistence</b> 70  <b>Earnings Predictability</b> 65 </p>
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<b>TIMELINESS</b> 3 Lowered 9/20/19	High: 28.0 34.5 34.8 37.0 55.1 62.1 53.4 64.6 72.0 68.2 82.0 87.1	Low: 14.5 25.7 25.8 30.3 36.9 47.1 36.8 44.7 57.0 50.5 60.8 48.1	<b>Target Price Range</b> 2023 2024 2025
<b>SAFETY</b> 2 Raised 5/1/15	<b>LEGENDS</b> 0.77 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate ..... Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession		
<b>TECHNICAL</b> 4 Lowered 7/24/20			
<b>BETA</b> 1.00 (1.00 = Market)			



2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	23-25
34.54	41.97	19.69	18.41	26.03	32.58	33.29	28.96	26.55	28.67	31.20	25.48	29.47	31.38	29.24	28.22	25.50	26.55	Revenues per sh	29.00
4.46	4.81	5.04	5.29	2.95	5.41	4.88	4.01	5.59	5.93	6.25	5.67	6.28	7.15	6.61	7.02	7.15	7.50	"Cash Flow" per sh	8.75
1.74	2.11	2.21	2.68	.18	2.32	1.66	1.01	1.97	2.61	2.89	2.83	2.63	3.38	3.47	3.53	3.55	3.70	Earnings per sh <sup>A</sup>	4.25
1.24	1.28	1.32	1.37	1.40	1.42	1.44	1.46	1.48	1.52	1.56	1.62	1.68	1.81	1.93	2.05	2.17	2.31	Div'd Dec'd per sh <sup>B ■</sup>	2.75
2.80	4.18	9.24	6.92	8.51	8.90	12.04	10.03	7.90	7.97	8.92	8.90	8.89	6.09	7.62	13.31	10.65	8.65	Cap'l Spending per sh	7.25
22.43	22.29	23.68	25.66	27.19	27.84	28.02	27.53	27.88	29.39	30.80	28.63	30.25	31.92	36.36	38.42	40.60	42.35	Book Value per sh <sup>C</sup>	46.75
32.48	33.16	33.37	37.80	38.64	38.97	39.27	43.92	44.21	44.50	44.67	51.19	53.38	53.54	60.00	61.48	62.75	64.00	Common Shs Outst'g <sup>D</sup>	64.00
17.1	17.3	15.8	15.0	NMF	9.9	18.1	31.1	17.1	18.2	19.0	16.1	22.3	19.5	16.8	21.2	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	18.5
.90	.92	.85	.80	NMF	.66	1.15	1.95	1.09	1.02	1.00	.81	1.17	.98	.91	1.13			Relative P/E Ratio	1.05
4.2%	3.5%	3.8%	3.4%	4.2%	6.2%	4.8%	4.6%	4.4%	3.2%	2.8%	3.5%	2.9%	2.7%	3.3%	2.7%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	3.5%

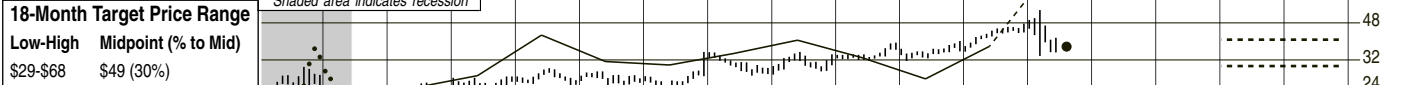


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TIMELINESS — Suspended 6/14/19 SAFETY 2 Raised 5/11/07 TECHNICAL — Suspended 6/14/19 BETA .50 (1.00 = Market) 18-Month Target Price Range Low-High Midpoint (% to Mid) \$59-\$90 \$75 (10%) 2023-25 PROJECTIONS High Price Gain Ann'l Total Low 65 (-5%) Return 2% 45 (-35%) -6%										High: 21.1 28.7 35.7 35.3 39.1 42.2 41.3 48.8 61.2 64.4 74.4 70.0 Low: 11.6 18.7 26.7 29.2 31.8 33.4 33.8 37.2 44.7 48.1 48.0 61.7 LEGENDS 0.90 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate ..... Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession										Target Price Range 2023 2024 2025		
Institutional Decisions to Buy 302019 99 106 102 to Sell 100 80 103 Hld's(000) 37508 38840 37591 Percent shares traded 21 14 7										© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC										THIS STOCK VL ARITH. INDEX 1 yr. 4.9 -5.1 3 yr. 39.4 6.8 5 yr. 120.0 24.4		
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/20 Total Debt \$1626.9 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$435.8 mill. LT Debt \$1341.1 mill. LT Interest \$75.9 mill. (LT interest earned: 2.7x)										877.3 918.0 852.9 890.4 917.5 849.9 886.9 916.8 903.6 862.0 775 825										Revenues (\$mill) 900		
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Pension Assets-12/19 \$327.2 mill. Oblig \$398.1 mill.										51.2% 51.8% 54.8% 51.4% 53.5% 52.7% 52.7% 51.2% 52.5% 52.4% 50.0% 52.0%										Long-Term Debt Ratio 52.5%		
Pfd Stock None										48.8% 48.2% 45.2% 48.6% 46.5% 47.3% 47.3% 48.8% 47.5% 47.6% 50.0% 48.0%										Common Equity Ratio 47.5%		
Common Stock 40,787,627 shs. as of 4/30/20										1660.1 1576.7 1824.5 1943.5 2118.4 2150.8 2269.9 2338.2 2450.1 2557.5 2675 2860										Total Capital (\$mill) 3125		
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MARKET CAP: \$2.7 billion (Mid Cap)										11.1% 10.0% 6.3% 4.9% 4.8% 3.4% 4.4% 3.9% 2.3% 5.0% 1.0% 3.0%										Retained to Com Eq 2.5%		
ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS										-- 26% 43% 47% 49% 57% 51% 54% 68% 50% 81% 66%										All Div'ds to Net Prof 72%		
2017 2018 2019 % Change Retail Sales (KWH) +4 +2.4 -4 Avg. Indust. Use (MWH) 21553 21892 21420 Avg. Indust. Revs. per KWH (c) NA NA NA Capacity at Peak (Mw) 2082 2085 2085 Peak Load, Summer (Mw) 1935 1929 1985 Annual Load Factor (%) NA NA NA % Change Customers (yr-end) +1.7 +1.7 +1.8										BUSINESS: El Paso Electric Company (EPE) provides electric service to 435,000 customers in an area of approximately 10,000 square miles in the Rio Grande valley in western Texas (68% of revenues) and southern New Mexico (19% of revenues), including El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico. Wholesale is 13% of revenues. Electric revenue breakdown by customer class not available. Generating sources: gas, 45%; nuclear, 44%; purchased, 11%. Fuel costs: 20% of revenues. '19 reported depreciation rate: 2.3%. Has about 1,100 employees. Chairman: Charles A. Yamarone. Interim CEO: Adrian J. Rodriguez. Incorporated: Texas. Address: Stanton Tower, 100 North Stanton, El Paso, TX 79901. Tel.: 915-543-5711. Internet: www.epelectric.com.												
Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 263 185 185										Completion of the takeover of El Paso Electric Company has taken longer than the companies expected. The Infrastructure Investments Fund, advised by J.P. Morgan, agreed to pay \$68.25 in cash for each share of EPE. All approvals have been received except that of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which has given its conditional approval. The companies believe they can satisfy FERC's conditions, and filed proposed mitigation options on April 15th. At this point, we have no reason to think the delay is a cause for concern, especially considering disruptions to normal activity caused by the coronavirus. EPE and the buyer originally expected the transaction to be completed by mid-2020, but have extended the merger agreement to September 1, 2020 due to the delay. We believe the companies will extend this again if the delay in the approval process persists. We still advise stockholders to sell their shares on the open market. The recent quotation is just modestly below the takeover price. Thus, there is little upside potential for EPE holders who retain their shares and await completion of the acquisition.												
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '17-'19 to '23-'25 Revenues .5% -- -1.0% "Cash Flow" 4.5% 2.0% 3.0% Earnings 4.5% 2.0% 1.5% Dividends -- 6.5% 6.5% Book Value 6.5% 5.0% 3.0%										situation. On the other hand, the stock might well get hit hard if the combination fails to win FERC's approval. This equity's Timeliness rank remains suspended due to the pending takeover. We cut our 2020 earnings estimate by \$0.25 a share, to \$2.00. The first-quarter deficit was worse than usual due to the poor stock-market performance in the period, which caused a large unrealized loss on EPE's nuclear decommissioning trust for Unit 3 of the Palo Verde nuclear station. The better stock market performance helped the second-period tally, but the utility undoubtedly felt the effects of the economic recession. EPE is also incurring modest expenses associated with the pending takeover. These amounted to \$0.03 a share in the first quarter. (Management is no longer providing guidance due to the takeover.) We did not change our 2021 profit estimate of \$2.60 a share, which won't be relevant anyway if the deal is completed. The board of directors raised the dividend in the second quarter. The hike was \$0.025 a share (6.5%) quarterly. Paul E. Debbas, CFA July 24, 2020												
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<b>TIMELINESS</b> 3 Lowered 9/20/19	High: 22.7 25.0 26.8 29.2 28.3 35.0 34.9 35.0 38.7 39.3 47.6 55.2	Low: 12.1 18.6 20.6 23.7 23.8 22.7 27.0 27.3 31.7 31.7 35.1 33.5	<b>Target Price Range</b> 2023 2024 2025
<b>SAFETY</b> 2 Raised 11/2/12	<b>LEGENDS</b> 0.61 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate ..... Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession		
<b>TECHNICAL</b> 3 Lowered 6/19/20			
<b>BETA</b> .80 (1.00 = Market)			



