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Re: Cause No. D-1-GN-19-002161; *Andrew Samson et al. v. Texas Railroad Commission, et al.*; In the 345th District Court of Travis County, Texas

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Dear Counsel:

Before the Court are three matters in this cause: (1) Agency Defendants'¹ Plea to the Jurisdiction and Supplemental Plea to the Jurisdiction, (2) Pipeline Defendants'² Motion for Summary Judgment, and (3) Plaintiffs'³ Request for a Temporary Injunction against the Pipeline Defendants. I have considered each motion, response, reply, the evidence and the arguments of counsel⁴ and provide the following:

To simplify, Plaintiffs' claims are essentially that Defendants have acted unconstitutionally because the system that grants the power of eminent domain to gas utilities lacks constitutionally mandated safeguards for a private delegation of legislative authority and provides insufficient due course of law.

For the Agency Defendants, Plaintiffs assert that the Railroad Commission, by implementing Rule 3.70, have implemented "toothless," non-substantive standards for issuing the T-4 permit, which, Plaintiffs allege, grants a gas utility the right to exercise eminent domain. The Agency Defendants respond that the Railroad Commission has no authority to implement rules or regulations regarding a gas utility's exercise of eminent domain, and that a T-4 permit does not grant a gas utility the power of eminent domain. Also, the Agency Defendants assert that Plaintiffs' rule challenge is improper because Plaintiffs are not challenging a particular rule but the absence of rules.

For the Pipeline Defendants, Plaintiffs do not appear to allege that the Pipeline Defendants have not complied with the applicable law and procedures. Instead, they allege that

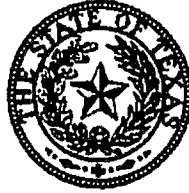
¹ The Agency Defendants consist of the Texas Railroad Commission and Christi Craddick, Ryan Sitton, Wayne Christian, Wei Wang, and Kari French, in their official capacities.

² The Pipeline Defendants consist of Permian Highway Pipeline, LLC and Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline, LLC.

³ Plaintiffs consist of Andrew Sansom, Heinz Stefan Roesch, Bee Spring, Ltd., Hays County, and City of Kyle.

⁴ The Court has also received amicus curiae briefs from Gillespie County Economic Development Commission, Inc. and the Texas Pipeline Association. However, the Texas Pipeline Association appears through its president, Thure Cannon, who does not provide a Texas bar number or any indication that he is a practicing attorney in the state of Texas. Generally, to appear before a district court, a representative for a party must be a practicing member of the bar. The Court sees no reason why that requirement should be lessened for a nonparty seeking to file a brief in support of a party's position. Therefore, the Court exercises its discretion to not consider the amicus briefing from the Texas Pipeline Association.

Additionally, the Court has received—but has not considered—several *ex parte* letters and phone calls from various members of the public regarding the substance of this cause.



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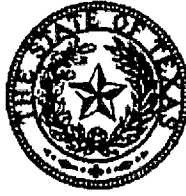
the law and procedures are unconstitutional, and the Pipeline Defendants have acted wrongfully by following these unconstitutional provisions. The Pipeline Defendants respond that they have acted constitutionally as the process they have followed does not violate separation of powers or due course of law provisions and is not an improper delegation of legislative authority.

The Court recognizes the important interests at stake for both sides of this dispute. Plaintiffs are facing an unwanted invasion onto their property along with fears of explosions and other potentially dangerous conditions. The Pipeline Defendants point to their \$2 billion investment and the public's much-needed increase in accessible natural gas from the Permian Basin. Of course, the decisions in this case and the consideration of the impact on Texas citizens must be more than just a business decision. The Court is concerned with a power that, when exercised by a governmental entity, must be done in the harsh light of public scrutiny of open meetings and public notice, but, when exercised by a private entity, may be determined without public notice by a select few driven primarily by their financial interests.

However, the Court must also be conscious of its role to apply the law and not to dictate the policy of the State. Thus, the question before this Court is a legal one: Is the process by which the Pipeline Defendants exercise eminent domain constitutional or is more required of either the Agency Defendants or the Pipeline Defendants? If unconstitutional, no amount of investment by the Pipeline Defendants can render it appropriate. If constitutional, the harm alleged by Plaintiffs cannot be redressed by the relief sought in this case, and Plaintiffs must seek relief from the legislative branch of our government.

Plea to the Jurisdiction. First, the Court addresses the Plea and Supplemental Plea to the Jurisdiction filed by the Agency Defendants. The Court finds the Agency Defendants' arguments persuasive. The Court finds no authority for the proposition that the Legislature has granted authority to the Commission to oversee the rights granted by Section 181.004 or that the T-4 Permit grants gas utilities the right of eminent domain. The power of eminent domain flows to the gas utilities through the Art. I, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution and the Legislature's delegation in Section 181.004. Therefore, the Agency Defendants' Plea to the Jurisdiction is GRANTED. Because the Agency Defendants are without authority, Plaintiffs cannot cure the lack of jurisdiction through repleading. Plaintiffs' claims against the Agency Defendants are DISMISSED.

Motion for Summary Judgment. Next, the Court addresses the Pipeline Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment because, if granted, judgment would be rendered in favor of the Pipeline Defendants and the request for injunctive relief would be moot. Against the Pipeline



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Defendants directly, Plaintiffs assert that Defendants have acted unconstitutionally by proceeding under unconstitutional statutory provisions including a lack of due course of law, an uncontrolled grant of privilege by the Legislature, and an impermissive delegation by the Texas Legislature.

As noted by previous courts, Texas's eminent-domain laws are longstanding. Section 181.004 has remained relatively unchanged for several decades. These provisions have previously been held constitutional under due course or due process challenges, and this Court will not revisit those decisions.

As for the uncontrolled grant of privilege in Article I, Section 17(d) of the Texas Constitution, the Supreme Court has noted that "this particular clause of the constitution was intended to prohibit the legislature from granting any 'special privilege or immunity' in such way, or of such character, as that it could not be subsequently annulled or declared forfeited for such causes as might be defined by the law, or condemned in the exercise of eminent domain" *City of Hous. v. Hous. City St. Ry. Co.*, 19 S.W. 127 (Tex. 1892). The provision does not appear to be a mandate for the Legislature to control each and every aspect of a grant of special privileges but prevents the Legislature from granting an irrevocable right that would not be subject to its revocation and control. The Legislature is, of course, able to specifically outline any condition on its grants, as it deems appropriate. Therefore, the Legislature's grant of eminent-domain authority does not violate Article I, Section 17(d) of the Texas Constitution.

Finally, as for Plaintiffs' argument that the delegation of eminent-domain authority violates the separation of powers provision, the Texas Constitution expressly grants the right of delegation from the Legislature to private entities in its takings clause, Article I, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution. After receiving this authority from the Legislature, a private entity must comply with the procedures for condemnation required for all takings. The proceedings are then subject to judicial review to ensure that the process and procedures have been met and that the entity is entitled to the taking. The right of a gas utility to exercise eminent domain does not violate the separation of powers provision of the Texas Constitution.

Having reviewed the filings and applicable caselaw, the Court concludes that Section 181.004 is not an impermissible delegation of legislative power to gas utilities. Therefore, the Court GRANTS the Pipeline Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

Request for Temporary Injunction. Lastly, the Court turns to Plaintiffs' Request for a Temporary Injunction against the Pipeline Defendants. Because the Court has granted Pipeline Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment—rendering judgment in favor of the Defendants, the Court does not reach Plaintiffs' Request for an Injunction. It is, therefore, DENIED AS MOOT.



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Now that you have my ruling, please prepare an order, circulate it for approval as to form, and submit it for signature at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please contact my Staff Attorney, Brent McCabe.

Sincerely,


Lora J. Livingston
Judge, 261st District Court

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The Median of Estimated
PRICE-EARNINGS RATIOS
of all stocks with earnings

20.5

26 Weeks Ago	Market Low	Market High
21.4	3-23-20	1-25-21
	11.0	21.7

The Median of Estimated
DIVIDEND YIELDS
(next 12 months) of all dividend
paying stocks

2.0%

26 Weeks Ago	Market Low	Market High
2.3%	3-23-20	1-25-21
	3.7%	1.9%

The Median Estimated
**THREE-TO-FIVE YEAR PRICE
APPRECIATION POTENTIAL**
of all 1700 stocks in the VL Universe

35%

26 Weeks Ago	Market Low	Market High
55%	3-23-20	1-25-21
	145%	25%

The Median Estimated
**18-MONTH APPRECIATION POTENTIAL
TO TARGET PRICE RANGE**
of all 1700 stocks in the VL Universe

9%

26 Weeks Ago	Market Low	Market High
17%	3-23-20	1-25-21
	72%	6%

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NAME OF STOCK	Ticker Symbol	Recent Price	Timeliness	Safety	Technical	Beta	3-5 Year Target Price Range and % appreciation potential	Current P/E Ratio	% Est'd Yield next 12 mos.	Est'd Earnings 12 mos. to 9-30-21	(f) Est'd Div'd next 12 mos.	LATEST RESULTS					Do Options Trade?		
												Qtr. Ended	Earnings per sh.	Year Ago	Qtr. Ended	Latest Div'd	Year Ago		
2430 Air Products & Chem	APD	266.95	1	1	3	.90	300-365 (10-35%)	28.8	2.2	9.35	6.00	9/30	2.19	2.27	6/30	1.50	1.34	YES	
1816 Akamai Technologies (NOC)	AKAM	111.65	3	3	3	.70	125-185 (10-65%)	30.4	NIL	3.67	NIL	9/30	.95	.84	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
1703 Alamo Group	ALG	142.73	3	3	3	1.05	150-225 (5-60%)	23.6	0.4	6.07	.55	46	9/30	1.60	1.47	3/31	1.14	.13	YES
302 Alaska Air Group	ALK	49.89	4	3	3	1.50	50-70 (14-40%)	NMF	NIL	d2.46	NIL	84	12/31	d2.55	1.46	12/31	NIL	35	YES
1704 Albany Int'l 'A'	AIN	71.61	3	3	2	1.25	70-105 (14-45%)	20.6	1.1	3.47	.80	46	9/30	.96	1.17	3/31	1.20	.19	YES
2431 Albermarle Corp	ALB	166.37	3	3	3	1.20	100-150 (14-40%)	41.9	0.9	3.97	1.54	4	9/30	.92	1.46	3/31	1.385	.368	YES
1945 Albertsons Companies	ACI	17.08	-	3	-	NMF	20-35 (15-105%)	7.7	2.3	2.21	.40	72	11/30	.66	.09	3/31	.10	NIL	YES
2657 1581 Alcoa Corp.	AA	18.82	3	4	2	1.55	30-45 (60-140%)	16.4	NIL	1.15	NIL	25	12/31	.26	d.31	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1511 Alexandria Real Estate	ARE	169.56	2	3	3	.90	170-250 (14-45%)	50.9	2.6	3.33	4.36	89	12/31	d3.26	1.74	3/31	1.09	1.03	YES
1428 1608 Alexion Pharm.	ALXN	155.70	-	3	-	.85	110-170 (14-10%)	14.4	NIL	10.82	NIL	74	9/30	2.62	2.08	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1840 2630 Albaba Group ADS	BABA	264.69	3	3	3	.65	245-365 (14-40%)	29.1	NIL	9.10	NIL	31	12/31	d3.38	2.61	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
203 Aflac Techn.	ALGN	543.05	2	3	3	1.30	340-505 (14-40%)	59.2	NIL	9.18	NIL	8	9/30	1.76	1.22	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1946 Afl. Couche-Tard	ATD	39.41b	3	3	3	.70	75-115 (90-180%)	10.0	0.9	3.96	.37	72	10/31	.88(b)	.72(b)	12/31	d.088(b)	.063(b)	YES
1428 826 Alkermes plc	ALKS	21.77	3	3	4	1.00	70-100 (20-360%)	58.8	NIL	.37	NIL	56	9/30	.26	d.04	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
752 Alkermes Corp.	Y	575.49	1	2	3	1.10	785-1060 (35-85%)	13.1	NIL	43.77	NIL	20	9/30	8.66	6.27	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1582 Allergan Techn.	ATI	17.72	3	3	3	2.10	18-30 (14-70%)	NMF	NIL	d.95	NIL	25	12/31	d.33	.41	2/31	NIL	NIL	YES
303 Allegiant Travel	ALGT	183.92	3	3	2	1.30	145-210 (14-15%)	NMF	NIL	d1.67	NIL	84	9/30	d4.28	2.70	12/31	NIL	.70	YES
1321 Allegion plc	ALLE	110.32	1	3	2	1.15	120-180 (10-65%)	20.7	1.2	5.32	1.28	69	9/30	1.67	1.47	12/31	.32	.27	YES
902 ALLETE	ALE	63.97	3	2	5	.90	65-90 (14-40%)	18.8	4.0	3.40	2.56	34	9/30	.78	.60	2/31	.618	.588	YES
430 Alliance Data Sys.	AUS	67.68	4	4	3	1.60	115-190 (70-180%)	6.0	1.2	11.23	.84	40	12/31	d3.31	4.12	3/31	d.21	.63	YES
2224 AllianceBernstein Hldg.	AB	36.12	2	3	3	1.30	35-55 (14-40%)	12.7	8.3	2.85	3.00	28	9/30	.70	.62	2/31	d.69	.63	YES
903 Alliant Energy	LNT	48.95	3	2	3	.85	40-55 (14-10%)	20.4	3.3	2.40	1.61	34	9/30	.94	.94	3/31	d.403	.38	YES
965 Allison Transmission	ALSN	41.25	3	3	2	1.10	40-60 (14-45%)	10.8	1.6	3.82	.68	16	9/30	.68	1.23	2/31	.17	.15	YES
818 Allscripts Healthcare	MDRX	16.81	-	3	-	1.15	14-20 (14-20%)	24.0	NIL	.70	NIL	88	9/30	.20	.17	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
753 Allstate Corp.	ALL	108.71	3	3	3	1.00	160-200 (45-85%)	8.6	2.0	12.66	2.16	20	9/30	2.94	2.84	3/31	.54	.50	YES
2502 Ally Financial	ALLY	38.60	3	3	3	1.50	60-85 (55-120%)	10.3	2.1	3.76	.80	47	12/31	1.60	.95	3/31	.19	.19	YES
829 Alnylam Pharm.	ALNY	149.25	3	4	3	.95	150-240 (14-60%)	NMF	NIL	d6.24	NIL	56	9/30	d2.18	d1.92	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2631 Alphabet Inc	GOOG	1901.35	1	1	3	.85	2315-2825 (20-50%)	31.7	NIL	60.00	NIL	31	12/31	d22.30	15.35	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2036 2575 Alkermes, Inc.	AYX	126.64	3	3	3	.80	150-220 (20-75%)	NMF	NIL	.61	NIL	22	9/30	.39	d.10	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
847 1003 Alice USA	ATUS	35.92	3	3	2	1.05	35-55 (14-55%)	25.3	NIL	1.42	NIL	24	9/30	d.01	.12	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1705 Altria Industrial Moton	AJG	53.05	3	3	2	1.45	50-75 (14-40%)	18.1	0.5	2.93	.24	46	9/30	.87	.69	3/31	d.06	.17	YES
1990 Altria Group	MO	40.77	1	3	4	.80	75-115 (85-180%)	9.1	8.4	4.50	3.44	2	12/31	d.99	1.02	2/31	.86	.84	YES
2632 Amazon.com	AMZN	3342.88	2	1	3	.75	3350-4090 (14-20%)	77.9	NIL	42.92	NIL	31	12/31	d14.09	6.47	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
847 1352 Ambarella, Inc.	AMBA	105.16	3	3	3	1.05	55-85 (14-40%)	NMF	NIL	.44	NIL	21	10/31	.09	.32	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1172 Amcor plc	AMCR	10.89	-	3	-	NMF	10-17 (14-55%)	16.3	4.3	.67	.47	32	12/31	d.14	.12	12/31	d.118	.235	YES
2606 Amcor Ltd.	DOX	72.49	3	1	3	.85	85-100 (15-10%)	17.9	1.8	4.05	1.31	33	9/30	1.01	.90	3/31	.328	.205	YES
789 Amecsys, Inc.	AMED	287.18	3	3	3	.70	165-245 (14-40%)	44.7	NIL	6.42	NIL	23	9/30	2.24	1.15	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
318 AMERCO	UHAL	476.33	3	2	3	.95	255-345 (14-40%)	36.8	NIL	12.95	NIL	30	9/30	13.58	7.97	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
904 Ameren Corp.	AEE	72.84	3	2	3	.80	65-95 (14-15%)	19.9	2.9	3.66	2.09	34	9/30	1.47	1.47	12/31	d.515	.485	YES
919 America Movil	AMX	13.29	3	3	3	.90	20-30 (50-125%)	11.8	2.9	1.13	.38	63	9/30	.26	.20	12/31	.187	.178	YES
304 Amer. Airlines	AAL	16.84	5	5	3	1.65	13-25 (14-50%)	NMF	NIL	d8.49	NIL	84	12/31	d3.86	1.15	12/31	NIL	.10	YES
966 Amer. Axle	AXL	8.93	3	3	3	1.85	15-25 (70-180%)	9.5	NIL	.94	NIL	16	9/30	1.15	.58	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2193 Amer. Eagle Outfitters	AEO	22.61	3	3	3	1.10	25-35 (10-55%)	19.5	1.8	1.16	.41	37	10/31	.35	.48	12/31	.136	.138	YES
905 Amer. Elec. Power	AEP	81.18	3	1	4	.75	90-110 (10-35%)	17.6	3.7	4.60	3.00	34	9/30	1.50	1.48	3/31	.74	.70	YES
2536 Amer. Express	AXP	117.03	3	1	3	1.30	130-180 (10-35%)	17.4	1.5	6.71	1.80	62	12/31	1.76	2.03	3/31	.43	.43	YES
754 Amer. Financial Group	AFG	92.23	4	3	3	1.40	110-165 (20-80%)	10.2	2.2	9.02	2.00	20	9/30	2.45	2.25	3/31	.50	.45	YES
1512 Amer. Homes 4 Rent	AMH	31.39	3	3	3	1.00	30-40 (14-25%)	NMF	0.6	.23	.20	89	9/30	.07	.08	3/31	.05	.05	YES
2537 Amer. Int'l Group	AIG	87.42	4	3	4	1.50	70-105 (85-180%)	8.6	3.4	4.34	1.28	62	9/30	.32	.72	12/31	.32	.32	YES
1789 Amer. States Water	AWR	73.33	4	2	5	.65	60-80 (14-40%)	33.6	1.8	2.36	1.40	26	9/30	.72	.76	12/31	.335	.305	YES
588 Amer. Tower 'A'	AMT	255.57	4	2	5	.85	240-325 (14-40%)	44.6	2.1	5.28	5.02	54	9/30	1.04	1.12	3/31	d.121	1.01	YES
655 Amer. Vanguard Corp	AVD	17.02	4	3	4	1.20	25-35 (45-105%)	34.7	0.5	.49	.08	43	9/30	.10	.11	3/31	d.02	.02	YES
1790 Amer. Water Works	AWK	161.52	2	3	4	.85	90-140 (14-40%)	38.7	1.5	4.17	2.35	26	9/30	1.46	1.33	3/31	.55	.50	YES
1100 Arco Woodmark	AMWD	88.06	3	3	1	1.55	125-185 (14-110%)	12.4	NIL	7.12	NIL	50	10/31	1.97	1.84	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2225 Ameriprise Fin'l	AMP	200.84	1	3	3	1.40	200-300 (14-50%)	11.1	2.1	18.04	4.16	28	12/31	d1.43	3.53	3/31	d.104	.97	YES
204 AmersourceBergen	ABC	106.89	2	2	3	.90	145-195 (35-80%)	12.7	1.6	8.40	1.16	8	9/30	1.89	1.61	3/31	.44	.42	YES
1747 AMETEK, Inc.	AME	114.88	3	2	1	1.15	100-135 (14-20%)	28.5	0.6	4.03	.72	49	9/30	.88	.96	12/31	.18	.14	YES
830 Amgen	AMGN	240.43	3	1	4	.80	320-375 (35-55%)	14.6	2.9	16.45	7.04	56	12/31	d3.81	3.64	3/31	d.176	1.60	YES
1386 Amkor Technology	AMKR	16.58	3	4	3	1.25	19-35 (15-110%)	13.5	1.0	1.23	.16	6	9/30	.38	.23	3/31	.04	NIL	YES
1242 1322 Ampheno Corp.	APH	125.83	2	1	2	1.00	125-155 (14-25%)	30.7	0.9	4.09	1.16	69	12/31	d1.15	1.03	3/31	d.29	.25	YES
1353 Analog Devices	ADI	151.88	2	1	3	.95	130-175 (14-15%)	27.4	1.6	5.55	2.48	21	10/31	1.44	1.19	12/31	.62	.54	YES
2235 170 AngloDynamics	ANGO	18.82	3	3	4	1.00	17-25 (14-30%)	NMF	NIL	d.19	NIL	14	11/30	d.11	d.07	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2036 1558 AngloGold Ashanti ADS	AU	23.55	3	4	3	.55	90-55 (25-135%)	8.4	0.6	2.80	.14	70	6/30	.97(p)	.29(p)	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1513 Annaly Capital Mgmt.	NLY	8.29	4	4	3	1.10	6-10 (14-20%)	7.5	10.6	1.10	88-60	89	9/30	.32	.21	3/31	.22	.25	YES
2576 ANSYS, Inc.	ANSS	367.94	1	2	3	.85	250-335 (14-40%)	53.6	NIL	6.86	NIL	22	9/30	1.36	1.42	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
604 Antero Midstream Corp.	AM	8.00	-	4	-	NMF	11-19 (40-140%)	9.5	15.6	.84	1.25-40	84	9/30	.22	d.57	3/31	.308	.308	YES
2235 524 Antero Resources	AR	7.22	3	5	3	1.20	9-17 (25-135%)	16.0	NIL	.45	NIL	91	9/30	.05	d.49	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
790 Anthem, Inc.	ANTM	292.56																	