<b>2023-25 PROJECTIONS</b>				<b>% TOT. RETURN 6/20</b>	
Price	Gain	Ann'l Total	Return	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH. INDEX
High 40	(+10%)	120	6%	1 yr. -15.3	-5.1
Low 30	(-20%)	143	-1%	3 yr. 22.1	6.8
		121		5 yr. 44.2	24.4
<b>Institutional Decisions</b>					
to Buy	302019	402019	102020		
to Sell	120	143	121		
Hld's(000)	60314	59966	59896		
<b>Percent shares traded</b>					

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	23-25
23.85	27.36	30.21	30.40	35.56	24.96	28.14	33.76	34.46	31.98	31.59	24.22	21.92	23.49	26.28	26.38	<b>26.35</b>	<b>27.05</b>	Revenues per sh	29.00
3.09	3.22	3.19	3.01	2.72	2.59	2.88	3.18	3.28	3.22	3.41	3.31	4.17	3.68	4.20	4.55	<b>4.30</b>	<b>4.55</b>	"Cash Flow" per sh	5.00
1.36	1.46	1.33	1.11	1.07	.91	1.21	1.44	1.67	1.62	1.64	1.50	2.29	1.64	1.85	1.99	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.80</b>	Earnings per sh <sup>A</sup>	2.00
1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.28	<b>1.32</b>	<b>1.32</b>	Div'd Decl'd per sh <sup>B</sup>	1.40
2.66	2.76	2.58	2.62	3.12	3.29	1.92	2.45	3.32	3.49	3.31	3.39	3.04	4.55	4.94	4.20	<b>4.10</b>	<b>4.30</b>	Cap'l Spending per sh	4.50
15.01	15.02	13.44	15.29	15.35	15.58	15.67	15.95	16.28	17.06	17.47	17.94	19.03	19.28	19.86	20.93	<b>21.45</b>	<b>22.10</b>	Book Value per sh <sup>C</sup>	24.50
80.69	80.98	81.46	83.43	90.52	92.52	94.69	96.04	97.93	101.26	102.57	107.46	108.58	108.79	108.88	108.97	<b>110.00</b>	<b>111.00</b>	Common Shs Outst'g <sup>D</sup>	114.00
19.2	18.3	20.3	21.6	23.2	19.8	18.6	17.1	15.8	16.2	15.9	20.4	13.6	20.7	18.9	21.3	<b>21.00</b>	<b>21.00</b>	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	18.5
1.01	.97	1.10	1.15	1.40	1.32	1.18	1.07	1.01	.91	.84	1.03	.71	1.04	1.02	1.15	<b>1.02</b>	<b>1.02</b>	Relative P/E Ratio	1.05
4.8%	4.6%	4.6%	5.2%	5.0%	6.9%	5.5%	5.0%	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%	4.1%	4.0%	3.7%	3.5%	3.0%	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	3.8%

<b>CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/20</b>										2665.0	3242.3	3375.0	3238.5	3239.5	2603.0	2380.7	2555.6	2860.8	2874.6	<b>2900</b>	<b>3000</b>	Revenues (\$mill)	3300
Total Debt \$2168.0 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$627.9 mill.										115.4	140.1	164.9	163.4	170.2	161.8	250.1	180.6	203.7	219.8	<b>185</b>	<b>205</b>	Net Profit (\$mill)	235
LT Debt \$2054.1 mill. LT Interest \$95.5 mill.										37.0%	35.1%	35.9%	34.0%	35.0%	36.5%	33.1%	34.7%	20.0%	19.0%	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	Income Tax Rate	19.0%
Incl. \$50 mill. 6.5% oblig. pfd. sec. of trust subsid. (LT interest earned: 3.7%)										7.4%	6.0%	6.9%	4.8%	5.5%	5.8%	4.6%	9.6%	7.7%	7.5%	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	AFUDC % to Net Profit	8.0%
<b>Leases, Uncapitalized</b> Annual rentals \$12.0 mill.										44.5%	44.9%	45.7%	44.0%	45.2%	43.5%	41.6%	43.4%	47.5%	44.6%	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	Long-Term Debt Ratio	48.0%
<b>Pension Assets-12/19</b> \$1779.2 mill.										54.3%	53.9%	53.1%	55.0%	53.8%	55.5%	57.5%	55.7%	51.7%	54.6%	<b>52.0%</b>	<b>53.0%</b>	Common Equity Ratio	51.5%
<b>Oblig</b> \$2278.3 mill.										2732.9	2841.3	3001.0	3142.9	3332.3	3473.5	3595.1	3765.5	4182.3	4176.9	<b>4555</b>	<b>4650</b>	Total Capital (\$mill)	5425
<b>Pfd Stock</b> \$34.3 mill. <b>Pfd Div'd</b> \$2.0 mill.										3165.9	3334.5	3594.8	3858.9	4148.8	4377.7	4603.5	5025.9	4830.1	5109.6	<b>5270</b>	<b>5440</b>	Net Plant (\$mill)	5950
1,114,657 shs. 4 1/4% to 5 1/4%, \$20 par. call. \$20 to \$21; 120,000 shs. 7 3/4%, \$100 par. call. \$100.										5.6%	6.2%	6.7%	6.4%	6.2%	5.7%	7.9%	5.8%	5.9%	6.3%	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	Return on Total Cap'l	5.5%
Sinking fund ends 2018.										7.6%	8.9%	10.1%	9.3%	9.3%	8.2%	11.9%	8.5%	9.3%	9.5%	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	Return on Shr. Equity	8.5%
<b>Common Stock</b> 109,145,492 shs. as of 4/24/20										7.7%	9.0%	10.2%	9.4%	9.4%	8.3%	12.0%	8.5%	9.3%	9.6%	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	Return on Com Equity <sup>E</sup>	8.5%
<b>MARKET CAP: \$4.0 billion (Mid Cap)</b>										1.4%	2.1%	4.2%	3.7%	2.3%	1.5%	6.3%	2.1%	3.1%	3.4%	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	Retained to Com Eq	2.5%
<b>ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS</b>										82%	78%	59%	61%	75%	83%	48%	76%	67%	64%	<b>79%</b>	<b>73%</b>	All Div'ds to Net Prof <sup>F</sup>	68%

<b>% Change Retail Sales (KWH)</b>				<b>% Change Customers (yr-end)</b>			
2017	1.8	2018	2019	2017	+4	2018	+5
Avg. Indust. Use (MWH)	5193	5067	5225				
Avg. Indust. Revs. per KWH (c)	22.56	25.76	25.52				
Capacity at Yearend (Mw)	2224	2256	2254				
Peak Load, Winter (Mw)	1584	1591	1601				
Annual Load Factor (%)	65.8	65.0	65.2				
Fixed Charge Cov. (%)	409	361	368				

<b>ANNUAL RATES</b>				<b>of change (per sh)</b>			
Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '17-'19	Est'd '20-'25	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '17-'19	Est'd '20-'25
Revenues	-2.0%	-5.0%	2.0%	Revenues	-2.0%	-5.0%	2.0%
"Cash Flow"	4.0%	4.5%	3.0%	"Cash Flow"	4.0%	4.5%	3.0%
Earnings	6.0%	2.0%	1.5%	Earnings	6.0%	2.0%	1.5%
Dividends	-	-	2.0%	Dividends	-	-	2.0%
Book Value	2.5%	3.5%	3.5%	Book Value	2.5%	3.5%	3.5%

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2017	591.5	632.3	673.2	658.6	2555.6
2018	645.9	685.3	768.0	761.6	2860.8
2019	661.6	715.5	771.5	726.0	2874.6
2020	677.2	697.8	775	750	2900
2021	675	750	800	775	3000

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE <sup>A</sup>				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2017	.31	.36	.55	.42	1.64
2018	.37	.42	.60	.45	1.85
2019	.42	.39	.58	.61	1.99
2020	.31	.34	.55	.45	1.65
2021	.39	.40	.56	.45	1.80

March quarter.) Moreover, the steep decline in interest rates has caused the bank's net interest margin to shrink. ASB is also being hurt by lower noninterest income and higher noninterest expenses. As for the utility operations, HEI now thinks earnings will likely come in at the bottom

**We have lowered our 2021 earnings estimate by \$0.25 a share.** We figure ASB's income will make only a partial recovery. Note that we are no longer estimating a dividend hike next year. **The stock price has declined 21% this year.** This is understandable, in view of

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID <sup>B</sup>				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2016	.31	.31	.31	.31	1.24
2017	.31	.31	.31	.31	1.24
2018	.31	.31	.31	.31	1.24
2019	.32	.32	.32	.32	1.28
2020	.33	.33			

half of its targeted range of \$1.46-\$1.54 a share. This is based on the assumption that the Hawaii commission will allow the utilities to defer for future recovery its coronavirus-related costs, which are estimated at \$22 million in 2020.

**It now appears as if Hawaiian Electric**

HEI's diminished earnings prospects. Even following this falloff, however, the dividend yield is only about average for a utility. Total return potential is attractive for the next 18 months, but not for the 3- to 5-year period.

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*July 24, 2020*

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. gain (loss) from disc. ops.: '04, '2c; '05, (1c); nonrec. gain (losses): '05, '11c; '07, (9c); '12, (25c); '17, (12c); '18 & '19 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next egs. report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds pd. early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. (C) Div'd reinv. avail. (D) Incl. intang. In '19: \$7.03/sh. (E) In mill., adj. for split. (F) Rate base: Orig. cost. Rate al- lowed on com. eq. in '18: HECO, 9.5%; in '18: HELCO, 9.5%; in '18: MECO, 9.5%; earned on avg. com. eq., '19: 9.8%. Reg. Climate: Below Avg. (F) Excl. div's paid through reinv. plan.

**We reduced our 2020 earnings estimate for Hawaiian Electric Industries by \$0.30 a share.** This is primarily due to the diminished prospects of HEI's American Savings Bank subsidiary rather than those of the company's three utilities. When management put forth earnings guidance of \$1.90-\$2.10 a share in mid-February, it expected ASB to record a provision for loan losses of \$17 million-\$22 million. Due to the recession, this provision will be much higher. (It is too early to determine how much higher, but ASB recorded a provision of \$10.4 million in the March quarter.) Moreover, the steep decline in interest rates has caused the bank's net interest margin to shrink. ASB is also being hurt by lower noninterest income and higher noninterest expenses. As for the utility operations, HEI now thinks earnings will likely come in at the bottom half of its targeted range of \$1.46-\$1.54 a share. This is based on the assumption that the Hawaii commission will allow the utilities to defer for future recovery its coronavirus-related costs, which are estimated at \$22 million in 2020.

**Company (HECO) will not receive a base rate increase.** In view of the economic stress caused by the recession, the utility agreed to a settlement calling for no increase. The settlement awaits a ruling from the regulators. The company should be able to offset some of the lack of rate relief through expense reductions. HECO will also retain some cost cuts that were to be passed through to ratepayers. Separately, Maui Electric is no longer required to file a rate case this year, and will probably not put forth an application in the current economic environment.

**We have lowered our 2021 earnings estimate by \$0.25 a share.** We figure ASB's income will make only a partial recovery. Note that we are no longer estimating a dividend hike next year.

**The stock price has declined 21% this year.** This is understandable, in view of HEI's diminished earnings prospects. Even following this falloff, however, the dividend yield is only about average for a utility. Total return potential is attractive for the next 18 months, but not for the 3- to 5-year period.

Company's Financial Strength	A
Stock's Price Stability	85
Price Growth Persistence	35
Earnings Predictability	60

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to Puget Sound Energy for a 12.5% stake (92.5 mw) in Unit 4 of the Colstrip coal-fired plant. NorthWestern would sell 45 mw back to Puget Sound Energy and use the remainder to serve its customers. (This deal was originally twice the size, but was halved after another company exercised its purchase option.) The transaction requires the approval of the Montana commission. NorthWestern issued a request for proposals for up to 280 mw of peaking and intermediate capacity for commercial operation in early 2023. The successful project(s) are expected to be selected by early 2021.

**The company added some debt in April, and plans to add some equity as well.** In the second quarter, NorthWestern issued a \$100 million term loan and \$150 million of long-term debt. The company plans to issue common equity, possibly in late 2020 but more likely in 2021.

**The stock's yield is above the utility average.** The price has fallen 26% in 2020, affected by the cut in earnings guidance. Total return potential is strong for the 18-month span, but not as impressive for the 3- to 5-year period.