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	2136	Big Lots Inc.	BIG	55.55	3	3	3	1.20	70-105	(25-90%)	9.7	2.4	5.73	1.36	13	10/31	.76	d.24	12/31	.30	30	YES	
	206	Bio-Rad Labs. 'A'	BIO	591.68	1	2	2	.75	280-380	(N- N%)	50.7	NIL	11.66	NIL	8	9/30	3.00	1.61	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
**	831	Bio-Techne Corp.	TECH	340.07	2	2	3	.80	230-320	(N- N%)	73.1	0.4	4.65	1.32	56	12/31	1.15	1.08	3/31	1.32	.32	YES	
**	1612	Biogen	BHVN	278.46	Δ	1	3	5	.85	240-360	(N- 35%)	12.5	NIL	22.32	NIL	74	9/30	4.46	5.39	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
	1613	Biohaven Pharma	BHVN	84.43	3	4	2	1.25	90-155	(5- 65%)	NMF	NIL	d10.33	NIL	74	9/30	d3.27	d2.04	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
2236	632	BioMann Pharms.	BMRN	83.00	3	3	4	.90	100-155	(20- 85%)	70.9	NIL	1.17	NIL	56	9/30	.50	.30	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	2212	Black Hills	BKH	60.29	3	2	4	1.00	70-100	(5- 55%)	15.9	3.8	3.80	2.31	65	9/30	.58	.44	3/31	1.56	.535	YES	
	1819	Black Knight, Inc.	BKI	83.82	2	2	1	.75	90-120	(5- 45%)	36.6	NIL	2.29	NIL	55	9/30	.52	.51	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	2397	Black Stone Minerals	BSM	8.76	5	3	5	1.15	8-12	(N- 35%)	19.9	6.8	.44	.60	96	9/30	.09	.32	12/31	.15	.37	YES	
2449	589	BlackBerry	BB	14.63	3	4	3	1.25	11-18	(N- 25%)	77.0	NIL	.19	NIL	54	11/30	.02	.03	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	2227	BlackRock, Inc.	BLK	713.17	2	2	3	1.25	1800-2050	(150-185%)	19.6	2.3	36.43	16.52	28	12/31	10.18	8.34	3/31	4.13	3.63	YES	
	2443	Blackstone Group	BX	69.33	3	3	3	1.15	50-75	(N- 10%)	21.1	5.5	3.29	3.84	60	12/31	1.07	.71	3/31	.96	.61	YES	
	2540	Block (H&R)	HRB	18.16	4	3	5	1.05	25-35	(40- 85%)	41.3	5.9	.44	1.07	62	10/31	d1.17	d.93	3/31	.26	.26	YES	
	350	Bloomin' Brands	BLMN	21.51	4	4	3	1.70	25-40	(15- 65%)	43.9	NIL	.49	NIL	82	9/30	d.16	.10	12/31	NIL	10	YES	
	149	Blue Bird Corp.	BLBD	20.81	3	3	3	1.05	40-60	(90-190%)	19.8	NIL	1.05	NIL	35	9/30	.49	.43	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
2662	706	Boeing	BA	185.84	4	3	3	1.75	145-215	(15- 10%)	NMF	NIL	d16.35	NIL	66	12/31	14.65	d1.79	12/31	NIL	2.055	YES	
	590	Boingo Wireless	WIFI	11.49	-	4	-	1.20	16-25	(40-120%)	NMF	NIL	d.31	NIL	54	9/30	d.07	NIL	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	1108	Boise Cascade	BCC	49.03	3	3	2	1.15	50-70	(N- 45%)	13.5	0.8	3.63	.40	50	9/30	2.61	.72	12/31	.10	.10	YES	
	2634	Booking Holdings	BKNG	1990.46	3	3	2	1.15	2200-3300	(10- 65%)	34.9	NIL	57.04	NIL	31	9/30	12.27	45.36	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	2156	Bojiac Holdings	BOOT	57.56	3	4	4	1.40	35-60	(N- 5%)	30.8	NIL	1.87	NIL	67	12/31	1.00	.85	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	376	Booz Allen Hamilton	BAH	83.75	3	3	3	.90	90-135	(5- 60%)	21.6	1.8	3.87	1.48	38	12/31	1.04	.80	3/31	.37	.31	YES	
	969	BorgWarner	BWA	42.08	2	3	2	1.25	65-95	(55-125%)	10.5	1.6	3.99	.68	16	9/30	.88	.96	12/31	.17	.17	YES	
	1957	Boston Beer 'A'	SAM	974.65	2	3	3	.50	50-75	(N- N%)	54.7	NIL	17.82	NIL	39	9/30	6.51	3.65	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	2357	Boston Omaha	BOMN	29.08	3	3	3	.85	20-35	(N- 20%)	NMF	NIL	d.27	NIL	75	9/30	.13	.03	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	1515	Boston Properties	BXP	90.23	4	3	4	1.20	150-250	(65-155%)	24.6	4.3	3.67	3.92	89	12/31	.05	.91	3/31	.98	.98	YES	
	173	Boston Scientific	BSX	35.95	Δ	1	3	5	1.05	50-80	(40-125%)	51.4	NIL	.70	NIL	14	9/30	.25	.28	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
	2354	Boyd Gaming	BYD	46.11	3	3	3	1.60	60-90	(30- 95%)	23.4	NIL	1.97	NIL	87	9/30	.38	.39	12/31	NIL	.07	YES	
	1750	Brady Corp.	BRC	45.83	4	3	3	1.00	55-80	(20- 75%)	17.6	1.9	2.61	.88	48	10/31	.64	.70	3/31	.22	.218	YES	
	525	Brigham Minerals	BMNL	13.61	-	4	-	NMF	20-35	(45-155%)	29.6	7.1	.46	.96	91	9/30	d.24	.14	12/31	.24	.33	YES	
	1998	Bright Horizons Family	BFAM	157.35	3	3	1	1.10	150-220	(N- 40%)	NMF	NIL	1.50	NIL	81	9/30	.02	.86	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	351	Bunker Int'l	EAT	61.01	3	4	3	1.50	60-85	(N- 40%)	26.9	NIL	2.27	NIL	82	12/31	1.01	1.01	12/31	NIL	.36	YES	
	377	Brink's (The) Co.	BCO	69.41	3	3	3	1.40	70-105	(N- 50%)	17.8	0.9	3.91	.60	38	9/30	.86	1.06	3/31	.15	.15	YES	
	1614	Bristol-Myers Squibo	BMJ	62.21	3	1	3	.85	70-90	(N- 45%)	21.0	3.2	2.96	1.96	74	9/30	.82	.83	3/31	.49	.45	YES	
	1991	Bnl. Am. Tobacco ADR	BTI	36.66	2	3	4	.95	100-145	(15-75-25%)	7.6	7.4	4.85	2.71	2	6/30	1.95(p)	1.90(p)	3/31	1.67	.657	YES	
	1354	Broadcom Inc.	AVGO	466.74	3	3	3	1.10	295-435	(N- N%)	61.0	3.1	7.65	14.40	21	10/31	2.93	1.97	12/31	3.60	5.90	YES	
	431	Broadridge Fin'l	BR	146.07	2	2	2	.85	165-225	(15- 55%)	27.6	1.6	5.30	2.30	40	12/31	1.73	.53	3/31	.575	.54	YES	
	378	Brookfield Asset Mgmt.	BAM	39.11	4	3	2	1.35	45-65	(15- 65%)	26.4	1.2	1.48	.48	38	9/30	.10	.61	12/31	.12	.107	YES	
	1751	Brookfield Infrastruc.	BIP	52.26	2	3	3	1.30	35-55	(N- 5%)	64.5	3.7	.81	1.94	49	9/30	d.12	.07	12/31	.485	.503	YES	
	1707	Brooks Automation	BRKS	79.84	2	3	2	1.35	55-85	(N- 5%)	53.2	0.5	1.50	.40	46	12/31	1.47	.23	12/31	.10	.10	YES	
	2541	Brown & Brown	BRO	42.96	2	1	3	.90	45-55	(5- 20%)	23.2	0.9	1.85	.37	62	12/31	.34	.27	3/31	.093	.085	YES	
	1968	Brown Forman 'B'	BFB	72.16	3	1	2	.90	60-100	(10- 40%)	39.0	1.0	1.85	.72	38	10/31	.50	.59	6/30	1.18	.174	YES	
	114	Brucker Corp.	BRKR	58.04	3	3	3	1.10	70-105	(20- 80%)	48.4	0.3	1.20	.16	10	9/30	.35	.39	12/31	.04	.04	YES	
	2303	Brunswick Corp.	BC	86.90	Δ	2	3	2	1.45	110-160	(25- 85%)	14.7	1.2	5.92	1.08	73	12/31	1.32	.82	12/31	.27	.24	YES
	2194	Buckle (The), Inc.	BKE	37.58	2	3	3	.95	40-55	(5- 45%)	12.6	3.2	2.98	1.20	37	10/31	.85	.53	3/31	.30	.30	YES	
	1109	Builders FirstSource	BLDR	39.42	3	4	2	1.40	35-50	(N- 25%)	12.2	NIL	3.22	NIL	50	9/30	.82	.72	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	1905	Bunge Ltd.	BG	67.27	2	3	3	.95	65-95	(N- 40%)	18.0	3.1	3.74	2.08	29	9/30	1.84	.09	3/31	.50	.50	YES	
	2137	Burlington Stores	BURL	248.33	4	3	3	1.15	205-305	(N- 25%)	44.1	NIL	5.63	NIL	13	10/31	.29	1.55	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	2608	CACI Int'l	CACI	239.31	3	3	2	.95	285-425	(20- 80%)	15.9	NIL	15.03	NIL	33	12/31	4.18	3.11	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	707	CAE Inc.	CAE	29.92	3	3	1	1.40	35-50	(15- 65%)	38.4	NIL	.78	NIL	66	9/30	1.31(b)	.28(b)	12/31	1.01(b)	1.11(b)	YES	
	1799	Cboe Global Markets	CBOE	94.95	3	2	5	.90	140-190	(45-100%)	21.1	1.8	4.49	1.68	45	9/30	1.03	.94	12/31	.42	.36	YES	
	379	CBRE Group	CBRE	63.70	3	3	3	1.50	65-95	(N- 50%)	20.7	NIL	3.07	NIL	38	9/30	.73	.79	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	2388	CDK Global Inc.	CDK	51.67	3	3	2	1.05	75-115	(45-125%)	21.2	1.2	2.44	.60	75	9/30	.46	.62	12/31	.15	.15	YES	
	2609	CDW Corp.	CDW	138.16	2	3	3	1.05	105-160	(15- 15%)	24.7	1.2	5.60	1.60	33	9/30	1.33	1.37	12/31	.40	.38	YES	
	1355	CEVA, Inc.	CEVA	80.41	3	3	4	1.05	60-95	(N- 55%)	NMF	NIL	d.01	NIL	21	9/30	d.03	.03	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES	
	1597	CF Industries	CF	42.97	4	3	4	1.20	30-40	(N- N%)	27.2	3.0	1.56	1.30	71	9/30	d.13	.29					

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608 EnLink Midstream LLC	ENLC	3.81	4 5 3	1.65	4	6	(5-55%)	NMF	10.0	d.15	38.23	94	9/30	.03	02	3/31	.094	.188	YES
1415 Ennis, Inc.	ENB	18.53	4 3 5	.80	17	25	(N-35%)	14.7	4.9	1.26	.90	92	11/30	.32	41	9/31	.225	.225	YES
1216 Enphase Energy	(NOC) ENPH	185.34	3 3 3	.90	120	180	(N-15%)	NMF	NIL	1.55	NIL	57	9/30	.28	.23	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1758 EnPro Industries	NPO	73.52	3 3 2	1.35	80	120	(10-65%)	35.0	1.4	2.10	1.04	49	9/30	.67	d.41	12/31	.26	.25	YES
1369 Entegris, Inc.	(NOC) ENTG	102.04	1 3 3	1.10	75	115	(N-15%)	37.5	0.3	2.72	.35	6	12/31	♦.71	.55	3/31	.06	.08	YES
909 Entergy Corp	ETR	95.15	4 2 5	.95	110	150	(15-60%)	16.0	4.1	5.93	3.86	34	9/30	2.59	1.82	3/31	♦.95	.93	YES
620 Enterprise Products	EPD	20.80	4 3 4	1.10	35	55	(70-165%)	10.7	8.7	1.91	1.80	95	9/30	.48	.46	3/31	♦.45	.445	YES
179 Envista Holdings	NVST	36.02	- 3 -	NMF	45	65	(25-80%)	33.4	NIL	1.03	NIL	14	9/30	.22	.48	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
436 Equifax, Inc.	EFX	180.31	1 3 3	1.05	170	250	(N-40%)	27.2	0.9	6.63	1.56	40	9/30	1.87	1.48	12/31	.39	.39	YES
1521 Equinix, Inc.	(NOC) EQIX	756.72	3 3 4	.85	655	980	(N-30%)	59.4	1.5	7.61	11.56	69	9/30	.74	1.41	12/31	2.66	2.46	YES
2546 Equitable Holdings	EOH	25.05	▲ 3 3 2	1.60	110	150	(15-60%)	4.9	2.7	5.06	.68	62	9/30	1.24	1.38	12/31	.17	.15	YES
1522 Equity Residential	EQR	62.17	4 3 5	1.05	75	110	(20-75%)	45.4	3.9	1.37	2.41	89	9/30	.24	.71	3/31	.603	.568	YES
949 Eriqson ADR(g)	(NOC) ERIC	12.75	2 3 3	.85	12	18	(N-40%)	15.7	1.5	.81	.19	9	12/31	♦.28	.15	12/31	.084	NIL	YES
761 Erie Indemnity	(NOC) ERIE	245.91	2 2 1	.65	185	250	(N-15%)	42.5	1.7	5.79	4.14	20	9/30	1.71	1.80	3/31	▲ 1.035	.965	YES
1757 ESCO Technologies	ESE	97.89	3 3 3	1.00	90	130	(N-35%)	30.6	0.3	3.20	.32	49	9/30	.90	1.09	3/31	.08	.08	YES
1793 Essential Utilities	WTRG	47.12	2 3 3	.85	40	55	(N-15%)	38.6	2.2	1.22	1.04	26	9/30	.22	.38	3/31	♦.251	.234	YES
1523 Essex Property Trust	ESS	242.07	4 3 4	1.10	280	415	(15-70%)	40.5	3.5	5.97	5.53	89	9/30	1.13	1.51	3/31	2.075	1.95	YES
1149 Ethan Allen Interiors	ETH	23.69	3 3 3	.85	30	40	(25-70%)	18.7	4.2	1.27	1.00	80	12/31	♦.69	.27	6/30	.25	.21	YES
2638 Elys, Inc.	(NOC) ETSY	203.77	2 2 4	1.10	150	225	(N-10%)	91.4	NIL	2.23	NIL	31	9/30	.70	.12	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
331 Euronav NV	EURN	7.98	2 4 4	1.05	9	15	(15-90%)	NMF	4.5	.01	.36	51	9/30	.22	d.11	12/31	.09	.06	YES
421 European Equity Fund	EEA	10.29	- 3 -	1.00	10	14	(N-35%)	NMF	0.5	NMF	.05	-	6/30	9.93(q)	10.19(q)	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2020 Everest Re Group Ltd.	RE	211.50	2 1 3	.95	205	250	(N-20%)	13.4	2.9	15.82	6.20	85	9/30	6.07	2.56	12/31	1.55	1.55	YES
910 Evergy, Inc.	EVRG	53.74	4 2 4	.95	60	80	(10-50%)	18.2	4.0	2.95	2.17	34	9/30	1.60	1.56	12/31	▲ 535	.505	YES
139 Eversource Energy	ES	87.80	2 1 3	.90	80	100	(N-15%)	23.2	2.7	3.78	2.40	17	9/30	1.01	.98	12/31	.568	.535	YES
2237 Exact Sciences	(NOC) EXAS	138.39	3 4 3	1.15	115	190	(N-35%)	NMF	NIL	d1.34	NIL	23	9/30	d.07	d.31	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
833 Exelixis, Inc.	(NOC) EXEL	22.22	4 3 4	.95	35	45	(60-105%)	37.7	NIL	.59	NIL	56	9/30	d.10	.31	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
140 Exelon Corp	(NOC) EXC	42.08	3 3 4	.95	45	65	(5-55%)	13.4	3.8	3.13	1.51	17	9/30	.89	.79	12/31	.383	.363	YES
2639 Expedia Group	(NOC) EXPE	127.30	3 3 3	1.30	100	165	(N-30%)	NMF	NIL	.50	NIL	31	9/30	d1.56	2.71	12/31	NIL	.34	YES
383 Expeditors Int'l	(NOC) EXPD	90.49	2 1 1	.95	100	120	(10-35%)	22.2	1.1	4.08	1.04	38	9/30	1.12	.92	12/31	.52	.50	YES
437 Exponent, Inc.	(NOC) EXPO	85.14	3 3 3	.90	70	110	(N-30%)	52.9	0.9	1.61	.76	40	9/30	.34	.36	12/31	.19	.16	YES
2358 Extended Stay America	STAY	14.54	3 3 3	1.10	25	40	(70-175%)	27.4	2.6	.53	.38	87	9/30	.19	.22	12/31	.01	.23	YES
1524 Extra Space Storage	EXR	116.62	▼ 2 3 3	.95	95	145	(N-25%)	33.2	3.1	3.51	3.60	89	9/30	.86	.83	12/31	.90	.90	YES
507 Extron Mgmt Corp.	XOM	44.92	4 3 4	1.15	55	80	(20-80%)	27.4	7.7	1.20	3.49	97	12/31	♦.74	1.30	3/31	♦.87	.87	YES
2237 F5 Networks	(NOC) FFIV	195.35	▲ 1 3 4	.95	210	310	(5-60%)	31.9	NIL	6.15	NIL	9	12/31	1.41	1.62	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
117 FARO Technologies	(NOC) FARO	72.31	3 3 3	1.10	85	125	(20-75%)	NMF	NIL	.72	NIL	10	9/30	d.17	d.36	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2042 1307 FLIR Systems	(NOC) FLIR	53.38	- 3 -	.95	60	85	(10-60%)	22.7	1.3	2.35	.68	41	9/30	.64	.59	12/31	.17	.17	YES
1602 FMC Corp.	FMC	109.75	3 3 2	1.20	115	175	(5-60%)	15.4	1.8	7.12	1.96	71	9/30	1.22	.94	3/31	▲ .48	.44	YES
384 FTI Consulting	FCN	110.86	4 3 4	.75	105	160	(N-45%)	18.8	NIL	5.91	NIL	38	9/30	1.54	1.63	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2640 Facebook Inc.	(NOC) FB	262.01	2 2 2	.90	415	565	(80-115%)	22.1	NIL	11.88	NIL	31	12/31	♦3.86	2.56	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
438 FaciSel Research	FDS	312.26	3 2 2	1.00	265	380	(N-15%)	29.8	1.0	10.47	3.18	40	11/30	2.62	2.45	12/31	.77	.72	YES
2615 Fair Isaac	FICO	451.98	3 3 3	1.15	445	665	(N-45%)	53.2	NIL	8.50	NIL	33	12/31	♦2.90	1.82	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1139 Fastenal Co	(NOC) FAST	46.42	2 2 2	.90	50	80	(10-70%)	29.9	2.4	1.55	1.12	5	12/31	.34	.31	3/31	▲ .28	.25	YES
2616 Fastly, Inc.	FSLY	109.67	- 4 -	NMF	120	205	(N-70%)	NMF	NIL	d.60	NIL	33	9/30	d.22	d.13	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
1525 Federal Realty Inv Trust	FRT	87.04	5 2 4	1.15	135	185	(55-105%)	51.5	4.9	1.69	4.26	89	9/30	d.41	.84	3/31	1.05	1.05	YES
156 Federal Signal	FSS	33.15	3 3 3	1.00	45	65	(35-95%)	18.7	1.0	1.77	.32	35	9/30	.42	.47	12/31	.08	.08	YES
2229 Federated Hermes	FHI	27.52	3 3 2	1.45	80	95	(190-245%)	9.7	3.9	2.85	1.06	28	12/31	♦.93	.81	12/31	.27	.27	YES
308 FedEx Corp.	FDX	239.24	1 2 1	1.10	335	450	(40-90%)	13.7	1.1	17.50	2.60	84	11/30	4.83	2.51	12/31	.65	.65	YES
103 Ferran N.V.	RACE	216.99	2 3 2	.90	190	285	(N-30%)	44.5	0.6	4.88	1.40	3	12/31	♦1.23	1.01	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
566 Ferro Corp.	FOE	14.40	- 3 -	1.30	20	30	(40-110%)	14.4	NIL	1.00	NIL	43	9/30	.19	.35	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2448 Fiat Chrysler	FCU	SEE FINAL SUPPLEMENT																	
2547 Fidelity Nat'l Fin'l	FNF	37.30	2 3 3	1.25	60	90	(60-140%)	8.7	3.9	4.27	1.44	62	9/30	1.39	.90	12/31	▲ .36	.33	YES
2548 Fidelity Nat'l Int'l	FIS	129.23	1 2 3	1.00	145	195	(10-50%)	69.1	1.2	1.87	1.56	62	9/30	.03	.29	3/31	▲ .39	.35	YES
361 Fiesta Restaurant	(NOC) FRGI	16.46	- 4 -	1.00	16	25	(N-50%)	NMF	NIL	.14	NIL	82	9/30	.08	.01	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
777 Fifth Third Bancorp	(NOC) FITB	29.49	3 3 3	1.45	30	40	(N-35%)	13.2	3.7	2.23	1.08	48	12/31	.88	.68	3/31	.27	.24	YES
151 Finning Int'l	(NOC) FTTT	27.19	3 3 3	1.00	35	50	(30-85%)	17.7	3.0	1.54	.82	35	9/30	37(b)	49(b)	12/31	.205(b)	.205(b)	YES
2028 FireEye Inc.	(NOC) FEYE	21.59	3 4 2	1.15	30	45	(40-110%)	NMF	NIL	d.89	NIL	15	12/31	♦.17	d.23	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
762 First American Fin'l	FAF	53.52	4 3 4	1.15	90	130	(70-145%)	9.7	3.4	5.51	1.84	20	9/30	1.62	1.65	3/31	.46	.44	YES
2514 First Commonwealth	FCF	11.81	3 3 4	1.05	20	30	(70-155%)	13.0	3.7	.91	.44	47	12/31	♦.27	.27	3/31	♦.11	.11	YES
778 First Horizon Corp.	FHN	14.04	3 3 4	1.40	20	30	(40-115%)	11.2	4.3	1.25	.60	48	12/31	.46	.37	6/30	♦.15	.15	YES
779 First Midwest Bancorp	(NOC) FMBI	17.01	4 3 4	1.20	20	35	(20-105%)	19.1	3.3	.89	.56	48	12/31	♦.33	.47	3/31	.14	.14	YES
2515 First Republic Bank	FRC	146.27	1 3 3	1.00	140	210	(N-45%)	22.9	0.6	6.39	.64	47	12/31	1.60	1.39	3/31	.20	.19	YES
1217 First Solar, Inc.	(NOC) FSLR	98.31	3 3 1	1.00	115	175	(15-85%)	28.9	NIL	3.40	NIL	57	9/30	1.45	.29	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2549 FirstCash, Inc.	(NOC) FCFS	57.67	4 3 3	.85	75	115	(30-100%)	18.5	1.9	3.11	1.10	62	12/31	♦.79	1.27	3/31	♦.27	.27	YES
141 FirstEnergy Corp.	FE	31.18	2 3 5	.85	40	60	(30-90%)	12.5	5.0	2.49	1.56	17	9/30	.84	.75	3/31	.39	.39	YES
2617 Fiserv Inc	(NOC) FISV	106.50	3 2 2	1.00	105	145	(N-35%)	20.4	NIL	5.23	NIL	35	9/30	1.20	1.02	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES
2448 1330 Fitbit Inc	FIT	SEE FINAL SUPPLEMENT																	
2144 Five Below, Inc.	(NOC) FIVE	172.69	3 3 3	1.30	190	285	(10-65%)	49.8	NIL	3.47	NIL	13							

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1722 MSA Safety	MSA	157.74	3 3 4	1.00	115-170	(N-10%)	34.9	1.1	4.52	1.75	9/30	.94	1.15	3/31	.43	
1723 MSC Industrial Direct	MSM	79.67	3 2 1	.95	120-165	(50-105%)	17.5	3.8	4.54	3.00	11/30	1.10	1.21	3/31	.75	
442 MSCI Inc.	MSCI	416.25	3 3 3	.95	300-450	(N-10%)	50.9	0.9	8.18	3.32	12/31	1.96	1.67	3/31	.78	
2339 MSG Networks	MSGN	17.17	▲ 3 3 4	.80	25-40	(45-135%)	6.9	NIL	2.49	1.10	9/30	.61	.68	12/31	NIL	
1242 123 MTS Systems	MTSC	58.57	- 4 -	1.70	55-85	(N-45%)	41.8	NIL	1.40	1.10	9/30	.95	.25	12/31	NIL	
1533 Macerich Corp. (The)	MAC	14.01	4 4 5	1.55	20-35	(45-150%)	60.9	4.3	.23	.60	9/30	d.15	.33	3/31	.15	
1534 Mack-Cali R'ty	CLJ	12.63	- 3 -	.95	20-30	(50-140%)	NMF	NIL	d.67	NIL	9/30	d.49	d.64	12/31	NIL	
1362 MACOM Tech. Solutions	MTSI	62.49	2 3 4	1.20	55-85	(N-35%)	37.9	NIL	1.65	1.21	12/31	1.46	.07	12/31	NIL	
395 Macquarie Infra	MIC	28.54	- 3 -	NMF	16-25	(N-4%)	NMF	NIL	12	NIL	9/30	d.182	.18	12/31	1.00	
2146 Macy's Inc.	M	14.71	▲ 3 4 5	1.70	18-30	(20-105%)	NMF	NIL	d.12	NIL	10/31	d.19	.07	12/31	NIL	
2161 Madden (Steven) Ltd.	SHOO	33.66	3 3 2	1.15	35-55	(5-65%)	26.5	NIL	1.27	NIL	9/30	d.09	.63	12/31	NIL	
2340 Madison Sq. Garden Sport	MSGS	166.46	- 4 -	NMF	210-350	(25-110%)	NMF	NIL	d.57	NIL	9/30	d.18	d.36	12/31	NIL	
623 Magellan Midstream	MMP	43.74	4 3 4	1.20	65-115	(50-165%)	11.6	9.4	3.77	11-3.00	95	12/31	1.25	3/31	1.028	
983 Magna Int'l 'A'	MGAI	71.75	3 3 3	1.45	80-120	(10-65%)	11.5	2.2	6.25	1.60(n)	16	9/30	1.95	1.41	12/31	.40
2404 Magnolia Oil & Gas	MGY	8.84	5 5 5	1.35	10-20	(15-125%)	35.4	NIL	.25	NIL	9/30	.05	.05	12/31	NIL	
2312 Malibu Boats	MBUU	71.68	3 3 3	1.30	80-120	(10-65%)	14.4	NIL	4.97	NIL	7/30	1.13	.83	12/31	NIL	
2621 Manhattan Assoc.	MANH	115.37	4 3 3	1.25	110-160	(N-40%)	NMF	NIL	.86	NIL	3/30	.39	.42	12/31	NIL	
160 Manitowoc Co.	MTW	13.41	4 3 3	1.25	16-25	(20-85%)	38.3	NIL	.35	NIL	9/30	.10	.54	12/31	NIL	
1645 ManpowerGroup Inc.	MAN	69.77	3 3 2	1.15	105-160	(15-60%)	20.6	2.6	4.35	2.34	58	12/31	1.33	2.33	12/31	1.17
2622 ManTech Int'l 'A'	MANT	88.87	3 3 3	.85	90-130	(N-45%)	28.4	1.6	3.13	1.40	33	9/30	.73	.69	12/31	.32
1559 Manulife Finl	MFC	18.22	3 3 3	1.45	20-30	(5-65%)	8.4	4.9	2.17	.90	44	9/30	.55	.59	12/31	.21
1925 Maple Leaf Foods	MLFO	25.35	3 2 3	.55	40-55	(60-115%)	15.0	2.5	1.69	.64	29	9/30	.53	.11	12/31	.16
2405 Marathon Oil Corp.	MRO	7.34	5 4 4	1.50	14-25	(30-240%)	NMF	1.6	d.68	.12	96	9/30	d.28	.14	3/31	.03
512 Marathon Petroleum	MPC	43.45	- 3 -	1.70	60-90	(40-105%)	NMF	5.3	.01	2.32	97	12/31	1.56	1.56	3/31	.56
2365 Marcus Corp.	MCS	16.09	5 4 5	1.55	25-40	(40-120%)	NMF	NIL	d.57	NIL	8/30	d.130	.48	12/31	NIL	
2175 MarineMax	HZO	43.11	3 4 3	1.40	50-85	(15-95%)	11.1	NIL	3.90	NIL	6/1	12/31	1.04	.41	12/31	NIL
764 Market Corp.	MKL	989.98	2 2 4	1.15	1385-1875	(40-30%)	13.3	NIL	74.52	NIL	20	9/30	31.03	13.95	12/31	NIL
1804 MarketAxess Holdings	MKTX	568.73	2 3 3	.75	390-580	(N-4%)	68.9	0.5	8.26	2.64	45	12/31	1.91	1.32	3/31	.66
2366 Marriott Int'l	MAR	117.75	3 3 1	1.30	115-170	(N-45%)	74.5	NIL	1.58	NIL	87	9/30	.31	1.16	12/31	NIL
2367 Marriott Vacations	VAC	129.15	4 3 2	1.75	160-240	(25-85%)	35.2	0.8	3.67	1.00	87	9/30	d.81	1.97	12/31	NIL
2558 Marsh & McLennan	MMC	108.99	3 1 2	.95	110-135	(N-25%)	22.5	1.7	4.88	1.90	62	12/31	.73	.76	3/31	.465
1116 Martin Marietta	MLM	295.86	2 3 3	1.15	265-380	(N-30%)	28.0	0.8	10.57	2.32	50	9/30	4.71	3.96	12/31	.57
954 Maxwell Technology	MRLV	52.87	2 3 4	1.05	60-90	(15-70%)	31.3	0.5	1.66	.24	9	10/31	.25	.17	3/31	.05
1117 Masco Corp.	MAS	55.08	3 3 3	1.10	60-85	(10-55%)	17.4	1.0	3.16	.56	50	9/30	1.04	.60	3/31	.14
222 Masimo Corp.	MASI	259.48	1 2 3	.85	115-170	(N-4%)	66.2	NIL	3.92	NIL	8	9/30	.85	.86	12/31	NIL
1158 Masonite Int'l	DOOR	103.59	4 3 2	1.15	100-150	(N-45%)	26.4	NIL	3.92	NIL	80	9/30	d.89	.59	12/31	NIL
1234 MasTec	MTZ	80.69	3 3 3	1.35	75-115	(N-45%)	17.3	NIL	4.67	NIL	77	9/30	1.83	1.69	12/31	NIL
2559 MasterCard Inc.	MA	321.56	▲ 1 1 3	1.10	285-345	(N-5%)	38.5	0.5	8.36	1.76	62	12/31	1.78	1.96	3/31	.44
2406 Matador Resources	MTDR	16.04	4 5 3	1.80	20-35	(25-120%)	20.3	NIL	.79	NIL	96	9/30	.10	.32	12/31	NIL
2644 Match Group	MTCH	145.95	3 4 2	1.05	60-95	(N-4%)	66.6	NIL	2.19	NIL	31	9/30	.45	51	12/31	NIL
1590 Materion Corp.	MTRN	67.61	4 3 3	1.15	75-105	(10-55%)	25.2	0.7	2.68	.46	25	9/30	.55	.81	12/31	.115
2236 335 Matson, Inc.	MATX	60.59	3 3 3	.90	60-80	(N-50%)	16.4	1.5	3.70	.92	51	9/30	1.63	.84	3/31	.23
2313 Mattel Inc.	MAT	18.28	2 4 3	1.20	17-30	(N-65%)	36.6	NIL	.50	NIL	73	9/30	.95	.20	12/31	NIL
2458 717 Maxar Technologies	MAXR	43.66	3 5 3	1.20	30-55	(N-25%)	NMF	0.1	d.15	.04	66	9/30	1.32	d.69	12/31	.01
1363 Maxim Integrated	MXIM	90.63	- 3 -	.95	85-120	(N-30%)	32.0	NIL	2.83	NIL	21	12/31	.73	.55	12/31	NIL
396 MAXIMUS Inc.	MMS	76.47	3 2 3	.80	100-140	(30-85%)	21.2	1.6	3.60	1.20	38	9/30	1.02	.93	3/31	.28
1364 MaxLinear, Inc.	MXL	32.48	3 3 1	1.25	35-50	(10-55%)	19.8	NIL	1.64	NIL	21	9/30	.32	.23	12/31	NIL
1926 McCormick & Co.	MKC	89.18	2 1 3	.80	90-110	(N-25%)	30.5	1.5	2.92	1.36	29	11/30	1.79	.81	3/31	.34
363 McDonald's Corp.	MCD	207.93	3 1 3	.95	250-300	(20-45%)	25.2	2.5	8.26	5.16	82	12/31	1.70	1.97	3/31	1.29
223 McKesson Corp.	MCK	179.73	3 2 4	1.00	340-460	(30-155%)	9.8	0.9	18.43	1.68	8	12/31	1.60	3.78	6/30	.42
1825 Medallia Inc.	MDLA	41.21	- 4 -	NMF	25-40	(N-4%)	NMF	NIL	d.54	NIL	55	10/31	d.22	d.31	12/31	NIL
1927 Medtronic	MD	232.58	2 3 3	1.10	185-280	(N-20%)	22.5	1.9	10.32	4.52	29	9/30	2.91	1.32	3/31	1.13
805 MEDNAX, Inc.	MD	26.27	▲ 4 3 3	1.50	40-65	(40-130%)	18.7	NIL	1.51	NIL	23	9/30	.37	.91	12/31	NIL
806 Medpace Holdings	MDPD	137.58	2 3 3	1.15	110-160	(N-15%)	33.5	NIL	4.11	NIL	23	9/30	1.09	.63	12/31	NIL
188 Medtronic plc	MDT	111.18	3 1 2	.95	125-155	(10-40%)	24.9	2.2	4.46	2.40	14	10/31	1.02	1.31	3/31	.58
2358 Melco Resorts & Entert.	MLCO	15.79	4 4 3	1.05	20-35	(25-120%)	NMF	NIL	d.62	NIL	87	9/30	d.70	.17	12/31	NIL
1826 Mercadolibre Inc.	MELI	1896.79	2 3 3	.95	1630-2450	(N-30%)	NMF	NIL	2.20	NIL	55	9/30	.28	d.96	12/31	NIL
1623 Merck & Co.	MRK	77.36	2 1 3	.65	100-125	(30-60%)	12.3	3.4	6.29	2.60	74	9/30	1.74	1.51	6/30	.65
765 Mercury General	MGY	52.79	2 3 3	.90	70-105	(35-100%)	11.6	4.8	4.54	2.53	20	9/30	1.23	.76	12/31	.633
1405 Mercury Systems	MRCY	70.63	2 3 1	1.00	90-135	(25-90%)	30.8	NIL	2.29	NIL	27	9/30	.51	.44	12/31	NIL
456 Meredith Corp.	MDP	22.48	4 4 5	1.35	40-70	(80-210%)	8.6	NIL	2.61	NIL	90	9/30	1.04	.03	12/31	NIL
637 224 Meridian Bioscience	VIVO	23.22	3 3 3	.70	25-40	(10-70%)	19.4	NIL	1.20	NIL	8	9/30	.15	.13	12/31	NIL
984 Meritor, Inc.	MTOR	26.49	3 4 2	1.30	30-45	(15-70%)	16.1	NIL	1.75	NIL	16	9/30	.15	.83	12/31	NIL
1132 Meritage Homes	MTH	82.70	3 3 3	1.35	115-170	(40-105%)	7.8	NIL	10.90	NIL	18	12/31	1.97	2.65	12/31	NIL
577 Methanex Corp.	MEOH	33.34	3 4 1	1.75	25-45	(N-35%)	NMF	0.4	d.83	.15	43	12/31	1.15	.21	3/31	.038
1336 Methode Electronics	MEI	38.50	3 3 2	1.10	55-75	(45-95%)	12.8	1.1	3.00	.44	69	10/31	1.01	.63	3/31	.11
1560 MetLife Inc.	MET	48.47	2 3 3	1.40	60-90	(25-85%)	7.9	3.8	6.16	1.84	44	9/30	1.73	1.27	3/31	.46
1955 Metro Inc.	MRU	56.10b	3 2 3	.50	60-85	(5-50%)	16.5	1.8	3.40	1.00	72	12/31	79(b)	71(b)	3/31	.25(b)
124 MetLife Toleda Int'l	MTD	1180.82	2 2 4	.95	1020-1380	(N-15%)	45.1	NIL	26.17	NIL	10	9/30	6.68	5.20	12/31	NIL
425 Mexico Fund	MXF	13.36	- 4 -	1.15	16-25	(20-85%)	NMF	NIL	NMF	NIL	-	10/31	12.66(g)	15.36(g)	12/31	NIL
2176 Michaelis Cos. (The)	MIK	15.33	3 5 3	1.80	30-50	(85-225%)	6.9	NIL	2.22	NIL	61	10/31	.86	.40	12/31	NIL
1365 Microchip Technology	MCHP	142.25	2 3 3	1.10	135-205	(N-45%)	20.8	1.0	6.83	1.48	21	9/30	1.56	1.43	12/31	.369
1366 Micron Technology	MU	80.43	2 3 4	1.20	100-150	(25-85%)	19.5	NIL	4.13	NIL	21	11/30	.78	.46	12/31	NIL
2587 Microsoft Corp.	MSFT	239.65	3 1 3	.90	220-265	(N-10%)	32.3	0.8	7.43	2.24	22	12/31	2.03	1.51	3/31	.56
1535 Mid-America Apartment	MAA	134.98	▲ 4 2 3	1.00	105-145	(N-5%)	58.4	3.0	2.31	4.10	89	9/30	.52	.68	3/31	1.025
1724 Middleby Corp. (The)	MIDD	138.36	3 3 3	1.55	140-210</											

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												Qtr. Ended	Earnings Per sh.	Year Ago	Qtr. Ended	Latest Div'd	Year Ago	
2371 Red Rock Resorts (NOC)	RHR	23.36	4	4	2	1.60	50-80 (115-240%)	19.3	NIL	1.21	87	9/30	.56	.15	12/31	NIL	.10	
1729 Regal Beloit	RBC	128.56	3	3	3	1.15	145-200 (15-55%)	19.4	0.9	6.61	120	9/30	1.73	1.35	5/30	.30	.30	
1540 Regency Centers Corp.	REG	46.84	5	3	4	1.10	55-85 (15-80%)	51.0	5.1	.92	238	8/30	.07	.34	3/31	.595	.595	
842 Regeneron Pharmac. (NOC)	REGN	508.08	3	3	4	.65	680-1020 (35-100%)	17.6	NIL	28.80	56	9/30	7.39	5.86	12/31	NIL	NIL	
2523 Regions Financial	RF	17.32	2	3	3	1.40	20-30 (15-75%)	10.2	3.6	1.70	62	12/31	.61	.38	3/31	.155	.155	
999 Regis Corp.	RGS	10.04	-	4	-	1.40	13-20 (30-100%)	55.8	NIL	.16	53	9/30	.78	.37	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1553 Remsurance Group	RGA	104.65	4	3	3	1.55	110-170 (5-60%)	8.5	2.9	12.27	300	9/30	3.51	4.02	12/31	.70	.70	
745 Reliance Steel	RS	119.18	2	3	3	1.15	130-195 (10-65%)	17.9	2.1	6.65	250	9/30	1.51	2.40	12/31	.625	.55	
2023 RenaissanceRe Hldgs	RNR	162.95	4	2	4	.85	160-210 (5-35%)	12.8	0.9	11.92	140	12/31	d1.59	.52	12/31	.35	.34	
1653 2151 Rent-A-Center (NOC)	RCII	44.70	2	3	2	1.20	45-70 (10-55%)	12.1	2.8	3.70	124	9/30	1.04	.47	3/31	.31	.29	
410 Republic Services	RSG	80.87	3	2	1	.90	105-140 (15-55%)	24.4	1.9	3.73	68	9/30	1.00	.91	12/31	.425	.405	
1340 Resideo Technologies	REZI	24.28	3	4	3	1.80	35-45 (45-85%)	20.1	NIL	1.21	69	9/30	.60	.06	12/31	NIL	NIL	
231 ResMed Inc.	RMD	202.67	3	3	3	.90	120-180 (10-N)	39.0	0.8	5.20	156	12/31	d1.23	1.21	3/31	.39	.39	
397 Resources Connection (NOC)	RGP	11.83	4	3	4	1.05	20-30 (70-155%)	26.3	4.7	.45	56	11/30	d.03	.38	3/31	.14	.14	
366 Restaurant Brands Int'l	QSR	59.06	4	3	1	1.20	95-145 (60-145%)	23.9	3.7	2.47	220	9/30	.47	.72	3/31	.52	.50	
635 1000 Revlon Inc.	REV	11.30	-	5	-	1.35	17-30 (50-165%)	NMF	NIL	d2.10	82	9/30	.58	d.71	12/31	NIL	NIL	
636 2204 Revolve Group	RVLV	35.12	-	3	-	NMF	30-45 (10-25%)	53.1	NIL	.68	37	9/30	.27	.13	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1730 Rexnord Corp.	RXN	38.88	3	3	3	1.20	55-80 (40-105%)	22.5	0.8	1.73	32	9/30	.37	.46	12/31	.08	NIL	
1182 Reynolds Consumer (NOC)	REYN	30.22	-	3	-	NMF	35-55 (15-80%)	14.8	2.9	2.04	88	9/30	.56	.NA	12/31	.22	NIL	
959 Ribbon Communications (NOC)	RYBN	8.00	-	5	-	1.00	6-10 (10-25%)	NMF	NIL	.03	31	9/30	.04	.01	12/31	NIL	NIL	
2594 RingCentral, Inc.	RNG	387.80	3	3	3	.90	435-650 (10-70%)	NMF	NIL	1.21	22	9/30	.26	.22	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1592 Rio Tinto plc	RIO	78.47	2	3	2	1.05	85-130 (10-65%)	12.1	5.0	6.46	396	25/30	2.94(p)	3.02(p)	12/31	NIL	NIL	
398 Ritchie Brothers	RBA	60.70	3	3	2	1.00	60-90 (10-50%)	31.3	1.4	1.94	88	9/30	.41	.23	3/31	.22	.20	
1653 2150 Rile Aid Corp.	RAD	23.54	5	5	4	.70	17-30 (10-25%)	23.1	NIL	1.02	13	11/30	.40	.54	12/31	NIL	NIL	
★ 1646 Robert Half Int'l	RHI	68.70	2	2	3	1.25	80-110 (15-60%)	21.2	2.2	3.24	148	12/31	d.84	.98	12/31	.34	.31	
2563 Rocket Companies	RKT	21.54	-	3	-	NMF	25-35 (15-60%)	9.1	NIL	2.37	62	9/30	1.21	.NA	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1314 Rockwell Automation	ROK	247.68	▲	2	2	1.15	235-315 (10-25%)	28.6	1.8	8.65	435	12/31	2.38	2.11	12/31	d.107	1.02	
1777 Rogers Communications (TSE)	RCIB.TO	56.05b	3	2	4	.80	75-100 (30-70%)	15.5	3.6	3.71	210	12/31	d.99(b)	1.00(b)	5/30	d.50(b)	50(b)	
1341 Rogers Corp.	ROG	165.01	3	3	3	1.20	140-205 (10-25%)	28.2	NIL	5.85	69	9/30	1.45	1.51	12/31	NIL	NIL	
2343 Roku, Inc.	ROKU	416.20	3	4	3	.95	350-585 (10-40%)	NMF	NIL	d.49	36	9/30	.09	.22	12/31	NIL	NIL	
399 Rollins, Inc.	ROL	36.22	▼	2	3	.85	40-55 (10-50%)	65.9	0.9	.55	32	12/31	d.13	.11	3/31	.08	.08	
1731 Roper Tech.	ROP	391.36	3	1	3	1.03	420-525 (10-35%)	27.6	0.6	14.19	225	46/30	d.356	3.39	3/31	d.563	.513	
2205 Ross Stores	ROST	112.41	▼	3	1	1.25	120-180 (5-60%)	28.2	NIL	3.99	37	10/31	.37	1.03	12/31	NIL	.255	
2524 Royal Bank of Canada (TSE)	RYTO	104.52b	3	1	3	.90	120-145 (15-40%)	11.9	4.2	8.78	444	10/31	2.23(b)	2.18(b)	3/31	1.08(b)	1.05(b)	
2319 Royal Caribbean	RCL	65.75	4	5	3	1.65	90-165 (35-150%)	NMF	NIL	d10.60	73	9/30	d6.29	4.21	12/31	NIL	.78	
819 Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	RDSB	34.54	5	3	3	1.30	65-100 (30-190%)	18.3	3.9	1.89	133	9/30	.12	1.46	12/31	d.333	.91	
1577 Royal Gold	RGLD	107.53	3	3	4	.65	170-250 (60-130%)	29.1	1.1	3.69	120	9/30	.82	.60	3/31	.30	.26	
1208 Royce Value Trust	RVT	17.04	-	3	-	1.25	16-25 (10-45%)	NMF	0.8	NMF	.13	-	6/30	14.33(a)	17.35(a)	12/31	NIL	NIL
2132 Rush Enterprises 'A' (NOC)	RUSHA	42.60	3	3	3	1.00	40-65 (10-55%)	20.0	1.3	2.13	56	9/30	.60	.70	12/31	.14	.087	
746 Russell Metals	RUS.TO	23.54b	3	3	3	1.20	30-50 (25-110%)	19.3	6.5	1.22	152-76	19	9/30	.29(b)	.29(b)	12/31	.38(b)	.38(t)
311 Ryanair Hldgs plc ADS (NOC)	RYAAY	96.62	3	3	1	1.15	115-195 (20-100%)	NMF	NIL	d.60	84	12/31	d1.65	.44	12/31	NIL	NIL	
326 Ryder System	R	63.52	3	3	2	1.15	55-85 (10-35%)	21.5	3.5	2.98	224	30/30	1.21	d1.49	12/31	.56	.56	
1541 Ryman Hospitality	RHP	66.99	4	3	3	1.75	70-105 (5-55%)	NMF	NIL	d5.50	89	9/30	d2.14	.43	12/31	NIL	.90	
445 S&P Global	SPGI	321.84	3	2	3	1.00	345-465 (5-45%)	28.2	1.0	11.42	308	40/30	2.85	2.46	3/31	.77	.67	
2595 SAP SE	SAP	129.56	3	2	5	.95	130-180 (10-40%)	29.6	1.4	4.38	175	22	9/30	1.55	1.17	12/31	NIL	NIL
598 SBA Communications (NOC)	SBAC	278.27	2	3	4	.85	260-395 (10-40%)	NMF	0.8	2.49	218	54	9/30	.20	.19	12/31	.465	.37
2624 SEI Investments (NOC)	SEIC	54.75	3	2	3	1.25	75-105 (35-80%)	16.3	1.4	3.35	76	33/31	d.86	.84	3/31	.37	.35	
336 SFL Corp. Ltd	SFL	6.52	2	4	5	1.25	13-20 (100-205%)	19.2	9.2	.34	60	51	9/30	.15	.04	12/31	.17	.35
1795 SJW Group	SJW	67.50	-	3	-	.85	65-95 (10-40%)	29.1	2.0	2.32	135	26	9/30	.91	.33	3/31	.34	.32
1542 SL Green Realty	SLG	65.91	▲	4	3	1.40	85-125 (30-90%)	42.0	5.7	1.57	375	89	12/31	d2.41	.22	12/31	.911	.911
★ 2564 SLM Corporation (NOC)	SLM	13.78	3	3	3	1.20	17-25 (25-80%)	8.6	0.9	1.61	12	12/31	d1.13	.32	3/31	d.03	.03	
1237 SNC-Lavalin Group (TSE)	SNC.TO	22.12b	5	4	4	1.05	35-50 (60-125%)	18.4	0.4	1.20	05	7/30	d.48(b)	15.70(b)	12/31	.02(b)	.02(b)	
1778 SPX Corp.	SPXC	53.47	3	3	3	1.33	55-85 (5-60%)	17.5	NIL	0.05	49	9/30	.64	.60	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1732 SPX FLOW, Inc.	FLOW	54.55	3	3	2	1.70	40-65 (10-20%)	43.0	NIL	1.27	116	46	9/30	.39	.38	12/31	NIL	NIL
2596 SS&C Techn. Hldgs (NOC)	SSNC	63.73	3	3	1	1.15	85-125 (35-95%)	14.4	0.9	4.43	56	22	9/30	1.10	.93	12/31	.14	.125
2525 SVS Fin'l Group (NOC)	SIVB	456.53	1	3	4	1.20	305-455 (10-N)	21.3	NIL	21.40	47	12/31	7.40	5.06	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1831 Sabre Corp.	SABR	11.28	4	5	3	2.00	20-40 (75-255%)	NMF	NIL	d.64	55	9/30	d.82	.27	12/31	NIL	.14	
1631 Sage Therapeutics (NOC)	SAGE	82.66	3	4	3	1.30	85-140 (5-70%)	NMF	NIL	d6.95	74	9/30	d2.03	d3.48	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1238 St. Joe Corp.	JOE	46.27	2	3	3	.90	25-40 (10-N)	75.9	0.6	.31	28	7/30	.13	.10	12/31	.07	NIL	
1021 1832 Salesforce.com	CRM	228.46	2	3	3	.85	235-350 (5-55%)	50.9	NIL	4.49	55	10/31	1.15	d.12	12/31	NIL	NIL	
636 1001 Sally Beauty	SBH	15.83	5	3	5	1.15	20-35 (25-125%)	8.6	NIL	1.85	53	9/30	.62	.58	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1933 Sanderson Farms (NOC)	SAFM	136.05	3	3	4	.55	125-190 (10-40%)	34.0	1.3	4.30	29	10/31	1.26	d1.05	3/31	.44	.32	
1834 Sanfilippo (John B.)	JBSS	82.15	3	3	5	.60	80-120 (10-45%)	18.1	0.8	4.54	65	29	12/31	d1.72	1.52	12/31	NIL	NIL
1342 Sanmina Corp	SANM	32.37	3	3	3	.85	45-65 (40-100%)	9.8	NIL	3.39	69	9/30	1.10	.84	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1632 Sanofi ADR	SNY	47.60	3	1	3	.80	50-65 (5-35%)	14.9	3.7	3.20	175	74	9/30	.91	.84	12/31	NIL	NIL
2585 Santander Consumer USA	SC	22.75	▲	3	3	1.55	25-40 (10-75%)	13.2	NIL	1.73	62	9/30	1.58	.67	12/31	NIL	.22	
1935 Saputo Inc.	SAPTO	34.06b	3	1	4	.60	40-50 (15-45%)	19.2	2.1	1.77	70	29	9/30	d2.42(b)	.47(b)	3/31	.175(b)	.17(b)
843 Sarepta Therapeutics (NOC)	SRPT	89.99	5	4	1	.85	6-10 (10-N)	NMF	NIL	d4.34	56	9/30	d2.50	d1.70	12/31	NIL	NIL	
1408 ScanSource	SCSC	25.73	▼	3	4	1.25	35-55 (35-115%)	12.7	NIL	2.33	27	9/30	.42	.72	12/31	NIL	NIL	
232 Schein (Henry)	HSIC	67.46	-	3	-	NMF	85-125 (25-85%)	18.6	NIL	3.39	6	9/30	.99	.91	12/31	NIL	NIL	
2427 Schlumberger Ltd.	SLB	22.16	5	3	4	1.35	30-45 (35-105%)	32.1	2.3	.59	50	93/30	.22	.39	6/30	.125	.50	
327 Schneider National	SNDR	21.75	4	3	5	.80	25-35 (15-60%)	17.1	1.3									