*Paul E. Debbas, CFA* *July 24, 2020*

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	90
Price Growth Persistence	75
Earnings Predictability	85

PINNACLE WEST				NYSE-PNW		Docket Nos. E-2 Sub 1219 and E-7 Sub 1014										RECENT PRICE		P/E RATIO		RELATIVE P/E RATIO		DIV'D YLD		VALUE LINE	
TIMELINESS 3 Lowered 8/30/19				SAFETY 1 Raised 5/3/13		TECHNICAL 4 Lowered 6/19/20				BETA .85 (1.00 = Market)				18-Month Target Price Range				Low-High Midpoint (% to Mid)				\$60-\$134 \$97 (25%)			
2023-25 PROJECTIONS				Ann'l Total Return		High Low 115 95				Gain (+45%) (+20%)				13% 9%											
Institutional Decisions				Percent shares traded		30 20 10																			
to Buy 245 221 207				to Sell 225 251 277		Hld's(000) 98235 98387 95773																			
2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021				© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC 23-25																					
31.59 30.16 34.03 35.07 33.37 32.50 30.01 29.67 30.09 31.35 31.58 31.50 31.42 31.90 32.93 30.87 27.05 28.75				Revenues per sh 31.25																					
6.93 5.76 9.70 9.29 8.13 8.08 6.85 7.52 7.92 8.15 8.09 9.09 9.39 9.79 11.41 11.13 11.30 12.00				"Cash Flow" per sh 14.00																					
2.58 2.24 3.17 2.96 2.12 2.26 3.08 2.99 3.50 3.66 3.58 3.92 3.95 4.43 4.54 4.77 4.75 5.05				Earnings per sh A 5.75																					
1.83 1.93 2.03 2.10 2.10 2.10 2.10 2.10 2.67 2.23 2.33 2.44 2.56 2.70 2.87 3.04 3.22 3.41				Div'd Decl'd per sh B 4.00																					
5.86 6.39 7.59 9.37 9.46 7.64 7.03 8.26 8.24 9.36 8.38 9.84 11.64 12.80 10.73 10.76 12.10 15.20				Cap'l Spending per sh 11.75																					
32.14 34.57 34.48 35.15 34.16 32.69 33.86 34.98 36.20 38.07 39.50 41.30 43.15 44.80 46.59 48.30 49.75 51.25				Book Value per sh C 57.25																					
91.79 99.08 99.96 100.49 100.89 101.43 108.77 109.25 109.74 110.18 110.57 110.98 111.34 111.75 112.10 112.44 112.70 113.00				Common Shs Outst'g D 118.00																					
15.8 19.2 13.7 14.9 16.1 13.7 12.6 14.6 14.3 15.3 15.9 16.0 18.7 19.3 17.8 19.4				Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio 18.5																					
.83 1.02 .74 .79 .97 .91 .80 .92 .91 .86 .84 .81 .98 .97 .96 1.05				Relative P/E Ratio 1.05																					
4.5% 4.5% 4.7% 4.8% 6.2% 6.8% 5.4% 4.8% 5.3% 4.0% 4.1% 3.9% 3.5% 3.2% 3.5% 3.3%				Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield 3.8%																					
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/20				2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021				© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC 23-25																	
Total Debt \$6046.3 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$1578.1mill.				3263.6 3241.4 3301.8 3454.6 3491.6 3495.4 3498.7 3565.3 3691.2 3471.2 3050 3250				Revenues (\$mill) 3700																	
LT Debt \$4833.3 mill. LT Interest \$198.7 mill.				330.4 328.2 387.4 406.1 397.6 437.3 442.0 497.8 511.0 538.3 540 570				Net Profit (\$mill) 680																	
Incl. \$13.4 mill. Palo Verde sale leaseback lessor notes.				31.9% 34.0% 36.2% 34.4% 34.2% 34.3% 33.9% 32.5% 20.2% 20.2% 14.0% 14.0%				Income Tax Rate 14.0%																	
(LT interest earned: 3.2x)				11.7% 12.8% 9.7% 10.0% 11.6% 11.8% 14.1% 13.9% 15.2% 9.3% 7.0% 12.0%				AFUDC % to Net Profit 7.0%																	
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$14.7 mill.				45.3% 44.1% 44.6% 40.0% 41.0% 43.0% 45.6% 48.9% 47.0% 47.1% 53.0% 53.0%				Long-Term Debt Ratio 53.5%																	
Pension Assets-12/19 \$3318.4 mill.				54.7% 55.9% 55.4% 60.0% 59.0% 57.0% 54.4% 51.1% 53.0% 52.9% 47.0% 47.0%				Common Equity Ratio 46.5%																	
Oblig \$3613.1 mill.				6729.1 6840.9 7171.9 6990.9 7398.7 8046.3 8825.4 9796.4 9861.1 10263 11900 12375				Total Capital (\$mill) 14525																	
Pfd Stock None				9578.8 9962.3 10396 10889 11194 11809 12714 13445 14030 14523 15150 16100				Net Plant (\$mill) 17900																	
Common Stock 112,493,458 shs. as of 5/1/20				6.5% 6.4% 6.8% 7.1% 6.4% 6.4% 6.0% 6.1% 6.2% 6.3% 5.5% 5.5%				Return on Total Cap'l 5.5%																	
MARKET CAP: \$8.9 billion (Large Cap)				9.0% 8.6% 9.8% 9.7% 9.1% 9.5% 9.2% 9.9% 9.8% 9.9% 9.5% 10.0%				Return on Shr. Equity 10.0%																	
ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS				3.1% 2.8% 4.1% 4.1% 3.5% 3.9% 3.5% 4.2% 3.9% 3.8% 3.0% 3.0%				Return on Com Equity E 10.0%																	
2017 2018 2019				66% 68% 58% 58% 62% 59% 62% 58%				All Div'ds to Net Prof 70%																	
% Change Retail Sales (KWH)				- - -3																					
Avg. Indust. Use (MWH)				620 662 714																					
Avg. Indust. Revs. per KWH (c)				8.34 8.40 7.88																					
Capacity at Peak (MW)				8438 8643 8241																					
Peak Load, Summer (MW)				7363 7320 7115																					
Annual Load Factor (%)				46.3 47.0 47.1																					
% Change Customers (yr-end)				+1.8 +2.0 +2.0																					
Fixed Charge Cov. (%)				425 318 286																					
ANNUAL RATES				Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '17-'19																					
of change (per sh)				-5.5% 5.5% -5.5%																					
Revenues				2.5% 6.0% 4.5%																					
"Cash Flow"				6.5% 5.0% 4.0%																					
Earnings				3.0% 3.5% 5.5%																					
Dividends				3.0% 4.0% 3.5%																					
Book Value																									
Cal-endar				QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full Year																	
Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31																									
2017 677.7 944.6 1183.3 759.7 3565.3																									
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2021 725 775 1100 625 3250																									
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Cal-endar				QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				Full Year																	
Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31																									
2016 .625 .625 .625 .655 2.53																									
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BUSINESS: Pinnacle West Capital Corporation is a holding company for Arizona Public Service Company (APS), which supplies electricity to 1.3 million customers in most of Arizona, except about half of the Phoenix metro area, the Tucson metro area, and Mohave County in northwestern Arizona. Discontinued SunCor real estate subsidiary in '10. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 51%; commercial, 38%; industrial, 5%; other, 6%. Generating sources: nuclear, 28%; gas & other, 28%; coal, 24%; purchased, 20%. Fuel costs: 30% of revenues. '19 reported deprec. rate: 2.8%. Has 6,200 employees. Chairman, President & CEO: Jeffrey B. Guldner. Inc.: AZ. Address: 400 North Fifth St., P.O. Box 53999, Phoenix, AZ 85072-3999. Tel.: 602-250-1000. Internet: www.pinnaclewest.com.																									
The rate case of Pinnacle West's utility subsidiary probably won't be resolved until 2021. Last year, Arizona Public Service requested an increase of \$184 million (5.6%), based on a 10.15% return on equity and a 54.7% common-equity ratio. Among other things, the utility wants to place a \$390 million environmental upgrade to a coal-fired plant in rates and get some regulatory mechanisms that would defer for future recovery increases in certain expenses, such as property taxes. When APS filed the application in the fall of 2019, the hope was to get an order as early as December 1, 2020. However, the proceedings have been delayed long enough so that the company can't estimate when in 2021 the decision is likely to come. We were already not expecting any rate relief in our 2020 earnings estimate, but the delay has added uncertainty to our 2021 estimate. Management reiterated its 2020 earnings guidance of \$4.75-\$4.95 a share upon reporting first-quarter results in May. This is despite the company's disclosure that the reduction in kilowatt-hour sales stemming from the weak economy hurt the bottom line by \$0.10 a share, compared with the original expectation, from March 13th through April 30th. We note that Pinnacle West posted a higher-than-usual March-period profit thanks to tax credits. Thus, we did not cut our 2020 estimate of \$4.75 a share. However . . . We trimmed our 2021 estimate by \$0.10 a share. We are concerned that any rate relief the utility receives from the pending rate application will come later than we had expected. Our revised figure of \$5.05 a share would still produce a solid 6% increase over our estimated 2020 tally. Finances are solid. The company's earned ROE has been consistent for the past several years. The fixed-charge coverage and common-equity ratio are healthy. Pinnacle West merits a Financial Strength rating of A+.																									
This stock has appeal for conservative accounts stressing income. The Safety rank is 1 (Highest). The dividend yield is above average, even for a utility. Total return potential is attractive for the 18-month period and respectable (on a risk-adjusted basis) for the 3- to 5-year span. Paul E. Debbas, CFA July 24, 2020																									