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1743 Xylem Inc		XYL	97.14	1	2	1	1.05	65-115	(N-20%)	35.7	1.2	2.72	1.12	46	9/30	.62	.82	12/31	.26	.24	YES											
1579 Yamana Gold		AUY	4.96	3	5	2	.65	5-10	(N-100%)	16.5	2.2	.30	.11	70	9/30	.06	.03	3/31	▲ .026	.01	YES											
2655 Yelp, Inc.		YELP	33.71	4	3	3	1.15	30-45	(N-35%)	NMF	NIL	11	NIL	31	9/30	d.01	.14	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES											
2328 YETI Holdings		YETI	67.14	2	3	2	1.50	70-105	(5-55%)	35.0	NIL	1.92	NIL	73	9/30	.61	.30	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES											
1796 York Water Co. (The)		YORW	43.80	3	3	2	.80	30-50	(N-15%)	33.4	1.7	1.31	.75	26	9/30	.36	.35	3/31	▲ .157	.18	YES											
372 Yum! Brands		YUM	103.06	3	3	2	1.05	115-170	(10-65%)	26.7	1.9	3.86	2.00	82	9/30	1.03	.95	3/31	▲ .50	.47	YES											
373 Yum China Holdings		YUMC	57.78	3	3	3	.75	70-100	(20-75%)	28.9	0.8	2.00	.48	82	9/30	.45	.58	12/31	▲ .12	.12	YES											
602 Zebra Techn. 'A'		ZBRA	397.33	2	3	3	1.00	350-540	(N-35%)	28.7	NIL	13.85	NIL	54	9/30	3.27	3.43	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES											
1839 Zendesk Inc.		ZEN	147.73	3	3	3	1.10	150-220	(N-50%)	NMF	NIL	d.91	NIL	55	9/30	d.35	d.31	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES											
455	2656 Zillow Group 'C'		Z	3	3	3	1.15	60-90	(N-N%)	NMF	NIL	.40	NIL	31	9/30	.16	d.31	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES											
199 Zimmer Biomet Hldgs		ZBH	153.90	2	3	3	1.20	140-205	(N-35%)	20.5	0.6	7.49	1.00	14	9/30	1.81	1.77	3/31	.24	.24	YES											
2533 Zions Bancorp.		ZION	44.70	3	3	3	1.25	55-80	(25-80%)	10.1	3.0	4.41	1.36	47	12/31	1.66	.97	12/31	.34	.34	YES											
1634 Zosite Inc		ZTS	155.58	3	2	3	1.00	155-205	(N-30%)	39.4	0.6	3.95	1.00	74	9/30	1.10	.94	3/31	▲ .25	.29	YES											
937 Zoom Video Communc.		ZM	381.93	-	4	-	NMF	350-550	(N-45%)	NMF	NIL	2.07	NIL	63	10/31	.66	.01	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES											
2035 Zscaler, Inc		ZS	204.47	3	4	3	.55	210-350	(5-70%)	NMF	NIL	d1.09	NIL	15	10/31	d.41	d.13	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES											
2209 Zumiez Inc.		ZUMZ	42.38	3	3	3	1.15	50-70	(20-65%)	13.8	NIL	3.07	NIL	37	10/31	1.16	.75	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES											
455	2014 Zynga Inc.		ZNGA	10.14	3	3	3	.65	7-11	(N-10%)	NMF	NIL	d.33	NIL	59	2/30	d.11	d.07	12/31	NIL	NIL	YES										

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Over the past three months since our last report, these stocks have had a wider range of returns than is typical for this industry. Even though these equities are sought out by investors for their well-defined earnings and good dividend growth prospects, they have performed well, despite the recent strong market showing. We attribute this partially to investors willing to pay a steep premium to own these relatively scarce stocks.

The fundamentals of the Water Industry have not changed much in the past 10 years. Previously, in order to keep customers' bills low, water companies did not invest the funds required to keep their pipelines and wastewater facilities in top condition. As a result, over the past decade, they have been pouring large amounts of money into upgrading their assets. Despite the progress made, much of the nation's water infrastructure is in less than ideal shape, with some systems having pipes that were installed 50 to 75 years ago.

Most water districts in the United States are run by municipalities and states. Indeed, when the smallest districts are included, there are over 100,000 separate domestic entities that provide water services. Consolidation has been ongoing in this sector, as the smaller less-efficient operators are being absorbed, by larger players.

External debt is used frequently to fund these major construction projects that are in progress.

As regulated companies, the members of this group are allowed to act as monopolies. However, to offset the lack of competition, water utilities permit state regulators to determine the rates they can charge. Unlike other regulated industries, water stands out for its generally constructive relationship with its overseers. This is a major reason why the equities of these companies have been so successful.

Strong Demand, Few Stocks

One of the trademarks of the Water Utility Industry is that there are only eight publicly traded equities that we follow. Moreover, of this group only two fall under the definition of being Large Cap stocks (having a market capitalization of over \$10 billion (*American Water Works* and *Essential Utilities*.) Four are classified as Mid Cap (\$1 billion to under \$5 billion). Included in this group, are *American States Water*, *California Water*, *Middlesex Water*, and *SJW Group*. The Small Cap stocks (under \$1 billion) are *Consolidated Water* and *York Water*. Combined, the total market cap of the entire industry is under \$50 billion. Thus, there is a limited pool of shares for investors wanting to have a presence in the space. It's also one of the reasons why water stocks trade with such high Price Earnings ratios, as people are willing to pay a steep premium to own them.

Industry Fundamentals

As we mentioned, the average age of water pipelines in the United States is estimated to be more than 50

INDUSTRY TIMELINESS: 9 (of 96)

years old, with it not being unusual for some pipes to having been laid 75 to 100 years ago. Thus, capital budgets are usually burdensome, as miles and miles of new pipe are installed annually. Also, because of the size of the outlays, not all of the expenditures can be financed with internally generated funds. Many in the industry have to rely upon debt. Thus, while the normal Financial Strength rating in the group is a B+ to a B++, *California Water* is the only one that rates a grade as high as A.

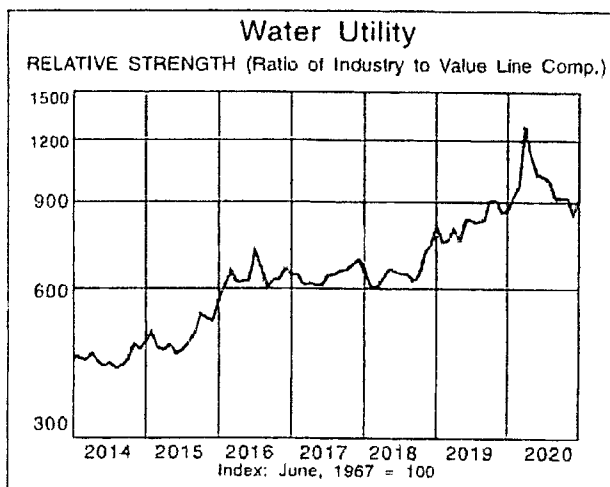
Consolidation remains ongoing, as many of the smaller water companies are inefficient and undercapitalized. The large caps often absorb many water districts each year. Regulators are usually not bothered by this because the results can be better service for the customers and sometimes even lower bills. *American Water Works* uses the growth by acquisition strategy more than its peers, and we don't think that the situation will change anytime soon.

Another of the industry's attractive attributes is its regulatory climate, or basically the relationship between the water companies and authorities. Regulated businesses and utilities are often involved in disagreements and lawsuits. An example of this would be electric and gas companies and the states they operate in. Since authorities establish the rate of return that utilities can earn, a constructive relationship between the parties cannot be underestimated.

Conclusion

As noted, there are a handful of opportunities here that momentum accounts may find attractive. However, due to the strong showing of many of the stocks, long-term total return potential here is often not just underwhelming, but well below that of the average stock covered by *Value Line*. Unfortunately, this seems to be the case even on a risk-adjusted basis. Indeed, many of these equities are already trading within their 2023-2025 projected Target Price Range. Thus, despite all of its positives, investors with a long-term horizon may want to look elsewhere, as a lot of good news is already factored into share prices. As always, we advise subscribers to read each individual report before investing to better understand the level of risk being assumed.

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RECENT PRICE	79.15	P/E RATIO	34.0 (Trailing: 35.3 Median: 22.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.60	DIV'D YLD	1.6%	VALUE LINE
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TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 12/11/20
SAFETY 2 Raised 7/20/12
TECHNICAL 4 Lowered 12/25/20
BETA 55 (100 = Maximal)

Low-High	Midpoint (% to Mid)
\$65-\$124	\$95 (20%)

2023-25 PROJECTIONS			
	Price	Gain	Ann'l Tot Return
High	80	(Nil)	3%
Low	60	(-25%)	-4%

	10/20/20	2/20/20	3/20/20
to Buy	125	135	12
to Sell	166	129	13
Mid's Org	26162	25835	2573

High:	19.4	19.8	1
Low:	14.9	15.6	1

LEGENDS

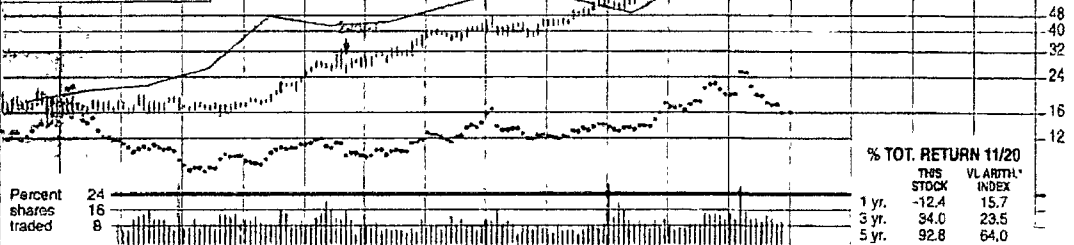
— 135 x Dividends p sh
 divided by Interest Rate

... Relative Price Strength

2-for-1 split 9/13

Options: Yes

Shaded area indicates recession



2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	VALUE LINE PUB. LLC, 23-25	
6.81	7.03	7.88	8.75	9.21	9.74	10.71	11.12	12.12	12.19	12.17	12.58	11.92	12.01	11.88	12.88	12.95	13.40	Revenues per sh	16.40
1.11	1.32	1.45	1.65	1.69	1.70	2.11	2.13	2.48	2.65	2.67	2.81	2.70	2.95	2.84	3.26	3.25	3.50	"Cash Flow" per sh	4.50
.53	.66	.67	.81	.78	.81	1.11	1.12	1.41	1.61	1.57	1.61	1.62	1.88	1.72	2.28	2.25	2.40	Earnings per sh ^A	2.90
.44	.45	.46	.46	.50	.51	.52	.55	.64	.76	.83	.87	.91	.99	1.06	1.16	1.28	1.40	Div'd Decl'd per sh ^B	1.28
2.57	2.12	1.95	1.45	2.23	2.09	2.12	2.13	1.77	2.52	1.89	2.39	3.55	3.08	3.44	4.12	3.40	3.60	Cap'l Spending per sh	3.75
7.51	7.86	8.32	8.77	8.97	9.70	10.13	10.84	11.80	12.72	13.24	12.77	13.52	14.45	15.19	16.33	17.30	18.50	Book Value per sh ^D	21.20
33.50	33.60	34.10	34.46	34.60	37.06	37.26	37.70	38.53	38.72	38.29	36.50	36.57	36.66	36.76	36.85	37.00	37.25	Common Shs Outst'd ^C	37.50
23.2	21.9	27.7	24.0	22.6	21.2	15.7	15.4	14.3	17.2	20.1	24.6	25.6	25.7	34.0	34.4	35.5		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	23.50
1.23	1.17	1.50	1.27	1.36	1.41	1.00	.97	.91	.97	1.06	1.24	1.34	1.29	1.64	1.87	1.79		Relative P/E Ratio	1.31
3.6%	3.1%	2.5%	2.5%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	3.2%	3.1%	2.7%	2.6%	2.2%	2.2%	2.0%	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.6%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 9/30/20
Total Debt \$440.7 mill Due In 5 Yrs \$6.8 mill.
LT Debt \$440.3 mill LT Interest \$25.0 mill.
 (41% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$2.7 mill.
Pension Assets-12/19 \$192.5 mill.
Oblig. \$231.9 mill.

Pfd Stock None

Common Stock 35,889,061 shs.
as of 10/30/20

MARKET CAP: \$2.8 billion (Mid Cap)

CURRENT POSITION	2018	2019	9/30/20
Cash Assets	7.1	1.3	8.1
Accts Receivable	23.4	20.9	33.7
Other	101.0	100.3	87.6
Current Assets	131.5	122.5	139.4
Accts Payable	59.5	55.6	53.6
Debt Due	40.3	5.3	.4
Other	46.8	55.1	59.5
Current Liab.	146.6	116.0	113.5

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '17-'19 to '23-'25
Revenues	3.0%	--	5.0%
"Cash Flow"	6.0%	3.0%	7.0%
Earnings	9.5%	5.0%	6.5%
Dividends	8.0%	7.5%	9.5%
Book Value	5.5%	4.0%	5.5%

Cal- endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	
2017	98.8	113.2	124.4	104.2	440.6
2018	94.7	106.9	124.2	111.0	436.8
2019	101.7	124.7	134.5	113.0	473.9
2020	109.1	121.3	133.7	115.9	480
2021	110	125	145	120	500

Cal- endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	
2017	.34	.62	.57	.35	1.88
2018	.29	.44	.62	.37	1.72
2019	.35	.72	.76	.45	2.28
2020	.38	.69	.72	.46	2.25
2021	.43	.72	.75	.50	2.40

Calendar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID \$				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2017	.242	.242	.255	.255	.99
2018	.255	.255	.275	.275	1.06
2019	.275	.275	.305	.305	1.16
2020	.305	.305	.335	.335	
2021					

398.9	419.3	466.9	472.1	465.8	458.6	436.1	440.8
41.4	42.0	54.1	62.7	61.1	60.5	59.7	69.9
43.2%	41.7%	39.9%	36.3%	38.4%	38.4%	36.8%	36.0%
5.8%	2.0%	2.5%	--	--	--	--	--
44.3%	45.4%	42.2%	39.8%	39.1%	41.1%	39.4%	38.0%
55.7%	54.6%	57.6%	60.2%	60.9%	58.9%	60.6%	62.0%
677.4	749.1	787.0	818.4	832.6	791.5	815.3	854.0
855.0	896.5	917.8	981.5	1003.5	1060.8	1150.9	1205.0
7.6%	7.1%	8.3%	8.9%	8.6%	9.0%	8.6%	9.3%
11.0%	10.3%	11.9%	12.7%	12.0%	13.0%	12.1%	13.1%
11.0%	10.3%	11.9%	12.7%	12.0%	13.0%	12.1%	13.1%
5.8%	5.3%	6.6%	6.8%	5.7%	6.0%	5.3%	6.2%
47%	49%	45%	47%	53%	54%	55%	52%

BUSINESS: American States Water Co. operates as a holding company. Through its principal subsidiary, Golden State Water Co., it supplies water to 260,708 customers in 10 California counties. Service areas include the metropolitan areas of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The company also provides electricity to 24,420 customers in Big Bear Lake and San Bernardino Crty. Provides

American States Water probably turned in flattish results in 2020. In the key water segment, higher rates implemented retroactively in 2019 caused a reduction in administrative costs that wasn't replicated last year. A higher effective tax rate and an increase in other operating expenses also contributed to a weaker showing. Nonregulated operations also likely posted a negative comparison due to a decrease in construction activity from military bases. An improved performance from the electric business was not enough to offset these negatives. All told, for the full year, the company's share net likely declined about \$0.03, to \$2.25.

We look for earnings to get back on track this year, however. This is based on our expectations that the company's expense ratios revert to normal levels. The nonregulated businesses should also do much better, as more military bases in the United States are privatized (more below). In sum, share earnings could well advance a healthy 7%, to \$2.40.

A new application for rates should not be ruled upon for some time. As per California procedure, Golden States Water

water & wastewater services to U.S. military bases through its ASUS subsidiary. Sold Chaparral City Wtr. of AZ (6/11). Employs 841. BlackRock, Inc. owns 15.9% of out. shares, Vanguard, 11.9%. Off. & dir. 1.0%. (4/20 Proxy). Chairman. Lloyd Ross. Pres. & CEO. Robert Sprowls. Inc. CA. Address 630 East Foothill Blvd., San Dimas, CA 91772. Tel: 909-394-3600. Internet: www.aswater.com.

filed a general rate case last year seeking higher tariffs for the years 2022-2024. A final decision by state authorities is not expected until very late this year. The outcome will have a major impact on the utility's profits for this three-year period. We are assuming a reasonable decision in our projections, as relations with the state regulators have generally been constructive.

Nonregulated business should provide an earnings boost. American States' contract service operations ought to make inroads in this market as, more domestic military installations conduct bidding processes to have outside companies provide water to these bases. Returns in this sector are higher than the regulated businesses. The company has already proven itself in this area, as it has won a number of these 50-year contracts.

These shares do not stand out at this time. AWR is ranked to underperform the market averages in the year ahead. Furthermore, long-term prospects are not bright either, as the equity is currently trading near the high end of our 2023-2025 Target Price Range.

James A. Flood January 8, 2021

split. s of 9/30/20, \$1.1	Company's Financial Strength		A
	Stock's Price Stability		100
	Price Growth Persistence		95
	Earnings Predictability		85

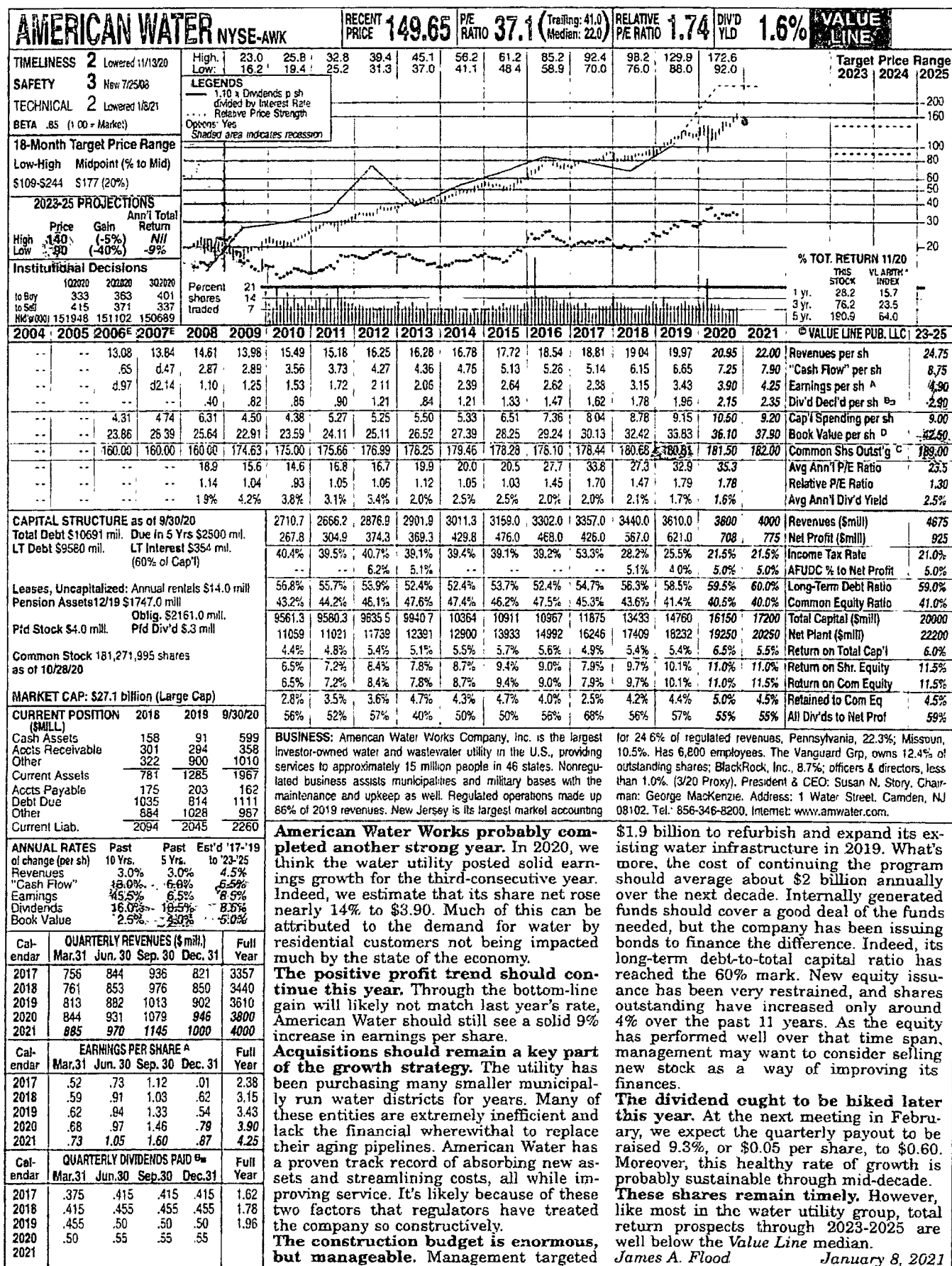
A) Primary earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(losses): '04, 7c; '05, 13c; '06, 3c; '06, 14c; '10, (23c); '11, 10c. Next earnings report due mid-February.

^b Dividends historically paid in early March, June, September, and December. ^a Div'd reinvestment plan available.

D) Includes intangibles. As of 9/30/20, \$1.1 million/\$0.03 a share.

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CALIFORNIA WATER NYSE-CWT										RECENT PRICE	54.21	P/E RATIO	19.1 (Trailing: 29.0 Median: 23.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	0.90	DIV'D YLD	1.6%	VALUE LINE
TIMELINESS	2	Raised 11/20/20	High: 24.1	19.8	19.4	19.3	23.4	26.4	26.0	36.8	45.2	49.1	57.5	57.4	Target Price Range			
SAFETY	3	Lowered 7/27/07	Low: 16.7	16.9	16.7	16.8	18.4	20.3	19.5	22.5	32.4	35.3	44.6	39.7	2023 2024 2025			
TECHNICAL	4	Lowered 1/3/21	LEGENDS															
BETA	.65	(1.00 = Market)	133 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate															
			Relative Price Strength															
			2-for 1 split 6/11															
			Options Yes															
			Shaded area indicates recession															
18-Month Target Price Range																		
Low-High Midpoint (% to Mid)																		
\$42-\$79 \$61 (10%)																		
2023-25 PROJECTIONS																		
Price Gain Ann'l Total Return																		
High Low																		
60 (+10%) 5%																		
40 (-25%) -5%																		
Institutional Decisions																		
10/20/20 20/20/20 30/20/20																		
to Buy 104 109 101																		
to Sell 118 107 106																		
Midpoint 35792 35580 36492																		

CONSOL. WATER CO. NDQ-CWCO				RECENT PRICE	12.33	P/E RATIO	27.4	(Trailing: 37.4 Median: 24.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.29	DIVID YLD	2.8%	VALUE LINE							
TIMELINESS	4	Lowered 1/8/21	High: 21.3 15.1 11.7 9.2 16.9 14.5 13.8 14.7 14.0 15.4 17.9 18.8	Low: 6.4 8.1 7.3 6.7 7.5 8.4 9.6 9.8 10.0 10.8 11.1 10.0	Target Price Range 2023 2024 2025															
SAFETY	3	New 1/17/14	LEGENDS 2.00 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession																	
TECHNICAL	5	Lowered 1/8/21																		
BETA	.85	(1.00 = Market)																		
18-Month Target Price Range																				
Low-High	Midpoint (% to Mid)																			
SB-S20	\$14 (15%)																			
2023-25 PROJECTIONS																				
Price	Gain	Ann'l Total																		
High	35	(+185%)	33%																	
Low	25	(+105%)	23%																	
Institutional Decisions																				
10/20/20	20/20/20	30/20/20	Percent shares traded																	
to Buy	47	48	28																	
to Sell	42	45	57																	
Hd's (000)	8750	8027	7661																	
2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	VALUE LINE PUB. LLC: 23-25		
2.02	1.12	2.71	3.41	4.52	3.99	3.49	3.79	4.49	4.35	4.46	3.86	3.69	4.18	4.39	4.57	4.80	4.20	Revenues per sh	9.40	
.77	.37	.87	1.20	.95	1.18	.86	.83	1.17	.96	.80	.89	.95	1.12	1.15	1.05	.85	.95	"Cash Flow" per sh	1.95	
.49	.23	.59	.79	.50	.74	.43	.42	.64	.58	.42	.51	.27	.41	.68	.56	.35	.30	Earnings per sh A	1.40	
.23	.12	.24	.20	.33	.26	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.31	.34	.34	.34	.34	Div'd Decl'd per sh B	.75	
.24	.77	1.83	.54	.46	.16	.09	.96	.31	.29	.32	.21	.23	.31	1.08	.23	.15	.25	Cap'l Spending per sh	.50	
4.20	2.54	7.49	6.21	8.36	8.53	8.69	8.83	9.20	9.44	9.58	9.81	9.79	9.81	10.34	10.88	10.65	10.80	Book Value per sh D	12.20	
11.51	23.46	14.13	14.40	14.53	14.54	14.55	14.57	14.59	14.69	14.72	14.78	14.57	14.92	14.98	15.05	15.20	15.40	Common Shs Outst'g C	16.00	
23.1	80.0	43.0	35.4	37.8	19.0	26.9	22.4	12.4	20.0	28.3	22.7	44.8	29.0	19.4	25.7	39.3		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	22.0	
1.22	4.26	2.32	1.88	2.27	1.27	1.71	1.41	.79	1.12	1.49	1.14	2.35	1.46	1.05	1.39	1.98		Relative P/E Ratio	1.20	
2.0%	.7%	.9%	.7%	1.7%	2.0%	2.6%	3.2%	3.8%	2.6%	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.4%	2.6%		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.5%	
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 9/30/20				50.7	55.2	65.5	63.8	65.6	57.1	57.9	62.3	65.7	68.8	73.0	65.0			Revenues (\$mill)	150	
Total Debt \$0.1 Due in 5 Yrs \$0.1				6.3	6.1	9.3	8.6	6.3	7.5	4.0	6.1	10.2	8.6	5.5	4.5			Net Profit (\$mill)	22.0	
LT Debt \$0.1 LT Interest NMF																		Income Tax Rate	NMF	
(0% of Total Cap'l)					4.0%													AFUDC % to Net Profit	NMF	
Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$ 9 mill.																		Long-Term Debt Ratio	Nil	
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan				11.8%	5.1%	3.7%												Common Equity Ratio	100%	
Pfd Stock NMF (33,059 shares out.)				88.2%	94.9%	96.3%	89.8%	99.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100%	Total Capital (\$mill)	200	
Div'd NMF				143.3	135.6	139.4	138.9	141.2	145.0	145.6	147.9	155.0	163.8	162	166	166	60.0	Net Plant (\$mill)	85.0	
Common Stock 15,112,975 shs. as of 11/10/20				56.2	64.3	61.6	58.6	56.4	53.7	53.1	50.5	64.9	61.2	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	2.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	11.0%
MARKET CAP: \$175 million (Small Cap)				4.9%	5.0%	7.0%	6.2%	4.4%	5.2%	2.7%	4.2%	6.6%	5.2%	3.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	11.0%	
CURRENT POSITION (SMILL)				5.0%	4.7%	6.9%	6.2%	4.4%	5.2%	2.7%	4.2%	6.6%	5.2%	3.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	Return on Com Equity	11.0%	
Cash Assets 31.3 42.9 38.2				5.0%	4.7%	6.9%	6.2%	4.4%	5.2%	2.7%	4.2%	6.6%	5.2%	3.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	Retained to Com Eq	5.0%	
Accts Receivable 24.2 23.2 24.4				1.5%	1.0%	3.6%	3.0%	1.2%	2.1%	NMF	1.1%	3.3%	2.1%	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	All Div'ds to Net Prof	54%	
Other 6.9 7.3 9.0				69%	79%	48%	51%	73%	59%	112%	73%	50%	60%	97%	113%					
Current Assets 62.4 73.4 71.6				BUSINESS: Consolidated Water Co. Ltd. develops and operates desalination plants and water distribution systems in areas where naturally occurring supplies of water are scarce. It provides water in the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, and the British Virgin Islands. At 12/31/19, it operated 12 plants with a capacity of 25.6 million gallons per day. Sold Bali operations and divested Belize assets in '19.																
Accts Payable 4.6 3.7 3.1				Also manufactures products for the industry through Aerex sub. Inc. Cayman Is. Employs 105. Pres./CEO: F. McTaggart. Based on 4/19 proxy Offs./ Dir. own 4.8% of stock. Amundi Asset: 7.7%; BlackRock: 5.6%. (No proxy filed in 2020). Addr.: Regatta Off. Pk Windward Three, West Bay Rd., P.O. Box 1114 Grand Cayman, KY-1102, Cayman Is. Tel.: (345) 945-4277. Int.: www.cwco.com.																
Debt Due 3.3 4.5 4.6				is now considered a discontinued operation, and earnings statements for the entire year seem to have been restated.																
Other 7.9 8.2 7.7				The Rosarito project is the second-straight much-ballyhooed plant to fail. Several years ago, the company built a desalination plant in Bali, Indonesia to much fanfare due to the island's urgent need for fresh water. The facility was built on speculation, however. Problems with the government arose causing Consolidated to exit the business.																
ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '15-'17 of change (per sh)				Finances are not as strong as they appear. Despite having just about no debt whatsoever, the possibility of Rosarito-related writeoffs could put a dent in the balance sheet.																
Revenues 5.0% .5% 13.5%				These shares are ranked to underperform the market in the year ahead. Moreover, the company's prospects remain undefined following the problems in Mexico. While the world continues to be in great need of potable water, Consolidated is having a difficult time capitalizing on it. Much of this has to do with the fact that these arid regions often aren't easy places to conduct business.																
"Cash Flow" 2.0% .5% 10.0%				James A. Flood January 8, 2021																
Earnings -3.0% -4.5% 17.0%																				
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(A) Fully diluted earnings. Excludes gains from discontinued operations: '17, \$0.07 a share, '18, \$0.07 a share, '19, \$0.24 a share; losses in 2020 of \$0.30 a share. Next earnings report due mid-February.
(B) Dividends historically paid in late January, April, July, and October. * Dividend reinvestment plan available.
(C) In millions, adjusted for stock split.
(D) Includes intangibles. As of 9/30/20, \$17.7 million/\$1.17 a share.

Company's Financial Strength B+
Price's Price Stability 70
Price Growth Persistence 45
Earnings Predictability 45

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Water supply revenues 2019: residential, 58%; commercial, 16%, industrial, wastewater & other, 26%. Off. & dir. own less than 1% of the common stock; BlackRock, 10.5%; Vanguard, 10.4%; (4/20 proxy). Canadian Pension Plan about 8.8%. Pres. & CEO Christopher Franklin, Inc.: PA Addr.: 762 West Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 Tel.: 610-525-1400. Int.: www.essential.co.

ing heavily to replace aging pipelines. It's also making outlays to modernize the natural gas infrastructure. Overall, the construction budget should total close to \$3.0 billion over the 2020-2022 period.

Finances have weakened. Despite the large acquisition and assumption of debt, the balance sheet is in decent shape with long-term debt accounting for slightly over half of total capital. Nevertheless, we are lowering its Financial Strength two notches to B+, which is an average rating.

Regulation will continue to have a huge impact on operations. In the water utility sector, state authorities treat companies under their domain relatively constructively. In the gas business, the same cannot be said, as regulators and gas utilities seem to clash more often regarding rate hikes and allowed returns.

Shares of Essential have done well since our October report. They are ranked to only perform in line with the market averages in the coming year, though. Moreover, as is the case with most members of this group, CWCO's total return prospects to 2023-2025 are subpar.

James A. Flood *January 8, 2021*

Company's Financial Strength	B-
Stock's Price Stability	90
Price Growth Persistence	70
Earnings Predictability	60

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Percent shares traded	12	8	4	THIS STOCK	THIS YEAR'S INDEX
				1 yr.	10.3
				3 yr.	56.1
				5 yr.	194.1
					15.7
					23.5
					64.0

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 9/30/20	102.7	102.1	110.4	114.8	117.1	126.0	132.9	130.8	138.1	134.6	142	150	Revenues (\$mill)	165
Total Debt \$278.2 mill. Due In 5 Yrs \$43.7 mill.	14.3	13.4	14.4	16.6	18.4	20.0	22.7	22.8	32.5	33.9	34.0	40.0	Net Profit (\$mill)	48.0
LT Debt \$234.5 mill. LT Interest \$7.2 mill.	32.1%	32.7%	33.9%	34.1%	35.0%	34.5%	34.0%	32.7%	2.8%	2.8%	21.0%	21.0%	Income Tax Rate	21.0%
(Total interest coverage: 8.5x)	6.8%	6.1%	3.4%	1.9%	1.7%	1.9%	2.7%	3.1%	1.4%	3.4%	2.0%	2.0%	AFUDC % to Net Profit	2.5%
(42% of Cap'l)	43.1%	42.3%	41.5%	40.4%	40.5%	39.4%	37.9%	37.5%	37.8%	41.5%	44.5%	42.5%	Long-Term Debt Ratio	38.5%
Pension Assets-12/19 \$80.4 mill.	55.8%	56.6%	57.4%	58.7%	58.8%	59.8%	61.5%	61.8%	61.6%	58.2%	55.5%	57.0%	Common Equity Ratio	61.0%
Oblig. \$100.9 mill.	310.5	312.5	316.5	321.4	335.8	345.4	355.4	370.7	404.1	556.7	515	515	Total Capital (\$mill)	520
Pfd Stock \$2.4 mill. Pfd Div'd: \$.1 mill.	405.9	422.2	435.2	446.5	465.4	481.9	517.8	557.2	618.5	705.7	720	735	Net Plant (\$mill)	775
Common Stock 17,469,410 shs.	5.7%	5.2%	5.4%	5.9%	6.3%	6.6%	7.1%	6.9%	8.9%	6.7%	8.0%	8.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	9.5%
as of 10/29/20	8.1%	7.5%	7.8%	8.7%	9.2%	9.6%	10.3%	9.8%	12.9%	10.4%	13.5%	13.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	15.0%
	8.2%	7.5%	7.8%	8.7%	9.3%	9.6%	10.3%	9.9%	13.0%	10.4%	13.5%	13.5%	Return on Com Equity	15.0%
	2.1%	1.0%	1.4%	2.4%	3.1%	3.5%	4.3%	3.8%	7.0%	5.4%	7.0%	7.0%	Retained to Com Eq	8.0%
MARKET CAP: \$1.3 billion (Mid-Cap)	75%	87%	83%	73%	67%	63%	58%	62%	46%	48%	47%	49%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	47%

BUSINESS: Middlesex Water Company engages in the ownership and operation of regulated water utility systems in New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. It also operates water and wastewater systems under contract on behalf of municipal and private clients in NJ and DE. Its Middlesex System provides water services to 61,000 retail customers, primarily in Middlesex County, New Jersey. In

2019, the Middlesex System accounted for 60% of operating revenues. At 12/31/19, the company had 352 employees. Incorporated: NJ. President, CEO, and Chairman: Dennis W. Doll. Officers & directors own 3.1% of the com. stock; BlackRock Inst. Trust Co., 7.7% (4/20 proxy). Add.: 485 C Route 1 South, Suite 400, Iselin, NJ 08830. Tel.: 732-634-1500. Int.: www.middlesexwater.com

than-expected bottom-line results in the third quarter. Notably, the company earned \$0.72 a share, or 9% above the previous year tally. The strong performance stemmed largely from lower taxes due to regulatory accounting changes, as well as higher operating income. Meanwhile, despite slightly missing our \$42 million mark, revenues of nearly \$40 million (up 6% year over year) were aided by increased residential and wholesale water consumption, along with a wider customer base in its Delaware system.

robust through mid-decade. Specifically, Middlesex's Water For Tomorrow initiative has earmarked investment funds of \$300 million that will be used to improve watermains, pipe systems, wastewater treatment facilities, and other vital infrastructure upgrades. To supplement its spending, we suspect management can pass along some of these costs to consumers via periodic regulator-approved rate hikes.

All in all, we now expect Middlesex Water to close out 2020 with revenues of \$142 million (down from our previous call of \$145 million) and share net of \$2.20 (up from \$2.15). For this year, modest top- and bottom-line growth is probably in the cards. Water consumption should stay elevated as personal hygiene remains a top priority. Assuming the economy gets back on track in the near term, we expect the reopening of businesses and resumed construction and industrial projects to boost wholesale consumption.

The stock etched a fresh high-water mark during the December interim. Based on our Timeliness Ranking System, Middlesex shares are slated as a top selection (1) for relative year-ahead price performance and, thus, ought to appeal to momentum accounts. On the other hand, we continue to recommend that subscribers with a long-term bent remain on the sidelines, as most of the growth we envision over the coming three to five years appears to already be factored into the current quotation. Moreover, even after recently increasing the quarterly payout by 6%, the dividend yield is subpar.

Nicholas P. Patrikis January 8, 2021

(B) Dividends historically paid in mid-Feb., May, Aug., and November. Div'd reinvestment plan available. (C) In millions

Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	80
Price Growth Persistence	65
Earnings Predictability	80

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	Target 2023	Price 2024	Range 2025
			120
			100
			80
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% TOT. RETURN 11/20			8
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yr.	-6.0	15.7	
yr.	1.5	23.5	
yr.	136.5	64.0	

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(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring losses: '04, \$3.78; '05, \$1.09; '06, \$16.36; '08, \$1.22; '10, \$0.46. GAAP accounting as of 2013. Next earnings report due early Feb.	Quarterly egs. may not add due to rounding. (B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, September, and December. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available.	(C) In millions. (D) Paid special dividend of \$0.17 per share on 11/17. (E) Suspended due to recent CTWS merger.	Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence Earnings Predictability	B+ 75 70 45
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nuss; commercial and industrial (28%); other (7%). It also provides sewer billing services. Incorporated: PA York had 106 full-time employees at 12/31/19. President/Chief Executive Officer J.T. Hand. Officers/directors own 1.2% of the common stock (3/20 proxy). Address: 130 East Market Street, York, Pennsylvania 17401 Telephone: (717) 845-3601. Internet: www.yorkwater.com.

upgrades. Since our previous review, management invested nearly \$7 million on a standpipe and other construction projects, with an estimated \$12 million allocation likely tapped in the December period. Over the coming years, as the company's water delivery infrastructure ages and its customer base expands, York ought to spend heavily on pipe replacements, wastewater treatment facilities, service lines, and pumping stations. Overall, York should be able to recoup most of these investments via increased customer rates through its Distribution Systems Improvement Charge program, which requires approval from Pennsylvania regulators.

The stock price is hovering around recently etched all-time highs. Over the coming six to 12 months, YORW shares are pegged to outpace the broader market averages, thus ought to appeal to subscribers with a short-term horizon. On the other hand, 3- to 5-year total return potential is unenticing at recent levels. In fact, long-time investors might want to consider booking some profits at these elevated valuations.

January 8, 2021

Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	75
Price Growth Persistence	65
Earnings Predictability	100

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AMERICAN STATES WATER CO (AWR-N)

Utilities / Water & Related Utilities / Water & Related Utilities

REFINITIV **STOCK REPORTS** PLUS

COMPANY IN CONTEXT REPORT

Report Date: 2021-Feb-10

Last Close 82.17 (USD)	Avg Daily Vol 173,094	52-Week High 96.64	Trailing PE 36.7	Annual Div 1.34	ROE 13.4%	LTG Forecast 4.9%	1-Mo Return 1.5%
2021 February 09 NEW YORK Exchange	Market Cap 3.0B	52-Week Low 65.11	Forward PE 34.6	Dividend Yield 1.6%	Annual Rev 477M	Inst Own 75.1%	3-Mo Return 9.1%

VERUS OPINION

Hold



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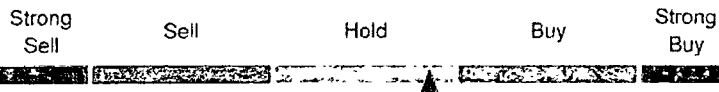
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ANALYST RECOMMENDATIONS

Hold

5 Analysts

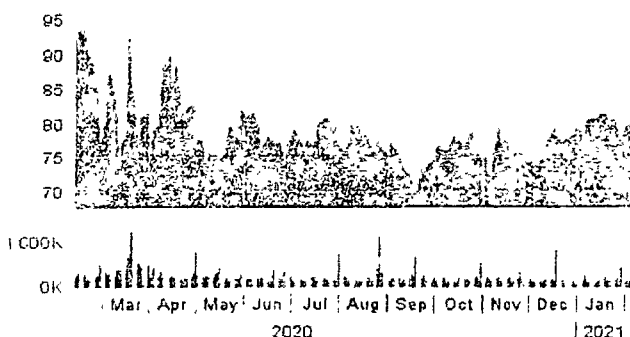
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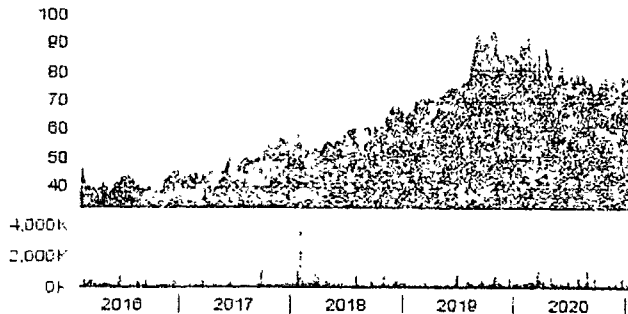
Strong Buy	1
Buy	2
Hold	0
Sell	2
Strong Sell	0

PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS

1-Year Return: -9.0%



5-Year Return: 77.7%



BUSINESS SUMMARY

American States Water Company (AWR) is a holding company. The Company is the parent company of Golden State Water Company (GSWC) and American States Utility Services, Inc. (ASUS), as well as ASUS' subsidiaries, such as Fort Bliss Water Services Company (FBWS), Terrapin Utility Services, Inc. (TUS), Old Dominion Utility Services, Inc. (ODUS), Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc. (PSUS) and Old North Utility Services, Inc. (ONUS). The Company's segments include water, electric and contracted services. Within the segments, AWR has two principal business units, water and electric service utility operations, conducted through GSWC, and contracted services conducted through ASUS and its subsidiaries. GSWC is a public utility engaged principally in the purchase, production, distribution and sale of water. As of December 31, 2016, GSWC was engaged in purchase, production, distribution and sale of water in 10 counties in the State of California.

AMERICAN WATER WORKS CO (AWK-N)

Utilities / Water & Related Utilities / Water & Related Utilities

REFINITIV STOCK REPORTS PLUS

COMPANY IN CONTEXT REPORT

Report Date: 2021-Feb-10

Last Close 163.44 (USD)	Avg Daily Vol 770,333	52-Week High 172.56	Trailing PE 44.8	Annual Div 2.20	ROE 10.4%	LTG Forecast -8.4%	1-Mo Return 4.1%
2021 February 09 NEW YORK Exchange	Market Cap 29.9B	52-Week Low 92.00	Forward PE 39.7	Dividend Yield 1.4%	Annual Rev 3.8B	Inst Own 86.6%	3-Mo Return 0.7%

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TRIS MEAN

Buy

16 Analysts

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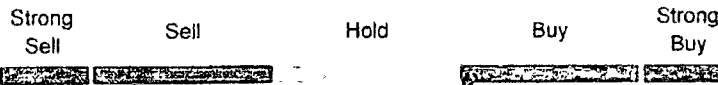
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Buy 7

Hold 8

Sell 0

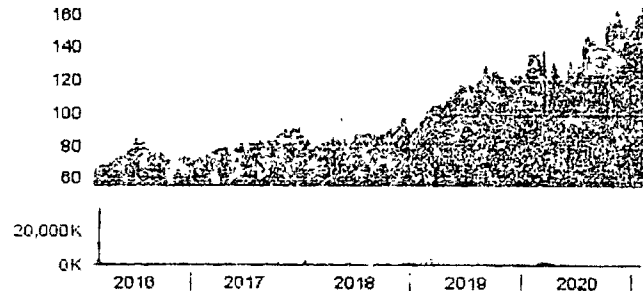
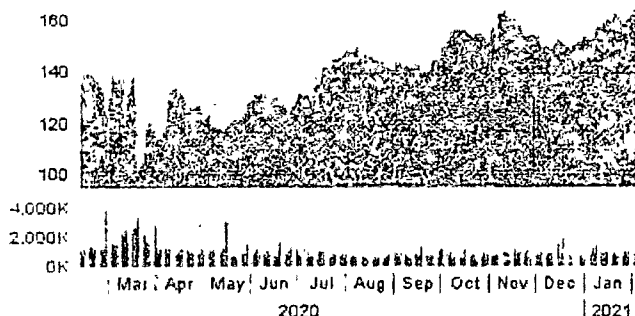
Strong Sell 0



PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS

1-Year Return: 21.6%

5-Year Return: 148.7%



BUSINESS SUMMARY

American Water Works Company, Inc. is a water and wastewater utility company. The Company's businesses include Market-Based Businesses and Regulated Businesses. Its Market-Based Businesses include the operating segments: Homeowner Services Group and Military Services Group. Homeowner Services Group provides various warranty protection programs and other home services to residential customers. Military Services Group enters long-term contracts with the United States government to provide water and wastewater services on various military installations. The Company also has approximately five contracts with municipal customers to operate and manage water and wastewater facilities and provide other related services through its Contract Services Group. The Regulated Businesses includes the ownership of utilities that provide water and wastewater services to residential, commercial, industrial, public authority, fire service and sale for resale customers.

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE (CWT-N)

Utilities / Water & Related Utilities / Water & Related Utilities

REFINITIV STOCK REPORTS PLUS

COMPANY IN CONTEXT REPORT

Report Date: 2021-Feb-10

Last Close 59.43 (USD)	Avg Daily Vol 215,733	52-Week High 59.49	Trailing PE 31.8	Annual Div 0.92	ROE 11.2%	LTG Forecast 10.8%	1-Mo Return 6.5%
2021 February 09 NEW YORK Exchange	Market Cap 2.9B	52-Week Low 39.74	Forward PE 34.1	Dividend Yield 1.6%	Annual Rev 782M	Inst Own 79.4%	3-Mo Return 17.4%

VERUS OPINION

Hold



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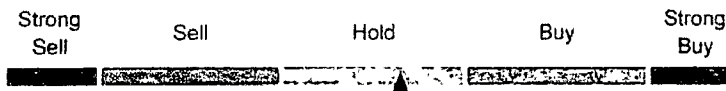
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W/B/E'S MEAN

Hold

7 Analysts

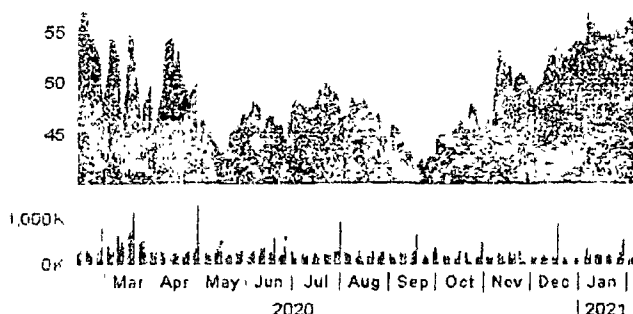
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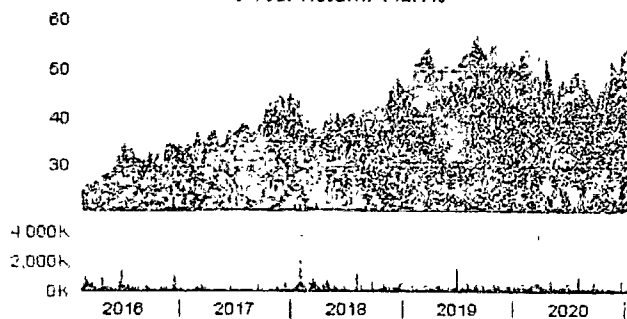
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Buy	0
Hold	5
Sell	1
Strong Sell	0

PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS

1-Year Return: 9.5%



5-Year Return: 142.1%



BUSINESS SUMMARY

California Water Service Group is a holding company. The Company operates through the supply and distribution of water and providing water-related utility services segment. The Company, through its subsidiaries, provides non-regulated services and non-regulated services to private companies and municipalities. The bulk of the business consists of the production, purchase, storage, treatment, testing, distribution and sale of water for domestic, industrial, public and irrigation uses, and for fire protection. It also provides non-regulated water-related services. The non-regulated services include water system operation, billing and meter reading services. Non-regulated operations also include the lease of communication antenna sites, lab services and promotion of other non-regulated services. The Company under its non-regulated contract arrangements, operates municipally owned water systems, privately owned water and recycled water distribution systems.