(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain (loss): '09, (\$1.45); '17, 8c; gains (losses) from discont. ops.: '05, (36c); '06, 10c; '08, 28c; '09, (13c); '10, 18c; '11, 10c; '12, (5c). '19 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early Aug. (B) Div'ds historically paid in early Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. There were 5 declarations in '12. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '19: \$14.00/sh. (D) In mill. com. eq. in '17: 10.0%; earned on avg. com. eq., '19: 10.1%. Regulatory Climate: Average. © 2020 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 of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product.

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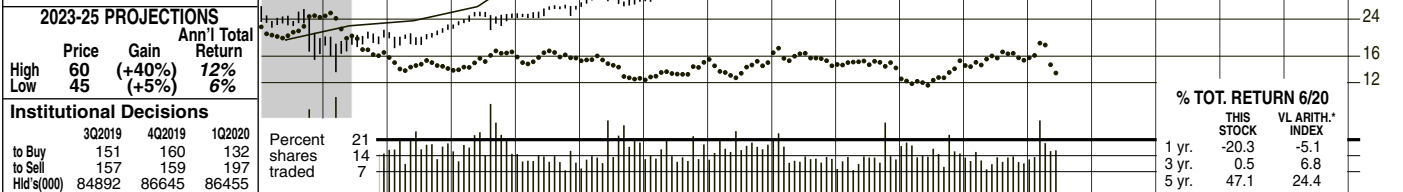


PNM RESOURCES		NYSE-PNM		Recent Price 38.86 P/E Ratio 20.5 (Trailing: 20.9; Median: 18.0)										Relative P/E Ratio 1.00 Div'd Yld 3.2%		Value Line	
TIMELINESS 3 Lowered 4/24/20		SAFETY 3 Lowered 5/9/08		TECHNICAL 3 Raised 7/24/20		BETA .90 (1.00 = Market)		18-Month Target Price Range		Low-High Midpoint (% to Mid)		\$29-\$75 \$52 (35%)		2023-25 PROJECTIONS		Institutional Decisions	
High: 13.1 14.0 19.2 22.5 24.5 31.6 31.2 36.2 46.0 45.3 53.0 56.1		Low: 5.9 10.8 12.8 17.3 20.1 23.5 24.4 29.2 33.3 33.8 39.7 27.1		LEGENDS		0.94 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate		..... Relative Price Strength		Options: Yes		Shaded area indicates recession		Target Price Range 2023 2024 2025		128 96 80 64 48 40 32 24 16 12	
2023-25 PROJECTIONS		High Price 55 35		Gain (+40%) (-10%)		Ann'l Total Return 12% 1%		Institutional Decisions		302019 4Q2019 1Q2020		to Buy 116 135 110		to Sell 130 116 144		Hld's(000) 72521 73262 79315	
Percent shares traded 24 16 8		2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021		© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC 23-25		Revenues per sh 18.00		"Cash Flow" per sh 7.25		Earnings per sh A 2.75		Div'd Decl'd per sh B + 1.50		Cap'l Spending per sh 6.00		Book Value per sh C 29.25	
60.46 68.79 76.65 76.81 86.53 86.67 86.67 79.65 79.65 79.65 79.65 79.65 79.65 79.65 79.65 79.65 85.83 85.83		Common Shs Outst'g D 92.00		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio 16.5		Relative P/E Ratio .90		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield 3.3%		CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/20		Total Debt \$3308.9 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$1778.9 mill.		LT Debt \$2468.7 mill. LT Interest \$112.3 mill.		(LT interest earned: 2.7x)	
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$30.7 mill.		Pension Assets-12/19 \$590.8 mill.		Oblig \$671.3 mill.		Pfd Stock \$11.5 mill. Pfd Div'd \$5 mill.		115,293 shs. 4.58%, \$100 par without mandatory redemption. Sinking fund began 2/1/84.		Common Stock 79,653,624 shs. as of 5/1/20		MARKET CAP: \$3.1 billion (Mid Cap)		ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS		2017 2018 2019	
% Change Retail Sales (KWH) +3 +7.3 +5.0		Avg. Indust. Use (MWH) NA NA NA		Avg. Indust. Revs. per KWH (c) NA NA NA		Capacity at Peak (Mw) 2580 2661 2761		Peak Load, Summer (Mw) 1843 1885 1937		Annual Load Factor (%) NA NA NA		% Change Customers (yr-end) +8 +1.1 NA		Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 243 218 228		ANNUAL RATES	
Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '17-'19		of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '23-'25		Revenues -2.0% 1.0% Nil		"Cash Flow" 9.5% 8.5% 4.5%		Earnings 15.0% 7.0% 6.0%		Dividends 5.0% 10.0% 5.5%		Book Value .5% - - 5.5%		Cal-endar		QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)	
Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31		Full Year		2017 330.2 362.3 419.9 332.6		1445.0		2018 317.9 352.3 422.7 343.7		1436.6		2019 349.7 330.2 433.6 344.1		1457.6		2020 333.6 320 415 331.4	
2021 345 330 430 345		1400 1450		Cal-endar		EARNINGS PER SHARE A		Full Year		2017 .29 .47 .92 .25		1.92		2018 .19 .48 1.09 d.10		1.66	
2019 .23 .36 1.29 .40		2.28		2020 d.19 .52 1.24 .33		1.90		2021 .18 .47 1.30 .30		2.25		Cal-endar		QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B +		Full Year	
Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31		2016 .22 .22 .22 .22		.88		2017 .2425 .2425 .2425 .2425		.97		2018 .265 .265 .265 .265		1.06		2019 .29 .29 .29 .29		1.16	
2020 .3075 .3075		BUSINESS: PNM Resources, Inc. is a holding company with two regulated electric utilities. Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) serves 532,000 customers in north central New Mexico, incl. Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) transmits and distributes power to 257,000 customers in Texas. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 40%; commercial, 35%; industrial, 6%; other, 19%. Generating sources not available. Fuel costs: 28% of revenues. '19 reported deprec. rates: 2.5%-7.9%. Has 1,700 employees. Chairman, President & CEO: Patricia K. Collawn. Incorporated: New Mexico. Address: 414 Silver Ave. SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102-3289. Telephone: 505-241-2700. Internet: www.pnmresources.com.		sales declines stemming from the recession are hurting the company, PNM benefited from hotter-than-normal weather in the second quarter. The company has also cut certain expenses, such as executive travel. We are sticking with our 2021 estimate of \$2.25 a share.		The company's TNMP subsidiary in Texas received some rate relief. Each year, TNMP gets revenues to recover transmission and distribution expenditures. In March, the utility was granted \$7.8 million for transmission costs, and another such filing was expected this month. For distribution, TNMP reached a settlement calling for a \$14.3 million increase, effective September 1st.		The share count will increase, probably in late 2020. In early 2020, PNM Resources raised \$290 million through a forward sale of 6.18 million common shares. Although the stock price has declined 23% this year, the dividend yield is still below the utility mean. The equity offers good total return potential for the next 18 months, but not for the period to 2023-2025.		Paul E. Debbas, CFA		July 24, 2020		Company's Financial Strength B+		Stock's Price Stability 80	
Price Growth Persistence 90		Earnings Predictability 70		To subscribe call 1-800-VALUELINE		(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. nonrec. gain (losses): '08, (\$3.77); '10, (\$1.36); '11, 88c; '13, (16c); '15, (\$1.28); '17, (92c); '18, (59c); '19, (\$1.31). Excl. gains from disc. ops.: '08, 42c; '09, 78c. '17 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next egs. report due late July. (B) Div'ds paid mid-Feb., May, Aug., & Nov. Div'd reinv. plan avail. (C) Incl. intang. In '19: \$11.81/sh. (D) In mill., adj. for split. (E) Rate base: net orig. cost. Rate all'd on com. eq. in NM in '18: 9.575%; in TX in '11: 10.125%; earned on avg. com. eq., '19: 10.2%. Regulatory Climate: NM, Below Avg.; TX, Avg.		© 2020 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 of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product.									



<b>TIMELINESS</b> 3 Lowered 6/12/20	High: 21.4 22.7 26.0 28.1 33.3 40.3 41.0 45.2 50.1 50.4 58.4 63.1	Low: 13.5 17.5 21.3 24.3 27.4 29.0 33.0 35.3 42.4 39.0 44.0 37.8	<b>Target Price Range</b> 2023 2024 2025
<b>SAFETY</b> 2 Raised 5/4/12	<b>LEGENDS</b> 0.73 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate ..... Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession		
<b>TECHNICAL</b> 3 Lowered 6/12/20			
<b>BETA</b> .85 (1.00 = Market)			

<b>18-Month Target Price Range</b>			
<b>Low-High</b> Midpoint (% to Mid)			
\$34-\$78 \$56 (30%)			



2004	2005F	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	23-25
--	23.14	24.32	27.87	27.89	23.99	23.67	24.06	23.89	23.18	24.29	21.38	21.62	22.54	22.30	23.75	23.45	24.55	Revenues per sh	27.25
--	4.75	4.64	5.21	4.71	4.07	4.82	4.96	5.15	4.93	6.08	5.37	5.78	6.16	6.65	6.97	7.05	7.55	"Cash Flow" per sh	9.00
--	1.02	1.14	2.33	1.39	1.31	1.66	1.95	1.87	1.77	2.18	2.04	2.16	2.29	2.37	2.39	2.30	2.55	Earnings per sh <sup>A</sup>	3.00
--	--	.68	.93	.97	1.01	1.04	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.12	1.18	1.26	1.34	1.43	1.52	1.54	1.62	Div'd Decl'd per sh <sup>B</sup> = †	1.95
--	4.08	5.94	7.28	6.12	9.25	5.97	3.98	4.01	8.40	12.87	6.73	6.57	5.77	6.67	6.78	8.50	6.45	Cap'l Spending per sh	6.00
--	19.15	19.58	21.05	21.64	20.50	21.14	22.07	22.87	23.30	24.43	25.43	26.35	27.11	28.07	28.99	29.70	30.65	Book Value per sh <sup>C</sup>	33.75
--	62.50	62.50	62.53	62.58	75.21	75.32	75.36	75.56	78.09	78.23	88.79	88.95	89.11	89.27	89.39	89.55	89.65	Common Shs Outst'g <sup>D</sup>	90.00
--	--	23.4	11.9	16.3	14.4	12.0	12.4	14.0	16.9	15.3	17.7	19.1	20.0	18.4	22.3	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	17.0
--	--	1.26	.63	.98	.96	.76	.78	.89	.95	.81	.89	1.00	1.01	.99	1.21			Relative P/E Ratio	.95
--	--	2.5%	3.3%	4.3%	5.4%	5.2%	4.4%	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	3.3%	2.8%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	3.8%

<b>CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/20</b>	1783.0	1813.0	1805.0	1810.0	1900.0	1898.0	1923.0	2009.0	1991.0	2123.0	2100	2200	Revenues (\$mill)	2450
<b>Total Debt</b> \$2654 mill. <b>Due in 5 Yrs</b> \$336 mill.	125.0	147.0	141.0	137.0	175.0	172.0	193.0	204.0	212.0	214.0	210	230	Net Profit (\$mill)	275
<b>LT Debt</b> \$2478 mill. <b>LT Interest</b> \$124 mill.	30.5%	28.3%	31.4%	23.2%	26.0%	20.7%	20.6%	25.3%	7.4%	11.2%	11.0%	11.0%	Income Tax Rate	11.0%
Incl. \$135 mill. capitalized leases.	17.6%	5.4%	7.1%	14.6%	33.7%	19.8%	16.6%	8.8%	8.0%	7.0%	10.0%	7.0%	AFUDC % to Net Profit	5.0%
(LT interest earned: 3.0x)	53.0%	49.6%	47.1%	51.3%	52.7%	47.8%	48.4%	50.1%	46.5%	51.3%	52.5%	53.5%	Long-Term Debt Ratio	52.5%
<b>Leases, Uncapitalized</b> Annual rentals \$8 mill.	47.0%	50.4%	52.9%	48.7%	47.3%	52.2%	51.6%	49.9%	53.5%	48.7%	47.5%	46.5%	Common Equity Ratio	47.5%
<b>Pension Assets-12/19</b> \$695 mill.	3390.0	3298.0	3264.0	3735.0	4037.0	4329.0	4544.0	4842.0	4684.0	5323.0	5615	5905	Total Capital (\$mill)	6400
<b>Oblig</b> \$905 mill.	4133.0	4285.0	4392.0	4880.0	5679.0	6012.0	6434.0	6741.0	6887.0	7161.0	7495	7630	Net Plant (\$mill)	7725

<b>Pfd Stock</b> None	5.4%	6.2%	5.9%	5.1%	5.8%	5.4%	5.6%	5.5%	5.8%	5.1%	5.0%	5.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	5.5%
<b>Common Stock</b> 89,488,773 shs. as of 4/20/20	7.9%	8.8%	8.2%	7.5%	9.2%	7.6%	8.2%	8.4%	8.5%	8.3%	8.0%	8.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	9.0%
<b>MARKET CAP:</b> \$3.8 billion (Mid Cap)	7.9%	8.8%	8.2%	7.5%	9.2%	7.6%	8.2%	8.4%	8.5%	8.3%	8.0%	8.5%	Return on Com Equity <sup>E</sup>	9.0%
<b>ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS</b>	3.0%	4.1%	3.5%	2.9%	4.6%	3.3%	3.5%	3.6%	3.5%	3.1%	2.5%	3.0%	Retained to Com Eq	3.0%
% Change Retail Sales (KWH)	62%	54%	57%	61%	50%	56%	57%	58%	59%	63%	66%	63%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	64%