ESSENTIAL UTILITIES INC (WTRG-N)

Utilities / Water & Related Utilities / Water & Related Utilities

REFINITIV STOCK REPORTS PLUS

COMPANY IN CONTEXT REPORT

Report Date: 2021-Feb-10

Last Close 47.97 (USD)	Avg Daily Vol 1.2M	52-Week High 54.52	Trailing PE 48.5	Annual Div 1.00	ROE 5.8%	LTG Forecast 6.4%	1-Mo Return -1.5%
2021 February 09 NEW YORK Exchange	Market Cap 11.8B	52-Week Low 30.40	Forward PE 29.4	Dividend Yield 2.1%	Annual Rev 1.2B	Inst Own 75.4%	3-Mo Return 6.8%

VERUS OPINION

Hold



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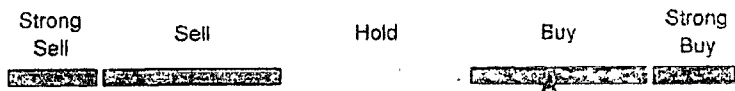
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UBS MEAN

Buy

14 Analysts

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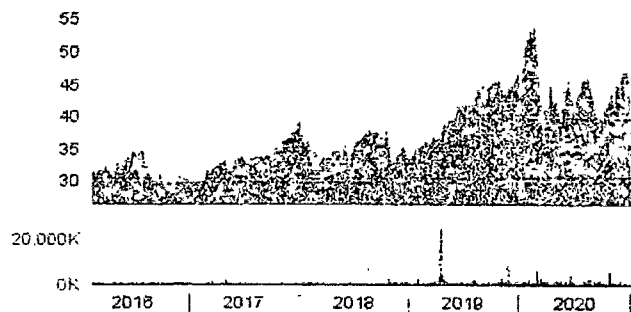
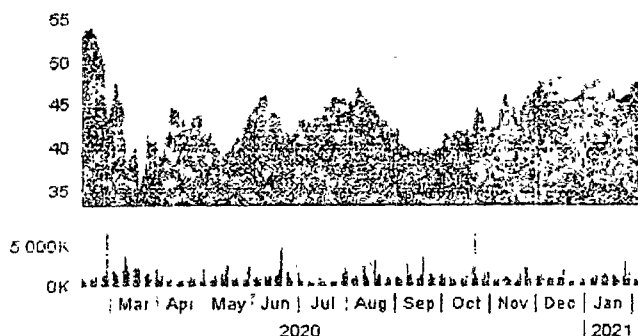


Strong Buy	4
Buy	5
Hold	5
Sell	0
Strong Sell	0

PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS

1-Year Return: -9.9%

5-Year Return: 49.8%



BUSINESS SUMMARY

Essential Utilities, Inc., formerly Aqua America, Inc., is a holding company engaged in providing water or wastewater services concentrated in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, New Jersey, Indiana and Virginia. It is the holding company for its primary subsidiary, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. Its market-based activities are conducted through Aqua Resources, Inc. (Aqua Resources) and Aqua Infrastructure, LLC (Aqua Infrastructure). Aqua Resources, Inc. provides water and wastewater service through operating and maintenance contracts with municipal authorities and other parties close to its utility companies' service territories, and offers, through a third party, water and sewer line repair service and protection solutions to households. Aqua Infrastructure provides non-utility raw water supply services for firms in the natural gas drilling industry. It owns wastewater collection systems that convey the wastewater to a municipally-owned facility for treatment.

MIDDLESEX WATER CO (MSEX-O)

Utilities / Water & Related Utilities / Water & Related Utilities

REFINITIV STOCK REPORTS PLUS

COMPANY IN CONTEXT REPORT

Report Date: 2021-Feb-10

Last Close 85.03 (USD)	Avg Daily Vol 177,344	52-Week High 85.92	Trailing PE 39.2	Annual Div 1.09	ROE 12.4%	LTG Forecast --	1-Mo Return 17.5%
2021 February 09 NASDAQ Exchange	Market Cap 1.5B	52-Week Low 48.79	Forward PE 39.3	Dividend Yield 1.3%	Annual Rev 140M	Inst Own 64.0%	3-Mo Return 24.0%

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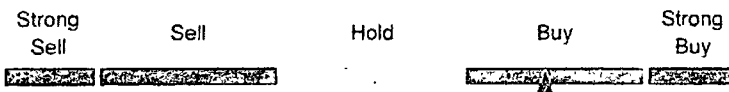


ANALYST MEAN

Buy

3 Analysts

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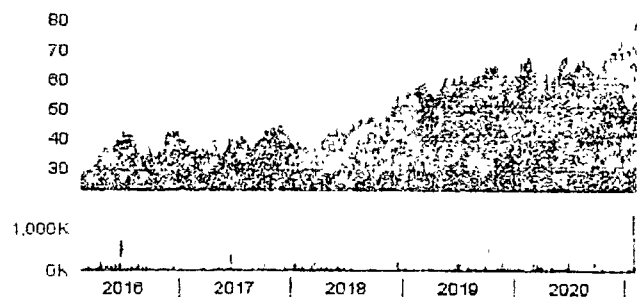
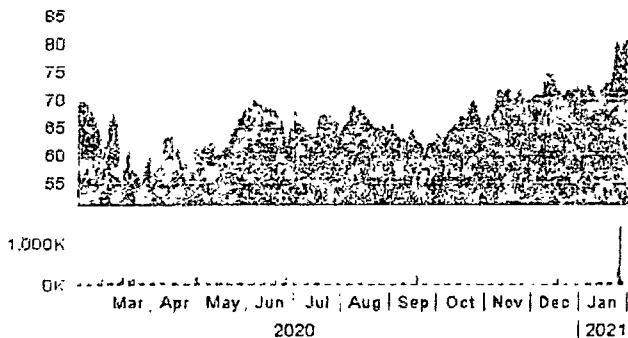


Strong Buy	1
Buy	3
Hold	1
Sell	0
Strong Sell	0

PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS

1-Year Return: 24.8%

5-Year Return: 197.7%



BUSINESS SUMMARY

Middlesex Water Company is a water utility company. The Company owns and operates regulated water utility and wastewater systems in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. The Company also operates water and wastewater systems under contract on behalf of municipal and private clients in New Jersey and Delaware. The Company's segments include Regulated and Non-Regulated. The Regulated segment is engaged in the business of collecting, treating and distributing water on a retail and wholesale basis to residential, commercial, industrial and fire protection customers in parts of New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. The Non-Regulated segment primarily consists of non-regulated contract services for the operation and maintenance of municipal and private water and wastewater systems in New Jersey and Delaware. The Middlesex System treats, stores and distributes water for residential, commercial, industrial and fire protection purposes.

SJW GROUP (SJW-N)

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Report Date: 2021-Feb-10

Last Close 70.24 (USD)	Avg Daily Vol 86,272	52-Week High 74.32	Trailing PE 47.1	Annual Div 1.36	ROE 4.7%	LTG Forecast 13.7%	1-Mo Return 0.9%
2021 February 09 NEW YORK Exchange	Market Cap 2.0B	52-Week Low 45.60	Forward PE 32.2	Dividend Yield 1.9%	Annual Rev 555M	Inst Own 74.5%	3-Mo Return 7.1%

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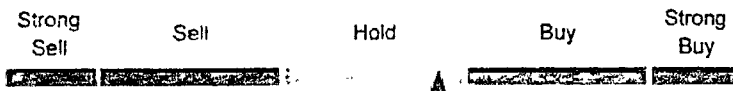


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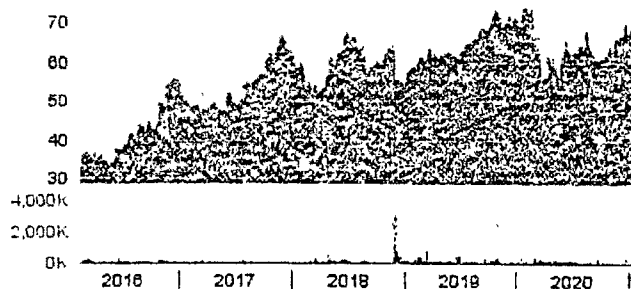
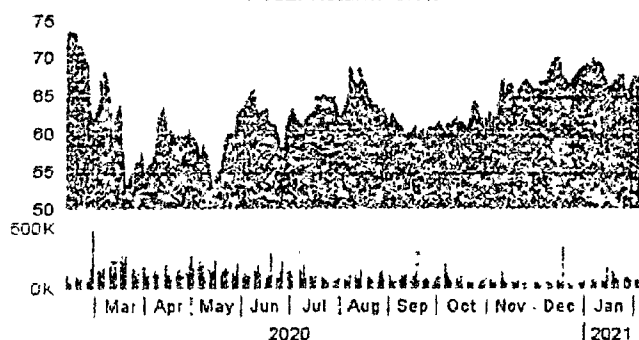


Strong Buy	1
Buy	1
Hold	3
Sell	1
Strong Sell	0

PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS

1-Year Return: -3.1%

5-Year Return: 111.8%



BUSINESS SUMMARY

SJW Group is a holding company. The Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries are San Jose Water Company, SJWNE LLC, SJWTX, Inc and SJW Land Company. SJWTX, Inc. is doing business as Canyon Lake Water Service Company (CLWSC). Its segments are Water Utility Services and Real Estate Services. Its Water Utility Services segment offers water utility and utility-related services to its customers through SJW Group's subsidiaries, SJWC, Connecticut Water, CLWSC, Maine Water, HVWC, Avon Water, NEWUS. The Real Estate Services segment is property management and investment activity conducted by SJW Land Company and Chester Realty, Inc.

YORK WATER CO (YORW-O)

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Report Date: 2021-Feb-10

Last Close 45.33 (USD)	Avg Daily Vol 29,572	52-Week High 51.27	Trailing PE 36.3	Annual Div 0.75	ROE 11.9%	LTG Forecast --	1-Mo Return -5.2%
2021 February 09 NASDAQ Exchange	Market Cap 585M	52-Week Low 34.56	Forward PE 36.3	Dividend Yield 1.7%	Annual Rev 53M	Inst Own 43.8%	3-Mo Return 2.6%

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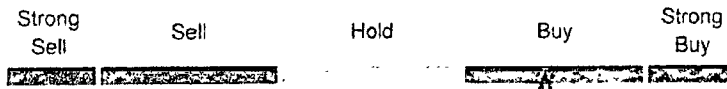
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Buy

2 Analysts

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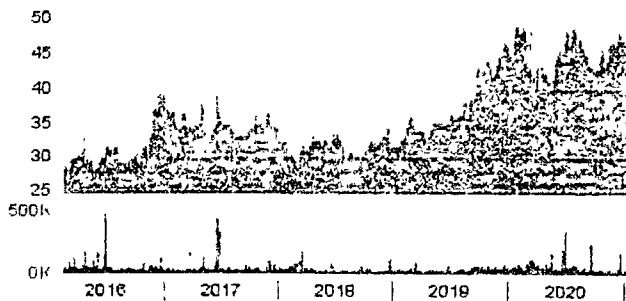
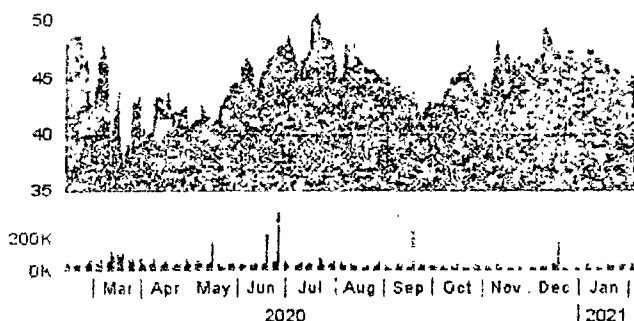


Strong Buy	1
Buy	0
Hold	1
Sell	0
Strong Sell	0

PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS

1-Year Return: -6.1%

5-Year Return: 63.3%



BUSINESS SUMMARY

York Water Company is an investor-owned water utility in the United States. The primary business of the Company is to impound, purify to meet or exceed safe drinking water standards and distribute water. The Company also owns and operates approximately two wastewater collection systems and two wastewater collection and treatment systems. The Company provides water and wastewater services in 50 municipalities in York, Adams, and Franklin counties. Its wastewater operations include portions of five municipalities in York County, Pennsylvania. The Company obtains the bulk of its water supply from both the South Branch and East Branch of the Codorus Creek. It has two reservoirs, Lake Williams and Lake Redman, which together hold up to approximately 2.2 billion gallons of water.


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(Real Time Quote from BATS)

\$82.66 USD

+0.77 (0.94%)

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4-Sell ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐Style Scores:
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Industry Rank:
Bottom 22% (197 out of 253)

Industry: Utility - Water Supply

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Key Earnings Data

Open	82.50	Earnings ESP	0.00%
Day Low	81.45	Most Accurate Est	0.49
Day High	83.05	Current Qtr Est	0.49
52 Wk Low	65.11	Current Yr Est	2.37
52 Wk High	96.64	Exp Earnings Date	2/22/21
Avg. Volume	163,519	Prior Year EPS	2.13
Market Cap	3.02 B	Exp EPS Growth (3-5yr)	4.90%
Dividend	1.34 (1.64%)	Forward PE	34.63
Beta	-0.02	PEG Ratio	7.07

Utilities » Utility - Water Supply

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Research Reports for AWR



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Bear Of The Day: American States Water (AWR)
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Why Is American States Water (AWR) Down 1.1% Since Last Earnings Report?
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AWR: What are Zacks experts saying now?
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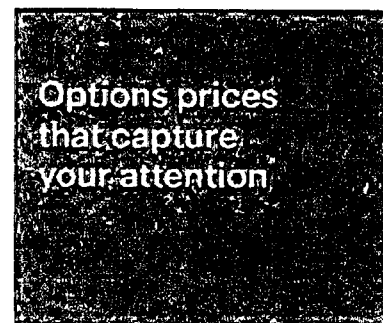
American Water (AWK) Q3 Earnings Top Estimates, 2020 View Up
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American Water Works Company, Inc. (AWK)

(Real Time Quote from BATS)

\$165.30 USD

+0.49 (0.30%)

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Zacks Rank:

 3-Hold ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐
Style Scores:

[D] Value [D] Growth [F] Momentum [F] VGM

Industry Rank:

Bottom 22% (197 out of 263)

Industry: Utility - Water Supply

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Stock Activity

Open	165.00	Earnings ESP	-0.13%
Day Low	163.61	Most Accurate Est	0.80
Day High	165.15	Current Qtr Est	0.80
52 Wk Low	92.00	Current Yr Est	4.22
52 Wk High	172.56	Exp Earnings Date	2/16/21
Avg Volume	748,747	Prior Year EPS	3.61
Market Cap	29.88 B	Exp EPS Growth (3-5y)	5.06%
Dividend	2.20 (1.33%)	Forward PE	39.03
Beta	0.23	PEG Ratio	4.83

Utilities » Utility - Water Supply

Key Earnings Data

Research Reports for AWK



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 American Water Works (AWK) Earnings Expected to Grow: What to Know Ahead of Q4 Release
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 American Water (AWK) Ann Invests \$11M in Clear Well, Pump Station
01/29/21-9:22AM EST Zacks

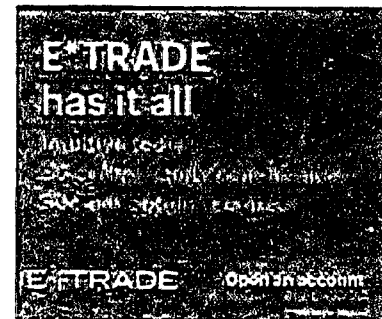
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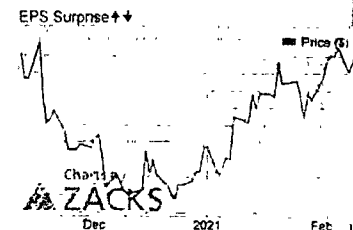
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California Water Service Group (CWT)

(Real Time Quote from BATS)

\$59.70 USD

-0.11 (-0.18%)

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 Zacks Rank: 3-Hold ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐

Style Scores:

C Value | B Growth | F Momentum | C VGM

Industry Rank:

Bottom 22% (197 out of 253)

Industry: Utility - Water Supply

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Key Earnings Data

Open	59.96	Earnings ESP	0.00%
Day Low	59.62	Most Accurate Est	0.35
Day High	59.96	Current Qtr Est	0.35
52 Wk Low	39.74	Current Yr Est	1.70
52 Wk High	60.42	Exp Earnings Date	2/25/21
Avg. Volume	201,769	Prior Year EPS	1.31
Market Cap	2.98 B	Exp EPS Growth (3-5yr)	NA
Dividend	0.92 (1.54%)	Forward PE	35.18
Beta	0.12	PEG Ratio	NA

Utilities » Utility - Water Supply

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Research Report for CWT



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California Water (CWT) Ups Dividend, Adds Shareholder Value

02/01/21-10:03AM EST Zacks

American Water (AWK) Arm Invests \$11M in Clear Well, Pump Station

01/28/21-9:22AM EST Zacks

 CWT: What are Zacks experts saying now?
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American Water's (AWK) Tennessee Arm Acquires Water Assets

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Essential Utilities Inc. (WTRG)

(Real Time Quote from BATS)

\$48.27 USD

-0.12 (-0.25%)

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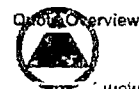
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Style Scores:

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Industry Rank:

Bottom 22% (197 out of 253)

Industry: Utility - Water Supply



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Key Earnings Data

Open	48.27	Earnings ESP	2.20%
Day Low	47.86	Most Accurate Est	0.47
Day High	48.51	Current Qtr Est	0.46
52 Wk Low	30.40	Current Yr Est	1.67
52 Wk High	54.52	Exp Earnings Date	AMC 2/24/21
Avg Volume	1,051,941	Prior Year EPS	1.47
Market Cap	11.87 B	Exp EPS Growth (3-5yr)	5.28%
Dividend	1.00 (2.07%)	Forward PE	29.05
Beta	0.54	PEG Ratio	4.63

Utilities » Utility - Water Supply

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 California Water (CWT) Ups Dividend, Adds Shareholder Value
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 WTRG: What are Zacks experts saying now?
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 NiSource (NI) Rewards Shareholders With 5% Dividend Hike
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 American Water (AWK) Ann Invests \$11M in Clear Well, Pump Station
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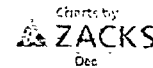
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Company Summary

Essential Utilities Inc. provides water or wastewater services principally in the United States. It offers water services through operating and maintenance contracts with municipal authorities and other parties. The company also provides non-utility raw water supply services for firms in the natural gas drilling industry; and water and sewer line protection services and repair services to households through its subsidiary Essential Utilities Inc., formerly known as

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Middlesex Water Company (MSEX)

(Real Time Quote from BATS)

\$83.03 USD

+0.36 (0.44%)

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 Zacks Rank:
3-Hold ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐

 Style Scores: ☒ Value ☐ Growth ☐ Momentum ☐ VGM

Industry Rank:

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Industry: Utility - Water Supply

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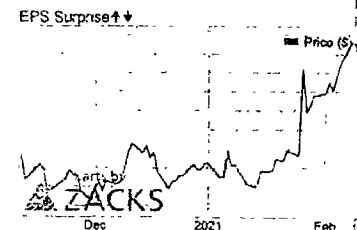
Open	83.05	Earnings ESP	0.00%
Day Low	82.43	Most Accurate Est	0.43
Day High	83.05	Current Qtr Est	0.43
52 Wk Low	48.79	Current Yr Est	2.20
52 Wk High	85.92	Exp Earnings Date	2/25/21
Avg. Volume	165,878	Prior Year EPS	2.01
Market Cap	1.44 B	Exp EPS Growth (3-5yr)	NA
Dividend	1.09 (1.32%)	Forward PE	37.49
Beta	0.27	PEG Ratio	NA

Utilities » Utility - Water Supply



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 American Water (AWK) Q3 Earnings Top Estimates, 2020
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 MSEX: What are Zacks experts saying now?
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 Middlesex Water (MSEX) Beats Q3 Earnings and Revenue Estimates
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 Middlesex Water (MSEX) to Report Q3 Results: Wall Street Expects Earnings Growth
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 American Water's Unit to Invest \$0.7M to Replace Water Mains
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SJW Group (SJW)

(Real Time Quote from BATS)

\$71.28 USD

+0.08 (0.11%)

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Zacks Rank:

4-Sell ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Style Scores:

C Value | C Growth | C Momentum | ☒ VGM

Industry Rank:

Bottom 22% (197 out of 253)

Industry: Utility - Water Supply

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Open	71.43	Earnings ESP	0.00%
Day Low	71.35	Most Accurate Est	0.34
Day High	71.43	Current Qtr Est	0.34
52 Wk Low	45.60	Current Yr Est	2.37
52 Wk High	74.32	Exp Earnings Date	AMC 2/18/21
Avg Volume	80,941	Prior Year EPS	1.78
Market Cap	2.03 B	Exp EPS Growth (3-5yr)	44.00%
Dividend	1.36 (1.91%)	Forward PE	30.04
Beta	0.38	PEG Ratio	2.15

Utilities » Utility - Water Supply

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SJW (SJW) Q3 Earnings and Revenues Lag Estimates

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AES Corp (AES) to Report Q3 Earnings: What's in the Cards?

11/04/20 9:30AM EST Zacks

What's in the Cards for Sempra Energy's (SRE) Q3 Earnings?

11/02/20 3:36AM EST Zacks

What's in Store for CenterPoint Energy's (CNP) Q3 Earnings?