<b>ANNUAL RATES</b>	<b>Past 10 Yrs.</b>	<b>Past 5 Yrs.</b>	<b>Est'd '17-'19</b>	<b>BUSINESS:</b> Portland General Electric Company (PGE) provides electricity to 899,000 customers in 52 cities in a 4,000-square-mile area of Oregon, including Portland and Salem. The company is in the process of decommissioning the Trojan nuclear plant, which it closed in 1993. Electric revenue breakdown: residential, 47%; commercial, 30%; industrial, 9%; other, 14%. Generating sources: gas, 36%; coal, 19%; wind, 8%; hydro, 6%; purchased, 31%. Fuel costs: 29% of revenues. '19 reported depreciation rate: 3.6%. Has 2,900 employees. Chairman: Jack E. Davis. President and Chief Executive Officer: Maria M. Pope. Incorporated: Oregon. Address: 121 S.W. Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon 97204. Telephone: 503-464-8000. Internet: www.portlandgeneral.com.
of change (per sh)	10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	'17-'19	
Revenues	-1.5%	-1.0%	3.0%	
"Cash Flow"	3.5%	4.0%	5.5%	
Earnings	3.5%	4.0%	4.0%	
Dividends	4.0%	5.5%	5.5%	
Book Value	3.0%	3.5%	3.0%	

<b>Cal-endar</b>	<b>QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)</b>	<b>Full Year</b>
	<b>Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31</b>	
2017	530 449 515 515	2009
2018	493 449 525 524	1991
2019	573 460 542 548	2123
2020	573 422 550 555	2100
2021	580 490 580 575	2200

<b>Cal-endar</b>	<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE <sup>A</sup></b>	<b>Full Year</b>
	<b>Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31</b>	
2017	.82 .36 .44 .67	2.29
2018	.72 .51 .59 .55	2.37
2019	.82 .28 .61 .68	2.39
2020	.91 .29 .40 .70	2.30
2021	.85 .40 .55 .75	2.55

<b>Cal-endar</b>	<b>QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID <sup>B</sup> = †</b>	<b>Full Year</b>
	<b>Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31</b>	
2016	.30 .30 .32 .32	1.24
2017	.32 .32 .34 .34	1.32
2018	.34 .34 .3625 .3625	1.41
2019	.3625 .3625 .385 .385	1.50
2020	.385 .385 .385	

**Portland General Electric slashed its 2020 earnings guidance upon issuing first-quarter results in late April.** Not surprisingly, this was due to the effects of the weak economy and the costs of dealing with the coronavirus problem. Although PGE operates under a regulatory mechanism that decouples revenues and volume, this only partially protects the utility from the effects of the slump in kilowatt-hour sales. What's more, unlike many states, Oregon has not issued an accounting order that allows the company to defer for future recovery coronavirus-related expenses. (PGE did not report how much these costs were in the March quarter, nor did management state its expectation for the full year.) All told, the company lowered its 2020 targeted range for share profits from \$2.50-\$2.65 to \$2.20-\$2.50. The stock price has declined 24% this year, which is a larger falloff than for most utility issues. PGE's announcement prompted us to reduce our estimate from \$2.50 to \$2.30. Because any growth in 2021 will come off a lower base, we trimmed our expectation by \$0.10, to \$2.55.

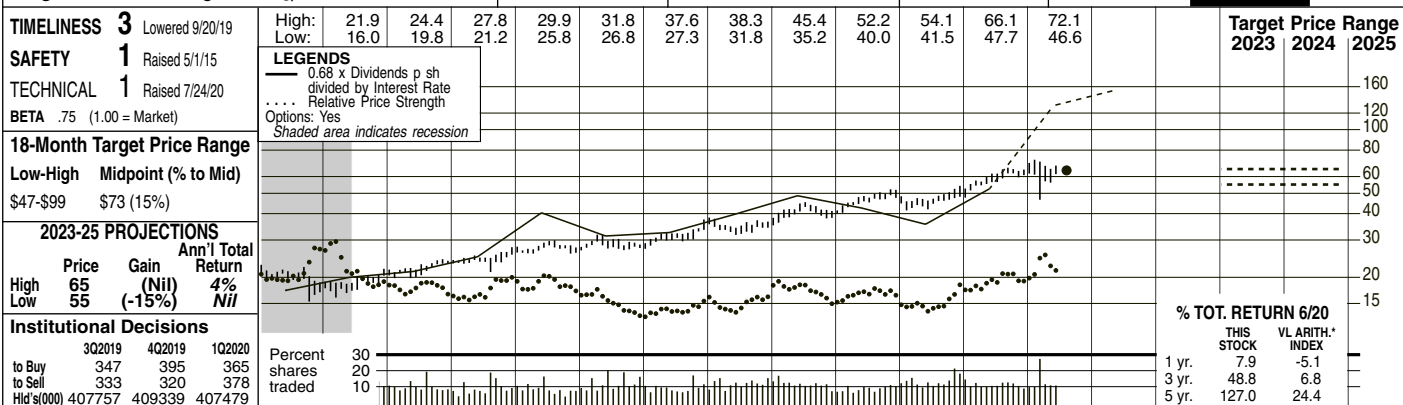
**The board of directors did not in-**

<b>(A)</b> Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring losses: '13, 42c; '17, 19c. Next earnings report due late July.	<b>(B)</b> Div'ds paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, and Oct. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. † Share-	<b>(C)</b> Incl. deferred charges. In '19: \$483 mill., \$5.40/sh. <b>(D)</b> In mill. <b>(E)</b> Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate allowed on com. eq. in '19: 9.5%; earned on avg. com. eq.,	<b>(F)</b> '19: 8.4%. Regulatory Climate: Average. <b>(F)</b> '05 per-share data are pro forma, based on shs. outstanding when stock began trading in '06.	<b>Company's Financial Strength</b> B++ <b>Stock's Price Stability</b> 95 <b>Price Growth Persistence</b> 75 <b>Earnings Predictability</b> 90
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<p>           A Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses):            '09, (26c); '10, (10c); '11, '11.15; '12, (98c);            '13, (30c); '15, 14c; '16, \$1.23; '17, (17c); '18,            (\$2.06); '19, 16c; gain (losses) from disc. ops.:            '06, \$1.21; '07, (10c); '19, 95c; '20, \$6.65. Next            earnings report due early Aug. <b>(B)</b> Div'ds paid            mid-Jan., Apr., July, Oct. ■ Div'd reinvestment            plan avail. <b>(C)</b> Incl. intang. in '19: \$13.37/sh.            © 2020 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            of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product.         </p>	<p> <b>(D)</b> In mill. <b>(E)</b> Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate            all'd on com. eq.: SD&amp;GE in '20: 10.2%;            SoCalGas in '20: 10.05%; earned on avg. com.            eq., '19: 10.4%. Regulatory Climate: Average.         </p>	<p> <b>Company's Financial Strength</b>  <b>Stock's Price Stability</b>  <b>Price Growth Persistence</b>  <b>Earnings Predictability</b> </p> <p> <b>A</b>  <b>85</b>  <b>75</b>  <b>70</b> </p>
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2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	23-25
20.84	23.86	24.16	23.40	24.69	21.08	21.38	21.90	20.76	21.92	23.11	21.72	21.90	22.46	22.44	21.98	<b>19.10</b>	<b>20.30</b>	Revenues per sh	22.75
3.27	3.28	3.61	3.45	3.50	3.48	3.51	3.79	4.00	4.10	4.28	4.56	5.04	5.47	5.92	6.25	<b>6.50</b>	<b>7.05</b>	"Cash Flow" per sh	8.50
1.27	1.20	1.35	1.35	1.46	1.49	1.56	1.72	1.85	1.91	2.03	2.10	2.21	2.30	2.47	2.64	<b>2.75</b>	<b>2.90</b>	Earnings per sh <sup>A</sup>	3.50
.81	.85	.88	.91	.94	.97	1.00	1.03	1.07	1.11	1.20	1.28	1.36	1.44	1.52	1.62	<b>1.72</b>	<b>1.82</b>	Div'd Decl'd per sh <sup>B</sup>	2.15
3.19	3.25	4.00	4.89	4.66	3.91	4.60	4.53	5.27	6.82	6.33	7.26	6.42	6.54	7.70	8.05	<b>6.70</b>	<b>7.05</b>	Cap'l Spending per sh	8.50
12.99	13.37	14.28	14.70	15.35	15.92	16.76	17.44	18.19	19.21	20.20	21.73	22.56	23.78	25.24	<b>27.20</b>	<b>28.45</b>	<b>28.45</b>	Book Value per sh <sup>C</sup>	32.25
400.46	403.39	407.30	428.78	453.79	457.51	482.33	486.49	487.96	497.97	505.73	507.54	507.22	507.76	514.04	524.54	<b>539.00</b>	<b>542.00</b>	Common Shs Outst'g <sup>D</sup>	548.00
13.6	15.4	14.8	16.7	13.7	12.7	14.1	14.2	14.8	15.0	15.4	16.5	18.5	20.2	18.9	22.3	<b>20.2</b>	<b>22.3</b>	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	17.0
.72	.82	.80	.89	.82	.85	.90	.89	.94	.84	.81	.83	.97	1.02	1.02	1.21	<b>1.02</b>	<b>1.21</b>	Relative P/E Ratio	.95
4.7%	4.6%	4.4%	4.0%	4.7%	5.1%	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%	3.9%	3.8%	3.7%	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.7%	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	3.6%

**CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/20**  
 Total Debt \$19877 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$4990 mill.  
 LT Debt \$17010 mill. LT Interest \$721 mill.  
 Incl. \$77 mill. capitalized leases.  
 (LT interest earned: 2.9x)

**Leases, Uncapitalized** Annual rentals \$262 mill.  
**Pension Assets-12/19** \$3184 mill.  
**Pfd Stock** None  
**Oblig** \$3701 mill.

**Common Stock** 525,170,820 shs.  
 as of 4/30/20  
**MARKET CAP: \$34 billion (Large Cap)**

ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS			
	2017	2018	2019
% Change Retail Sales (KWH)	-7	+3.2	-1.2
Large C & I Use (MWH)	22642	23004	NA
Large C & I Revs. per KWH (c)	6.36	5.91	5.96
Capacity at Peak (Mw)	NA	NA	NA
Peak Load, Summer (Mw)	19591	20293	20146
Annual Load Factor (%)	NA	NA	NA
% Change Customers (yr-end)	+9	+1.1	+1.0

**BUSINESS:** Xcel Energy Inc. is the parent of Northern States Power, which supplies electricity to Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota & Michigan & gas to Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota & Michigan; P.S. of Colorado, which supplies electricity & gas to Colorado; & Southwestern Public Service, which supplies electricity to Texas & New Mexico. Customers: 3.7 mill. elec., 2.1 mill. gas. Elec. rev. breakdown: res'l, 31%; sm. comm'l & ind'l, 36%; lg. comm'l & ind'l, 18%; other, 15%. Generating sources not avail. Fuel costs: 39% of revs. '19 reported depr. rate: 3.3%. Has 11,300 empls. Chairman & CEO: Ben Fowke. President & COO: Bob Frenzel. Inc.: MN. Address: 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401. Tel.: 612-330-5500. Internet: www.xcelenergy.com.

ANNUAL RATES			
	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '17-'19
of change (per sh)			
Revenues	-5%	5%	5%
"Cash Flow"	5.5%	7.5%	6.5%
Earnings	5.5%	5.0%	6.0%
Dividends	5.0%	6.5%	6.0%
Book Value	4.5%	4.5%	5.0%

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2017	2946	2645	3017	2796	11404
2018	2951	2658	3048	2880	11537
2019	3141	2577	3013	2798	11529
2020	2811	<b>2189</b>	<b>2800</b>	<b>2600</b>	<b>10300</b>
2021	<b>3000</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>2750</b>	<b>2750</b>	<b>11000</b>

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE <sup>A</sup>				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2017	.47	.45	.97	.42	2.30
2018	.57	.52	.96	.42	2.47
2019	.61	.46	1.01	.56	2.64
2020	.56	<b>.54</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>.55</b>	<b>2.75</b>
2021	<b>.65</b>	<b>.55</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>.55</b>	<b>2.90</b>

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID <sup>B</sup>				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2016	.32	.34	.34	.34	1.34
2017	.34	.36	.36	.36	1.42
2018	.36	.38	.38	.38	1.50
2019	.38	.405	.405	.405	1.60
2020	.405	.43	.43		

**(A)** Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gain (losses): '10, 5c; '15, (16c); '17, (5c); gains (losses) on discontinued ops.: '04, (30c); '05, 3c; '06, 1c; '09, (1c); '10, 1c. '17 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due late July. **(B)** Div'ds historically paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, and Oct. **(C)** Div'd reinvestment plan available. **(D)** Incl. intangibles. In '19: \$5.60/sh. **(E)** In mill. **(F)** Rate base: Varies. Rate allowed on com. eq. (blended): 9.6%; earned on avg. com. eq., '19: 10.8%. Regulatory Climate: Average.

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**Xcel Energy's utilities have reached settlements on pending rate cases.** The New Mexico commission approved a settlement calling for a \$31 million electric increase for Southwestern Public Service, based on a 9.45% return on equity and a 54.8% common-equity ratio. New tariffs took effect on May 28th. In Texas, SPS reached a "black box" agreement calling for an \$88 million hike without specifying an allowed ROE or common-equity ratio. A ruling from the state regulators is expected in the current quarter, with the increase retroactive to September of 2019. Public Service of Colorado, the state commission's staff, and intervenors have reached a settlement calling for a gas rate increase of \$76.9 million, based on a 9.2% ROE and a 55.6% common-equity ratio. If the regulators approve the agreement, new tariffs will be implemented on April 1, 2021, retroactive to November of 2020. **Xcel believes it can reduce expenses enough to offset the effects of the recession on kilowatt-hour sales.** Cost cuts should enable operating and maintenance expenses to decline 4%-5% in 2020. Accordingly, management did not adjust

its earnings guidance of \$2.73-\$2.83 a share for this year. Our estimate of \$2.75 a share is unchanged. We have also stuck with our 2021 estimate of \$2.90 a share. This would produce profit growth of 5%, which is within the company's annual goal of 5%-7%. **At least one rate case is upcoming.** P.S. of Colorado plans to put forth an electric application later this summer. Northern States Power is considering filing for new electric and gas tariffs in Minnesota in November, but might well postpone its case if it can reach an agreement with the commission that compensates the utility for the decline in volume. **This high-quality stock has been one of the top performers in the electric utility industry in 2020.** While the prices of most electric equities have fallen more than 10%, Xcel is almost unchanged from yearend 2019, thanks in part to its maintaining profit guidance. The dividend yield is a percentage point below the industry average, and with the recent quotation near the top of our 2023-2025 Target Price Range, total return potential is low. *Paul E. Debbas, CFA* *July 24, 2020*

Company's Financial Strength	A+
Stock's Price Stability	95
Price Growth Persistence	60
Earnings Predictability	100

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