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The York Water Company (YORW)

(Real Time Quote from BATS)

\$45.70 USD

+0.37 (0.82%)

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Zacks Rank:
3-Hold ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐

Style Scores:
D: Value | D: Growth | C: Momentum | D: VGM

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Open	45.45	Earnings ESP	0.00%
Day Low	45.41	Most Accurate Est	0.26
Day High	45.70	Current Qtr Est	0.26
52 Wk Low	34.56	Current Yr Est	1.28
52 Wk High	51.27	Exp Earnings Date	3/9/21
Avg. Volume	28,020	Prior Year EPS	1.11
Market Cap	591.55 M	Exp EPS Growth (3-5yr)	NA
Dividend	0.75 (1.65%)	Forward PE	35.28
Beta	0.19	PEG Ratio	NA

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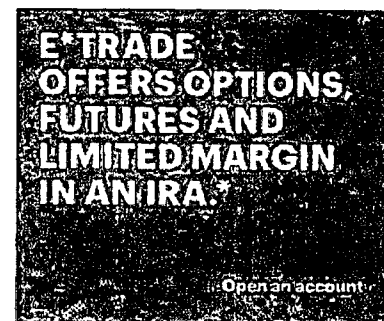
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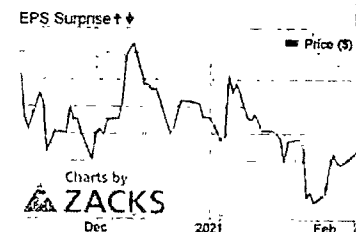
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Currency LT	(/en_US/web/guest/ratings/pcr/-/pcr-details/coreOrgId/323779/coreRatingId/905986163)	30-Jul-2010	17-Apr-2020	EE UKE	Stable	22-May-2015
Foreign	A+ Regulatory Disclosures	30-Jul-2010	17-Apr-2020	EE UKE	Stable	22-May-2015
Currency LT	(/en_US/web/guest/ratings/pcr/-/pcr-details/coreOrgId/323779/coreRatingId/905986165)	30-Jul-2010	17-Apr-2020	EE UKE	Stable	22-May-2015

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Rating Type	Rating	Rating Date	Last Review Date	Regulatory Identifiers	CreditWatch/ Outlook	CreditWatch/ Outlook Date
Local A-1	Regulatory Disclosures	07-15-	15-			
Currency LT	(/en_US/web/guest/ratings/pcr/-/pcr-details/coreOrgId/100119/coreRatingId/895333534)	May-2015	Jun-2020	EE UKE	Stable	07-May-2015
Local A-1	Regulatory Disclosures	07-15-	15-			
Currency ST	(/en_US/web/guest/ratings/pcr/-/pcr-details/coreOrgId/100119/coreRatingId/895333536)	May-2015	Jun-2020	EE UKE		
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Currency LT	(/en_US/web/guest/ratings/pcr/-/pcr-details/coreOrgId/100119/coreRatingId/895333537)	May-2015	Jun-2020	EE UKE	Stable	07-May-2015

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Local	A+	06-Nov-2002	22-Jan-2021	EE UKE	Stable	09-Apr-2019
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Local	ARegulatory Disclosures	20-	03-			
Currency	(/en_US/web/guest/ratings/pcr/-/pcr-	Aug-	Nov-	EE UKE	Negative	03-Nov-2020
LT	details/coreOrgId/117904/coreRatingId/911635036)	2015	2020			
Foreign	ARegulatory Disclosures	20-	03-			
Currency	(/en_US/web/guest/ratings/pcr/-/pcr-	Aug-	Nov-	EE UKE	Negative	03-Nov-2020
LT	details/coreOrgId/117904/coreRatingId/911635034)	2015	2020			

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Local	A-Regulatory Disclosures	16-	29-			
Currency	(/en_US/web/guest/ratings/pcr/-/pcr-	Oct-	Mar-	EE UKE	Stable	16-Oct-2019
LT	details/coreOrgId/575591/coreRatingId/904873703)	2019	2020			
Foreign	A-Regulatory Disclosures	16-	29-			
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Local	A-Regulatory Disclosures	16-Mar-2004	10-Jul-2020	EEJUKE	Stable	16-Mar-2004
Currency LT	(/en_US/web/guest/ratings/pcr/-/pcr-details/coreOrgId/377604/coreRatingId/893466903) 2004					
Foreign	A-Regulatory Disclosures	16-Mar-2004	10-Jul-2020	EEJUKE	Stable	16-Mar-2004
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	Company	Industry	SP500
Average Recommendation (1=Buy, 5=Sell)	2.00	2.09	9.99
Current Quarter Estimate	0.49	0.39	42.00
Year Ago Quarter Estimate	0.45	0.21	39.18
Next Quarter Estimate	0.47	0.32	41.00
Next Year Estimate	2.37	2.10	174.00

Growth Rates

	Company	Industry	SP500
This Year	5.10	11.20	-15.91
Next Year	4.87	10.80	31.69
Last 5 Years	5.90	4.70	8.00
Next 5 Years	4.90	10.20	NA

Financials

	Company	Industry
Price/Earnings (TTM)	35.50	51.13
Price/Book (MRQ)	4.63	2.55
Price/Cash Flow (MRFY)	25.58	21.00
Dividend Yield	1.69%	1.65%
Net Profit Margin (TTM)	17.38%	9.05%
Return on Equity (TTM)	13.49%	2.24%
Debt to Equity (MRQ)	NA	0.00

MRQ = Most Recent Quarter

TTM = Trailing Twelve Months

MRFY = Most Recent Fiscal Year

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American Water Works Co.	AWK	157.56	61.07	25.64
California Water Service Group	CWT	54.96	23.58	18.70
Essential Utilities, Inc.	WTRG	46.59	29.59	18.47
Middlesex Water Company	MSEX	73.55	26.39	18.36
SJW Group	SJW	67.82	30.10	25.44
York Water Company	YORW	45.91	24.91	16.65

Company	Ticker	Dividend Yield (%)	EPS Growth Rates			Market Cap (\$Bilions)	Weighted Dividend Yield		Market Cap (\$Bilions)	Weighted Dividend Yield		Weighted Dividend Yield		Weighted Dividend Yield	
			IRPS Success	Success	V/L Success		Weighted Dividend Yield	Weighted Dividend Yield		Weighted Dividend Yield	Weighted Dividend Yield	Weighted Dividend Yield	Weighted Dividend Yield		
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Adient Technologies Inc	A	0.61%	9.0%	9.0%	10.0%	16.196	0.001519	0.000110	16.196	0.001516	0.000111	16.196	0.001522	0.000110	
Advance Auto Parts, Inc	AAP	0.63%	11.0%	12.5%	13.5%	10.001	0.001599	0.000111	10.001	0.001599	0.000112	10.001	0.001599	0.000112	
Apple Inc	AAPL	0.66%	12.6%	11.5%	16.0%	2,221.277	0.001581	0.000111	2,221.277	0.001582	0.000112	2,221.277	0.001582	0.000111	
Abraviv Inc	ABVV	5.04%	11.0%	9.0%	10.0%	182.120	0.001576	0.000112	182.120	0.001576	0.000112	182.120	0.001576	0.000111	
AmericanZion Bancorp	ABZ	2.81%	8.0%	7.0%	7.0%	19.831	0.001512	0.000111	19.831	0.001512	0.000111	19.831	0.001512	0.000111	
Alkermes Inc	AUT	1.69%	13.5%	12.5%	12.0%	195.440	0.001590	0.000111	195.440	0.001590	0.000111	195.440	0.001590	0.000111	
Academy Sports & Outdoors	ACAD	1.37%	9.0%	10.0%	7.0%	163.255	0.001540	0.000111	163.255	0.001540	0.000111	163.255	0.001540	0.000111	
Arista Networks Inc	ANET	1.73%	11.5%	12.5%	8.5%	52.918	0.001520	0.000111	52.918	0.001520	0.000111	52.918	0.001520	0.000111	
Archer-Daniels-Midland Company	ADM	2.92%	4.0%	5.0%	9.0%	23.139	0.001511	0.000111	23.139	0.001511	0.000111	23.139	0.001511	0.000111	
Automated Data Processing Inc	ADP	2.12%	11.0%	12.0%	9.0%	75.209	0.001516	0.000111	75.209	0.001516	0.000111	75.209	0.001516	0.000111	
American Express Company	AEE	2.66%	1.0%	5.2%	6.0%	18.718	0.001577	0.000111	18.718	0.001577	0.000111	18.718	0.001577	0.000111	
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Akcel Incorporated	AKS	1.10%	6.0%	5.0%	8.5%	30.627	0.001585	0.000110	30.627	0.001585	0.000110	30.627	0.001585	0.000110	
American International Group Inc	AIG	1.42%	1.0%	10.0%	10.0%	12.253	0.001515	0.000111	12.253	0.001515	0.000111	12.253	0.001515	0.000111	
Accretion, Inc.	ALZ	1.97%	NM	NM	11.5%	7.814	0.001518	0.000110	7.814	0.001518	0.000110	7.814	0.001518	0.000110	
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co	AGI	1.15%	10.0%	8.0%	13.0%	22.663	0.001593	0.000112	22.663	0.001593	0.000112	22.663	0.001593	0.000111	
Allegheny Corporation	ALB	0.85%	43.0%	11.0%	5.0%	15.959	0.001570	0.000111	15.959	0.001570	0.000111	15.959	0.001570	0.000111	
The Alliant Energy Corporation	ALL	2.00%	8.0%	7.0%	7.0%	32.221	0.001552	0.000112	32.221	0.001552	0.000112	32.221	0.001552	0.000111	
Alliant Energy	ALL	1.14%	1.0%	7.0%	9.0%	10.409	0.001516	0.000111	10.409	0.001516	0.000111	10.409	0.001516	0.000111	
Applied Materials Inc	AMAT	1.02%	16.0%	9.0%	5.5%	76.801	0.001521	0.000111	76.801	0.001521	0.000111	76.801	0.001521	0.000111	
Amarin PLC	AMCR	0.07%	3.0%	7.2%	NM	18.716	0.001515	0.000111	18.716	0.001515	0.000111	18.716	0.001515	0.000111	
AMETEK Inc.	AME	0.61%	NM	7.5%	12.5%	27.290	0.001515	0.000110	27.290	0.001515	0.000110	27.290	0.001515	0.000110	
Amgen Inc	AMGN	1.16%	6.0%	7.5%	7.0%	130.056	0.001518	0.000112	130.056	0.001518	0.000112	130.056	0.001518	0.000111	
Ascent Financial Inc	AMP	2.71%	9.0%	10.0%	11.0%	23.767	0.001598	0.000111	23.767	0.001598	0.000111	23.767	0.001598	0.000111	
American Tower Corporation	AMT	2.71%	15.0%	15.0%	10.0%	96.567	0.001512	0.000111	96.567	0.001512	0.000111	96.567	0.001512	0.000111	
Avaya Inc.	AVM	1.10%	11.0%	12.0%	14.0%	76.916	0.001527	0.000111	76.916	0.001527	0.000111	76.916	0.001527	0.000111	
Avaya	AVM	0.99%	7.0%	NM	7.5%	47.611	0.001599	0.000110	47.611	0.001599	0.000110	47.611	0.001599	0.000110	
A. O. Smith Corporation	AS	1.85%	NM	10.0%	5.0%	8.308	0.001571	0.000110	8.308	0.001571	0.000110	8.308	0.001571	0.000110	
Apache Corporation	APA	0.62%	NM	NM	1.0%	5.519	0.001524	0.000110	5.519	0.001524	0.000110	5.519	0.001524	0.000110	
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc	APD	2.01%	10.0%	8.5%	12.5%	58.817	0.001519	0.000110	58.817	0.001519	0.000110	58.817	0.001519	0.000110	
Aspen Technology	ATN	0.90%	18.5%	11.0%	7.0%	38.318	0.001517	0.000111	38.318	0.001517	0.000111	38.318	0.001517	0.000111	
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.	ARE	2.51%	NM	4.0%	4.0%	19.282	0.001599	0.000110	19.282	0.001599	0.000110	19.282	0.001599	0.000110	
Artemis Energy Corporation	ATE	2.77%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	11.352	0.001516	0.000111	11.352	0.001516	0.000111	11.352	0.001516	0.000111	
Activision Blizzard Inc	ATVI	0.50%	NM	15.0%	14.0%	69.715	0.001525	0.000111	69.715	0.001525	0.000111	69.715	0.001525	0.000111	
Avantor Inc	AVB	1.50%	NM	1.0%	1.0%	22.012	0.001519	0.000110	22.012	0.001519	0.000110	22.012	0.001519	0.000110	
Avantor	AVX	1.50%	7.0%	12.5%	18.5%	171.886	0.001512	0.000111	171.886	0.001512	0.000111	171.886	0.001512	0.000111	
Avaya	AVY	1.64%	8.0%	6.5%	11.0%	12.714	0.001515	0.000110	12.714	0.001515	0.000110	12.714	0.001515	0.000110	
American Water Works Company, Inc	AWK	1.54%	8.0%	4.0%	8.5%	26.721	0.001571	0.000111	26.721	0.001571	0.000111	26.721	0.001571	0.000111	
American Express Company	AXP	1.64%	9.0%	7.0%	6.0%	94.145	0.001530	0.000111	94.145	0.001530	0.000111	94.145	0.001530	0.000111	
Bank of America Corporation	BAC	2.10%	0.10%	7.0%	7.0%	260.214	0.001521	0.000112	260.214	0.001521	0.000112	260.214	0.001521	0.000111	
Baxter International Inc	BAX	1.21%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%	40.225	0.001518	0.000111	40.225	0.001518	0.000111	40.225	0.001518	0.000111	
Baxter	BAX	2.25%	10.0%	8.0%	8.0%	26.404	0.001513	0.000111	26.404	0.001513	0.000111	26.404	0.001513	0.000111	
Berkshire Hathaway and Company	BRK	1.36%	4.0%	9.0%	9.0%	70.801	0.001571	0.000110	70.801	0.001571	0.000110	70.801	0.001571	0.000111	
Berkshire Hathaway	BRK	1.53%	1.0%	5.0%	11.0%	12.255	0.001515	0.000111	12.255	0.001515	0.000111	12.255	0.001515	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	NM	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation	BK	1.11%	1.0%	5.0%	3.0%	36.514	0.001571	0.000110	36.514	0.001571	0.000110	36.514	0.001571	0.000110	
Berkshire Hathaway	BRK	1.36%	1.0%	9.0%	9.0%	70.801	0.001571	0.000110	70.801	0.001571	0.000110	70.801	0.001571	0.000111	
BlackRock, Inc.	BLK	2.06%	11.0%	9.5%	9.5%	107.202	0.001517	0.000111	107.202	0.001517	0.000111	107.202	0.001517	0.000111	
Boji Corporation	BLL	0.62%	13.0%	5.0%	18.0%	29.915	0.001517	0.000110	29.915	0.001517	0.000110	29.915	0.001517	0.000111	
Bristol Myers Squibb Company	BMRY	2.95%	NM	9.1%	12.5%	137.815	0.001511	0.000111	137.815	0.001511	0.000111	137.815	0.001511	0.000111	
Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc	BR	1.50%	NM	NM	10.0%	17.041	0.001515	0.000111	17.041	0.001515	0.000111	17.041	0.001515	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
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BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	
BancorpSouth Corporation	BFS	0.94%	8.0%	9.0%	12.0%	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0.000111	17.124	0.001531	0	

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Company	Ticker	Dividend Yield	EPS Growth Rates			Market Cap (\$Billion)	Weighted Dividend Yield			Weighted Dividend Yield			Weighted Dividend Yield			Weighted Dividend Yield		
			Zacks				Product			Product			Product			Product		
			Screened	Screened	Screened		Weight	Product	Mkt. Cap	Weight	Product	Mkt. Cap	Weight	Product	Mkt. Cap	Weight	Product	Mkt. Cap
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
247	NIKE, Inc.	0.78%	NMF	9.70%	NMF	221,854	0.009309	0.000011	--	--	--	221,854	0.009781	0.001887	--	--	--	--
248	NorcoLifeLock, Inc.	2.09%	NMF	14.00%	NMF	17,408	0.070521	0.000012	12.40%	0.000067	0.000091	12,408	0.000047	0.000033	12.16%	0.000536	0.000019	--
249	Norfolk Holdings Pte.	1.09%	NMF	NMF	NMF	7,227	0.000003	0.000004	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
250	Norfolk Southern Corporation	1.91%	NMF	10.90%	NMF	50,125	0.011011	0.000041	10.11%	0.000205	0.000205	--	--	--	50.125	0.002246	0.000176	--
251	NRG Energy, Inc.	3.80%	NMF	NMF	NMF	8,636	0.000162	0.000012	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
252	Norfolk Southern Corporation	1.61%	NMF	7.50%	NMF	59,109	0.002184	0.000040	59.20%	0.003183	0.000777	59,209	0.002611	0.000147	59.209	0.002651	0.000274	--
253	NTAP, Inc.	3.02%	NMF	11.90%	NMF	14,650	0.009116	0.000019	11.60%	0.000170	0.000519	14,650	0.000618	0.000077	14.650	0.000658	0.000017	--
254	Northern Trust Corporation	3.04%	NMF	NMF	NMF	19,145	0.000801	0.000021	--	--	--	--	--	--	19.145	0.000858	0.000019	--
255	Norco Corporation	3.00%	NMF	12.00%	NMF	15,872	0.000646	0.000021	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.872	0.000700	0.000031	0.000031
256	NVIDIA Corporation	0.12%	NMF	18.26%	NMF	127,169	0.013513	0.000016	--	--	--	--	--	--	127.169	0.002103	0.000749	--
257	Norfolk Southern Inc.	3.33%	NMF	2.86%	NMF	9,008	0.000178	0.000046	9.00%	0.000184	0.000025	9,008	0.000197	0.000111	9.008	0.000140	0.000018	--
258	Norco Corporation	1.02%	NMF	NMF	NMF	10,412	0.000438	0.000001	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
259	Realty Income Corporation	0.32%	NMF	1.31%	NMF	20,171	0.000846	0.000040	--	--	--	--	--	--	20.171	0.000838	0.000019	0.000019
260	Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	0.32%	NMF	14.40%	NMF	23,091	0.000007	0.000003	23.09%	0.001212	0.000179	23,091	0.001179	0.000118	23.091	0.001035	0.000091	--
261	OML, Inc.	0.00%	NMF	4.62%	NMF	17,242	0.000212	0.000012	17.24%	0.000092	0.000006	17,242	0.000070	0.000035	17.242	0.000760	0.000017	--
262	Omnicore Group Inc.	4.24%	NMF	4.25%	NMF	13,174	0.070551	0.000023	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.174	0.000708	0.000023	0.000023
263	Omnicore Corporation	1.47%	NMF	10.90%	NMF	192,765	0.000009	0.000011	192.76%	0.000016	0.000110	192,765	0.000016	0.000035	192.76%	0.000035	0.000007	--
264	Omni Worldwide Corporation	1.22%	NMF	8.50%	NMF	28,431	0.001191	0.000015	28.43%	0.001338	0.000131	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
265	Occidental Petroleum Corporation	0.77%	NMF	5.45%	NMF	16,662	0.000009	0.000002	--	--	--	--	--	--	16.662	0.000735	0.000010	0.000010
266	Oxygent, Inc.	2.67%	NMF	8.00%	NMF	11,041	0.001228	0.000035	11.04%	0.001300	0.000012	11,041	0.001301	0.000120	11.041	0.001576	0.000016	--
267	Procter & Gamble Financial, Inc.	3.57%	NMF	NMF	NMF	5,491	0.000010	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.491	0.000216	0.000006	0.000006
268	PACCAR Inc.	7.13%	NMF	10.00%	NMF	29,467	0.001235	0.000029	--	--	--	--	--	--	29.467	0.001200	0.000130	0.000016
269	Healthspan Properties, Inc.	5.01%	NMF	2.18%	NMF	18,914	0.000026	0.000001	--	--	--	--	--	--	18.914	0.000558	0.000016	--
270	Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated	3.57%	NMF	2.87%	NMF	28,491	0.001191	0.000011	28.49%	0.001132	0.000011	28,491	0.001132	0.000006	28.491	0.001277	0.000006	--
271	PapaCo, Inc.	7.81%	NMF	6.10%	NMF	199,719	0.000330	0.000027	199.71%	0.000737	0.000055	199,719	0.000593	0.000121	199.71%	0.000593	0.000017	--
272	Pfizer Inc.	4.17%	NMF	3.09%	NMF	298,051	0.000124	0.000014	298.05%	0.000172	0.000016	298,051	0.000172	0.000106	298.05%	0.000172	0.000016	--
273	Principal Financial Group, Inc.	3.01%	NMF	7.07%	NMF	13,724	0.000549	0.000016	13.72%	0.000717	0.000048	13,724	0.000587	0.000012	13.724	0.000587	0.000012	--
274	Procter & Gamble Company, The	3.39%	NMF	7.35%	NMF	138,070	0.011818	0.000012	138.07%	0.015125	0.000154	138,070	0.011901	0.001128	138.07%	0.015125	0.000154	--
275	The Progressive Corporation	0.31%	NMF	6.66%	NMF	57,102	0.000106	0.000010	57.10%	0.000070	0.000048	57,102	0.000070	0.000108	57.10%	0.000559	0.000011	--
276	Public Service Corporation	1.31%	NMF	11.78%	NMF	24,609	0.001456	0.000019	24.60%	0.001585	0.000179	24,609	0.001585	0.000179	24.60%	0.001585	0.000179	--
277	Public Group, Inc.	1.26%	NMF	10.86%	NMF	11,878	0.000148	0.000016	11.87%	0.000139	0.000016	11,878	0.000139	0.000016	11.878	0.000139	0.000016	--
278	Public Service Corporation of America	2.95%	NMF	5.00%	NMF	17,867	0.000118	0.000016	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.867	0.000507	0.000016	--
279	Public Service, Inc.	0.20%	NMF	17.00%	NMF	15,587	0.000041	0.000001	15.58%	0.000034	0.000012	15,587	0.000034	0.000012	15,587	0.000034	0.000012	--
280	Public Service, Inc.	2.58%	NMF	7.00%	NMF	60,773	0.002550	0.000006	60.77%	0.002675	0.000006	60,773	0.002675	0.000146	60.773	0.002675	0.000146	--
281	Phillip Morris International, Inc.	3.84%	NMF	5.61%	NMF	128,010	0.000371	0.000011	128.01%	0.000382	0.000012	128,010	0.000382	0.000117	128.01%	0.000382	0.000117	--
282	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	3.11%	NMF	3.28%	NMF	62,201	0.002610	0.000002	--	--	--	--	--	--	62.201	0.002787	0.000016	--
283	Public Service, Inc.	1.51%	NMF	8.24%	NMF	8,723	0.000106	0.000006	8.72%	0.000109	0.000011	8,723	0.000109	0.000011	8,723	0.000109	0.000011	--
284	Public Service West Capital Corporation	4.25%	NMF	1.50%	NMF	8,717	0.000166	0.000016	8.71%	0.000169	0.000017	8,717	0.000169	0.000017	8,717	0.000169	0.000017	--
285	Public Corporation	0.64%	NMF	NMF	NMF	14,617	0.000016	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.617	0.000016	0.000011	--
286	PPG Industries, Inc.	1.50%	NMF	6.85%	NMF	13,981	0.000120	0.000011	13.98%	0.001327	0.000015	13,981	0.001327	0.000103	13.981	0.001327	0.000103	--
287	PPL Corporation	6.24%	NMF	NMF	NMF	20,598	0.000011	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	20.598	0.000011	0.000011	--
288	PerkinElmer, Inc.	2.20%	NMF	1.00%	NMF	5,000	0.000011	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,000	0.000011	0.000011	--
289	Prudential Financial, Inc.	5.71%	NMF	3.00%	NMF	34,303	0.000274	0.000011	34.30%	0.000274	0.000011	34,303	0.000274	0.000110	34.30%	0.000274	0.000110	--
290	Public Storage	0.52%	NMF	2.78%	NMF	39,593	0.000064	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	39.593	0.000116	0.000011	--
291	Platinum 66	5.11%	NMF	1.00%	NMF	30,206	0.000214	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	30.206	0.000124	0.000011	--
292	Omni Services, Inc.	0.18%	NMF	12.00%	NMF	9,811	0.000143	0.000011	9.81%	0.000143	0.000011	9,811	0.000143	0.000011	9,811	0.000143	0.000011	--
293	Placer Natural Resources Company	1.99%	NMF	7.38%	NMF	18,397	0.000130	0.000011	18.39%	0.000130	0.000011	18,397	0.000130	0.000011	18.39%	0.000130	0.000011	--
294	QUALCOMM Incorporated	1.51%	NMF	19.41%	NMF	165,771	0.000011	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	165.771	0.000011	0.000011	--
295	Everest Re Group Ltd.	2.70%	NMF	10.22%	NMF	9,174	0.000335	0.000011	9.17%	0.000335	0.000011	9,174	0.000335	0.000011	9.17%	0.000335	0.000011	--
296	Regency Center Corporation	5.37%	NMF	1.50%	NMF	7,568	0.000118	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.568	0.000118	0.000011	--
297	Regency Financial Corporation	1.80%	NMF	7.00%	NMF	15,306	0.000042	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.306	0.000042	0.000011	--
298	Robert Half International, Inc.	2.38%	NMF	1.46%	NMF	7,110	0.000298	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.110	0.000298	0.000011	--
299	Raymond James Financial, Inc.	1.51%	NMF	NMF	NMF	12,843	0.000131	0.000011	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.843	0.000131	0.000011	--

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Part 3, Summary of Economic Projections

Table 1.

Percent Change from Preceding
A191RL1Q225SBE Period, Annual, Seasonally Adjusted
Annual Rate PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditures) I 2.0%

Frequency. Annual

observation_date	GDP Growth Rate (%)
1951-01-01	5.50%
1952-01-01	5.48%
1953-01-01	0.65%
1954-01-01	2.80%
1955-01-01	6.63%
1956-01-01	2.03%
1957-01-01	0.40%
1958-01-01	3.00%
1959-01-01	4.65%
1960-01-01	1.05%
1961-01-01	5.43%
1962-01-01	4.33%
1963-01-01	5.18%
1964-01-01	5.18%
1965-01-01	8.45%
1966-01-01	4.55%
1967-01-01	2.65%
1968-01-01	5.00%
1969-01-01	2.10%
1970-01-01	-0.13%
1971-01-01	4.43%
1972-01-01	6.93%
1973-01-01	4.10%
1974-01-01	-1.90%
1975-01-01	2.65%
1976-01-01	4.35%
1977-01-01	5.05%
1978-01-01	6.83%
1979-01-01	1.28%
1980-01-01	0.13%
1981-01-01	1.45%
1982-01-01	-1.40%
1983-01-01	7.90%
1984-01-01	5.60%
1985-01-01	4.18%
1986-01-01	2.93%
1987-01-01	4.48%
1988-01-01	3.83%
1989-01-01	2.75%
1990-01-01	0.65%
1991-01-01	1.18%
1992-01-01	4.38%
1993-01-01	2.63%
1994-01-01	4.13%
1995-01-01	2.20%
1996-01-01	4.40%
1997-01-01	4.50%
1998-01-01	4.90%
1999-01-01	4.80%
2000-01-01	3.00%
2001-01-01	0.18%
2002-01-01	2.08%

	ROE	Baa	RP
2019	9.83%	4.19%	5.44%
2018	9.43%	4.67%	4.76%
2017	9.56%	4.88%	4.88%
2016	9.71%	4.68%	5.03%
2015	9.76%	5.03%	4.73%
2014	8.69%	4.80%	4.70%
2013	9.73%	4.98%	4.75%
2012	9.90%	4.86%	5.04%
2011	10.04%	5.57%	4.47%
2010	10.18%	5.96%	4.22%
2009	10.18%	7.06%	3.12%
2008	10.24%	7.23%	3.01%
2007	10.07%	6.33%	3.74%
		5.39%	4.10%

Baa Bond Yield	3.50%
Change in	-1.89%
	-0.75435
	0.01424
	4.46%
	5.88%
	3.50%
	9.38%

		4.19%	
2019	9.83%	4.67%	4.96%
2018	9.43%	4.68%	4.75%
2017	9.56%	4.88%	4.88%
2016	9.71%	5.03%	4.68%
2015	9.76%	4.80%	4.96%
2014	9.59%	4.98%	4.81%
2013	9.73%	4.89%	4.87%
2012	9.90%	5.57%	4.33%
2011	10.04%	5.96%	4.08%
2010	10.18%	7.06%	3.12%
2009	10.18%	7.23%	2.95%
2008	10.24%	6.33%	3.81%
2007	10.07%	6.32%	3.75%
		5.55%	4.30%

	3.50%
	-2.05%
	-0.73179
	0.015013
	4.30%
	5.80%
	3.50%
	9.30%

SUMMARY OUTPUT

Regression Statistics	
Multiple R	0.98533
R Square	0.970876
Adjusted R	0.968228
Standard Error	0.001325
Observations	13

ANOVA

	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F
Regression	1	0.000844	0.000844	388.6938	8.52E-10
Residual	11	1.93E-05	1.75E-06		
Total	12	0.000863			

	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.085242	0.002154	39.57466	3.25E-13	0.080501	0.089983	0.080501	0.089983
X Variable	-0.75436	0.039393	-19.1492	8.52E-10	-0.84105	-0.66765	-0.84105	-0.66765

SUMMARY OUTPUT

Regression Statistics	
Multiple R	0.986722
R Square	0.977572
Adjusted R	0.975533
Standard Error	0.001077
Observations	13

ANOVA

	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F
Regression	1	0.000557	0.000557	479.4487	2.02E-10
Residual	11	1.28E-05	1.16E-06		
Total	12	0.000568			

	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.083587	0.001679	44.4783	9.08E-14	0.079451	0.087724	0.079451	0.087724
X Variable	-0.73179	0.039421	-21.8983	2.02E-10	-0.80535	-0.65823	-0.80535	-0.65823

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**APPLICATION OF DOUBLE § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
DIAMOND UTILITY COMPANY, INC. §
FOR A RATE/TARIFF CEANGE § OF TEXAS**

ORDER

This Order addresses Double Diamond Utilities Company, Inc.'s application to increase rates for water and sewer service provided to two resort developments owned by its affiliates, The Cliffs in Palo Pinto County, and White Bluff in Hill County. Double Diamond Utilities filed two rate-filing packages, one for its White Bluff system and one for its system at The Cliffs; each package includes a rate increase for water and sewer tariffs. Double Diamond Utilities requested revenue requirements of \$568,368 for the White Bluff water system, \$572,068 for the White Bluff sewer system, \$421,488 for The Cliffs water system, and \$313,686 for The Cliffs sewer system, each based on a 2015 calendar year test year.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) administrative law judge (ALJ), after conducting a hearing, issued a proposal for decision recommending a revenue requirement of \$375,150 for the White Bluff water system, \$349,074 for the White Bluff sewer system, \$383,758 for The Cliffs water system, and \$319,791 for The Cliffs sewer system, based on adjustments to expenses, rate base, depreciation, and return on invested capital.

The Commission agrees with the majority of the ALJ's determinations in the proposal for decision. However, the Commission disagrees with and rejects the ALJ's conclusions regarding Double Diamond Utilities' employee labor expense, other plant maintenance expense, professional services expense, miscellaneous expense, and return on equity. The Commission's decisions result in a revenue requirement of \$384,197 for the White Bluff water system, \$270,916 for the White Bluff sewer system, \$358,088 for The Cliffs water system, and \$296,018 for The Cliffs sewer system.

Except as discussed in this Order, the Commission adopts the proposal for decision, including findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Bluff is within Double Diamond Utilities' certificated service area, the Texas Water Code also imposes such an obligation.⁶²

Whether a developer contribution is used and useful is a fact-specific determination to be made in each case. Based on the specific facts in this case, the Commission concludes that Double Diamond Utilities' investment at White Bluff is currently used and useful. It was reasonable for the White Bluff developer to build out the water and wastewater systems in phases as the subdivision developed such that when any lot within White Bluff was sold and a new owner requested service, service can be immediately provided. In addition, Double Diamond Utilities is currently obligated to provide service if a lot owner decides to build a house on her lot. Therefore, Double Diamond Utilities is permitted to recover a depreciation expense on its developer-contributed assets at White Bluff in accordance with TWC § 13.185(j).

To reflect its decision on this issue, the Commission modifies findings of fact 103 through 105, deletes finding of fact 107, adds new findings of fact 105A and 107A, and adds new conclusions of law 8C and 8D to reflect its determination that Double Diamond Utilities is permitted to recover a depreciation expense on its developer-contributed assets at White Bluff in accordance with TWC § 13.185(j). In addition, the Commission deletes conclusion of law 7 as moot.

K. Return on Equity

The ALJ recommended that the Commission approve a 9.84% return on equity for Double Diamond Utilities. The ALJ determined Double Diamond Utilities' use of four different analyses to calculate a return on equity for Double Diamond Utilities was more persuasive than the analyses performed by Commission Staff, who used only the discounted cash flow analysis and capital asset pricing model.

The Commission disagrees with the ALJ's conclusion and instead adopts Commission Staff's recommended return on equity of 8.79%. The discounted cash flow model is widely accepted by the regulatory industry and the Commission, and is often used to calculate the appropriate return on equity for a utility.

⁶² TWC § 13.250(a).

UTILITY STOCKS AND THE SIZE EFFECT: AN EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS

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I. Introduction

The objective of this study is to examine whether the firm size effect exists in the public utility industry. Public utilities are regulated by federal, municipal, and state authorities. Every state has a public service commission with board and varying powers. Often their task is to estimate a fair rate of return to a utility's stockholders in order to determine the rates charged by the utility. The legal principles underlying rate regulation are that "the return to the equity owner should be commensurate with returns on investments in other enterprises having corresponding risks," and that the return to a utility should be sufficient to "attract capital and maintain credit worthiness." However, difficulties arise from the ambiguous interpretation of the legal definition of *fair and reasonable rate of return* to an equity owner.

Some finance researchers have suggested that the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) should be used in rate regulation because the CAPM beta can serve as a risk measure, thus making risk comparisons possible. This approach is consistent with the spirit of a Supreme Court ruling that equity owners sharing similar level of risk should be compensated by similar rate of return.

The empirical studies of Banz (1981) and Reinganum (1981) showed that small firms tend to earn higher returns than large firms after adjusting for beta. This phenomenon leads to the proposition that firm size is a proxy for omitted risk factors in determining stock returns. Barry and Brown (1984) and Brauer (1986) suggested that the omitted risk factor could be the differential information environment between small and large firms. Their argument is based on the fact that investors often have less publicly available information to assess the future cash flows of small firms than that of large

firms. Therefore, an additional risk premium should be included to determine the appropriate rate of return to shareholders of small firms.

The samples used in prior studies are dominated by industrial firms, no one has examined the size effect in public utilities. The objective of this study is to extend the empirical findings of the existing studies by investigating whether the size effect is also present in the utility industry. The findings of this study have important implications for investors, public utility firms, and state regulatory agencies. If the size effect does exist in the utility industry, this would suggest that the size factor should be considered when the CAPM is being used to determine the fair rate of return for public utilities in regulatory proceedings.

II. Information Environment of Public Utilities

In general, utilities differ from industrials in that utilities are heavily regulated and they follow similar accounting procedures. A public utility's financial reporting is mainly regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the SEC is empowered to regulate the holding company systems of electric and gas utilities. The Act requires registration of public utility holding companies with the SEC. Only under strict conditions would the purchase, sale or issuance of securities by these holding companies be permitted. The purpose of the Act is to keep the SEC and investors informed of the financial conditions of these firms. Moreover, the FERC is in charge of the interstate operations of electric and gas companies. It requires utilities to follow the accounting procedures set forth in its Uniform Systems of Accounts. In particular, electric and gas utilities must request their Certified Public Accountants to certify that certain schedules in the financial reports are in conformity with the Commission's accounting requirements. These detailed reports are submitted annually and are open to the public.

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The FERC requires public utilities to keep accurate records of revenues, operating costs, depreciation expenses, and investment in plant and equipment. Specific financial accounting standards for these purposes are also issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Uniformity is required so that utilities are not subject to different accounting regulations in each of the states in which they operate. The ultimate objective is to achieve comparability in financial reporting so that factual matters are not hidden from the public view by accounting flexibility.

Other regulatory reports tend to provide additional financial information about utilities. For example, utilities are required to file the FERC Form No. 1 with the state commission. This form is designed for state commissions to collect financial and operational information about utilities, and serves as a source for statistical reports published by state commissions.

Unlike industrials, a utility's earnings are predetermined to a certain extent. Before allowed earnings requests are approved, a utility's performance is analyzed in depth by the state commission, interest groups, and other witnesses. This process leads to the disclosure of substantial amount of information.

III. Hypothesis and Objective

Due to the Act of 1935, the Uniform Systems of Accounts, the uniform disclosure requirements, and the predetermined earnings, all utilities are reasonably homogeneous with respect to the information available to the public. Barry and Brown (1984) and Brauer (1986) suggested that the difference of risk-adjusted returns between small and large firms is due to their differential information environment. Assuming that the differential information hypothesis is true, then uniformity of information availability among utility firms would suggest that the size effect should not be observed in the public utility industry. The objective of this paper is to provide a test of the size effect in public utilities.

IV. Methodology

1. Sample and Data

To test for the size effect, a sample of public utilities and a sample of industrials matched by equity value are formed so that their results can be compared. Companies in both samples are listed on the Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP)

Daily and Monthly Returns files. The utility sample includes 152 electric and gas companies. For each utility in the sample, two industrial firms with similar firm size (one is slightly larger and the other is slightly smaller than the utility) are selected. Thus, the industrial sample includes 304 non-regulated firms.

The size variable is defined as the natural logarithm of market value of equity at the beginning of each year. Both the equally-weighted and value-weighted CRSP indices are employed as proxies for the market returns. Daily, weekly and monthly returns are used. The Fama-MacBeth (1973) procedure is utilized to examine the relation between risk-adjusted returns and firm size.

2. Research Design

All utilities in the sample are ranked according to the equity size at the beginning of the year, and the distribution is broken down into deciles. Decile one contains the stocks with the lowest market values while decile ten contains those with the highest market values. These portfolios are denoted by MV_1 , MV_2 , ..., and MV_{10} , respectively.

The combinations of the ten portfolios are updated annually. In the year after a portfolio is formed, equally-weighted portfolio returns are computed by combining the returns of the component stocks within the portfolio. The betas for each portfolio at year t , β_{pt} 's, are estimated by regressing the previous five years of portfolio returns on market returns:

$$\tilde{R}_{pt} = \alpha_p + \beta_p \tilde{R}_{mt} + \tilde{U}_{pt} \quad (1)$$

where

R_{pt} = periodic return in year t on portfolio p

R_{mt} = periodic market return in year t

U_{pt} = disturbance term.

Banz (1981) applied both the ordinary and generalized least squares regressions to estimate β ; and concluded that the results are essentially identical (p.8). Since adjusting for heteroscedasticity does not necessarily lead to more efficient estimators, the ordinary least squares procedures are used in this study to estimate β in equation (1).

The following cross-sectional regression is then run for the portfolios to estimate γ_i , $i = 0, 1$, and 2:

$$R_{pt} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \hat{\beta}_{pt} + \gamma_2 \hat{S}_{pt} + U_{pt} \quad (2)$$

where

$\hat{\beta}_{pt}$ = estimated beta for portfolio p at year t ,
 $t=1968, \dots, 1987$

$\hat{S}_{pt}$ = mean of the logarithm of firm size in
portfolio p at the beginning of year t

U_{pt} = disturbance term.

Depending on whether daily, weekly or monthly returns are used, a portfolio's average return changes periodically while its beta and size only change once a year. The γ_1 and γ_2 coefficients are estimated over the following four subperiods: 1968-72, 1973-77, 1978-82 and 1983-1987. If portfolio betas can fully account for the differences in returns, one would expect the average coefficient for the beta variable to be positive and for the size variable to be zero. A t -statistic will be used to test the hypothesis. The coefficients of a matched sample are also examined so that the results between industrial and utility firms can be compared.

V. Analysis of Results

1. Equity Value of the Utility Portfolios

The mean equity values of the ten size-based utility portfolios are reported in Table 1. Panels A and B present the average firm size of these portfolios at the beginning and end of the test period, 1968-1987. The first interesting observation from Table 1 is that the difference in magnitude between the smallest and the largest market value utility portfolios is tremendous. In Panel A, the average size of MV_1 is about \$31 million while that of MV_{10} is over \$1.4 billion. In Panel B, that is twenty years later, they are \$62 million and \$5.2 billion, respectively. Another interesting finding is that there is a substantial increase in average firm size from MV_9 to MV_{10} . Since these two findings are consistent over the entire test period, the average portfolio market values for interim years are not reported. These results are similar to the empirical evidence provided by Reinganum (1981).

The utility sample in this study contains 152 firms whereas Reinganum's sample contains 535 firms that are mainly industrial companies. Two conclusions may be drawn from the results of the Reinganum study and this one. First, utilities and industrials are similar in the sense that their market

values vary over a wide spectrum. Second, the fact that there is a huge jump in firm size from MV_9 to MV_{10} indicates that the distribution of firm size is positively skewed. To correct for the skewness problem, the natural logarithm of the mean equity value of each portfolio is calculated. This variable is then used in later regressions instead of the actual mean equity value.

2. Betas of the Utility and Industrial Samples

The betas based on monthly, weekly and daily returns are reported for the utility and industrial samples. For simplicity, they will be referred to as monthly, weekly, and daily betas. In all cases, five years of returns are used to estimate the systematic risk. The betas estimated over the 1963-67 time period are used to proxy for the betas in 1968, which is the beginning of the test period. By the same token, the betas obtained from the time period 1982-86 are used as proxies for the betas in 1987, which is the end of the test period.

The betas from using the equally-weighted and value-weighted indices are calculated in order to check whether the results are affected by the choice of market index. Since the results are similar, only those obtained from the equally-weighted index are reported and analyzed.

Table 2 reports the monthly, weekly and daily betas of the two samples at the beginning and end of the test period. Panel A shows the various betas of the industrial portfolios. Two conclusions may be drawn. First, in the 1960's, smaller market value portfolios tend to have relatively larger betas. This is consistent with the empirical findings by Banz (1981) and Reinganum (1981). Second, this trend seems to vanish in the 1980's, especially when weekly and daily returns are used.

The betas of the utility portfolios are presented in Panel B. The table shows that none of the utility betas are greater than 0.71. A comparison between Panels A and B reveals that utility portfolios are relatively less risky than industrial portfolios after controlling for firm size. The comparison also reveals that, unlike industrial stocks, betas of the utility portfolios are not related to the market values of equity.

The negative correlation between firm size and beta in the industrial sample may introduce a multicollinearity problem in estimating equation (2). Banz (p.11) had addressed this issue and concluded that the test results are not sensitive to the

multicollinearity problem. For the utility sample, this problem does not exist.

3. Tests on the Coefficients of Beta and Size

The beta and firm size are used to estimate γ_1 and γ_2 in equation (2). A t-statistic is used to test if the mean values of the gammas are significantly different from zero. The tests were performed for four 5-year periods which are reported in Table 3. The mean of the gammas and their t-statistic are presented in Panel A for the utilities and in Panel B for the industrial firms.

The empirical results for the utility sample are reported in Panel A of Table 3. When monthly returns are used, 60 regressions were run to obtain 60 pairs of gammas for each of the 5-year periods. When daily returns are used, over 1200 regressions were run for each period to obtain the gammas. The results are similar: in all of the time periods tested, none of the average coefficients for beta and size are significantly different from zero. When weekly returns are used, 260 pairs of gammas were obtained. The average coefficients for beta are not significant in any test period, and the average coefficients for size are not significant in three of the test periods. For the test period of 1978-82, the average coefficient for size is significantly negative at a 5% level.

The test results for the industrial sample are reported in Panel B of Table 3. When monthly returns are used, the average coefficient estimates for size and beta are significant and have the expected sign only in the 1983-87 test period. When weekly returns are used, only the size variable is significantly negative in the 1978-82 period. When daily returns are used, the coefficient estimates for betas and size are not significant at any conventional level.

According to the CAPM, beta is the sole determinant of stock returns. It is expected that the coefficient for beta is significantly positive. However, the empirical findings reported in this study and in Fama and French (1992) only provide weak support for beta in explaining stock returns. The empirical findings in this study also suggest that the size effect varies over time. It is not unusual to document the firm size effect at certain time periods but not at others. Banz (1981) found that the size effect is not stable over time with substantial differences in the magnitude of the coefficient of the size factor (p.9, Table 1). Brown, Kleidon and Marsh (1983) not only have shown that size effect is not constant over time but also have reported a reversal of the size anomaly for certain years.

The research design of this study allows us to keep the sample, test period, and methodology the same with the holding-period being the only variable. The size effect is documented for the industrial sample in one of the four test periods when monthly returns are used and in another when weekly returns are used. When daily returns are used, no size effect is observed. For the utility sample, the size effect is significant in only one test period when weekly returns are used. When monthly and daily returns are used, no size effect is found. Therefore, this study concludes that the size effect is not only time-period specific but also holding-period specific.

VI. Concluding Remarks

The fact that the two samples show different, though weak, results indicates that utility and industrial stocks do not share the same characteristics. First, given firm size, utility stocks are consistently less risky than industrial stocks. Second, industrial betas tend to decrease with firm size but utility betas do not. These findings may be attributed to the fact that all public utilities operate in an environment with regional monopolistic power and regulated financial structure. As a result, the business and financial risks are very similar among the utilities regardless of their sizes. Therefore, utility betas would not necessarily be expected to be related to firm size.

The objective of this study is to examine if the size effect exists in the utility industry. After controlling for equity values, there is some weak evidence that firm size is a missing factor from the CAPM for the industrial but not for the utility stocks. This implies that although the size phenomenon has been strongly documented for the industrials, the findings suggest that there is no need to adjust for the firm size in utility rate regulations.

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Table 1

Average Equity Size of the Utility Portfolios at the
Beginning and End of the Test Period
(Dollar figures in millions)

	A: Beginning (1968)	B: End (1987)
MV ₁	\$31	\$62
MV ₂	\$77	\$177
MV ₃	\$113	\$334
MV ₄	\$161	\$475
MV ₅	\$220	\$715
MV ₆	\$334	\$957
MV ₇	\$437	\$1,279
MV ₈	\$505	\$1,805
MV ₉	\$791	\$2,665
MV ₁₀	\$1,447	\$5,399

Table 2

Betas of the Two Samples at the Beginning and End of the Test Period

	<u>Monthly Betas</u>		<u>Weekly Betas</u>		<u>Daily Betas</u>	
	1963-67	1982-86	1963-67	1982-86	1963-67	1982-86
Panel A: Industrial Firms						
MV ₁	0.89	1.00	1.15	0.95	1.11	0.92
MV ₂	0.94	0.87	1.07	1.01	1.14	1.01
MV ₃	0.88	0.82	1.12	0.86	1.14	1.04
MV ₄	0.69	0.74	1.00	0.83	1.03	0.86
MV ₅	0.73	0.80	1.05	0.96	1.13	1.01
MV ₆	0.66	0.82	1.03	1.01	1.05	1.04
MV ₇	0.64	0.81	0.97	1.04	0.98	1.09
MV ₈	0.62	0.75	0.97	1.11	1.00	1.20
MV ₉	0.52	0.78	0.84	1.06	0.94	1.16
MV ₁₀	0.43	0.65	0.78	1.01	0.86	1.22
Panel B: Public Utilities						
MV ₁	0.30	0.37	0.31	0.43	0.30	0.40
MV ₂	0.28	0.38	0.37	0.47	0.36	0.44
MV ₃	0.22	0.42	0.33	0.42	0.31	0.49
MV ₄	0.27	0.35	0.36	0.52	0.34	0.54
MV ₅	0.25	0.45	0.37	0.61	0.35	0.62
MV ₆	0.25	0.41	0.39	0.54	0.40	0.65
MV ₇	0.20	0.35	0.34	0.54	0.37	0.63
MV ₈	0.17	0.38	0.34	0.65	0.33	0.68
MV ₉	0.19	0.34	0.35	0.60	0.34	0.71
MV ₁₀	0.18	0.29	0.38	0.59	0.39	0.71

Table 3

Tests on the Mean Coefficients of Beta (γ_1) and Size (γ_2)

$$R_{it} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \hat{\beta}_{it} + \gamma_2 \hat{S}_{it} + U_{it}$$

Returns Used:		Monthly (t-value)	Weekly (t-value)	Daily (t-value)
Panel A: Utility Sample				
1968-72	γ_1	-0.46% (-0.26)	-0.32% (-0.42)	-0.02% (-0.18)
	γ_2	-0.07% (-0.78)	-0.01% (-0.51)	-0.00% (-0.46)
1973-77	γ_1	-0.28% (-0.13)	0.14% (0.14)	-0.03% (-0.21)
	γ_2	-0.11% (-0.70)	-0.03% (-0.67)	-0.00% (-0.53)
1978-82	γ_1	0.55% (0.36)	0.54% (1.00)	0.05% (0.43)
	γ_2	-0.10% (-0.75)	-0.05% (-1.71)*	-0.01% (-1.60)
1983-87	γ_1	1.74% (1.28)	-0.24% (-0.51)	-0.02% (-0.18)
	γ_2	-0.16% (-1.54)	-0.03% (-0.85)	-0.01% (-0.63)
Panel B: Industrial Sample				
1968-72	γ_1	-0.36% (-0.27)	-0.28% (-0.55)	-0.02% (-0.32)
	γ_2	0.07% (0.43)	-0.01% (-0.19)	0.00% (0.51)
1973-77	γ_1	1.34% (0.64)	-0.23% (-0.31)	0.14% (1.45)
	γ_2	-0.01% (-0.06)	-0.04% (-0.85)	-0.00% (-0.64)
1978-82	γ_1	-0.84% (-0.28)	-0.56% (-0.91)	-0.09% (-0.81)
	γ_2	-0.29% (-0.75)	-0.01% (-1.72)*	-0.00% (-1.33)
1983-87	γ_1	2.51% (1.83)*	0.34% (0.64)	0.11% (1.40)
	γ_2	-0.25% (-1.90)*	-0.01% (-0.43)	0.00% (0.14)

* Significant at the 5% level based on a one-tailed test.



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Utility stocks and the size effect—revisited

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Abstract

Wong concluded there is weak empirical support that firm size is a missing factor from the capital asset pricing model for industrial stocks but not for utility stocks. Her weak results, however, do not rule out the possibility of a small firm effect for utilities. The issue she addressed has important financial implications in regulated proceedings that set rates of return for utilities. New studies based on different size water utilities are presented that do support a small firm effect in the utility industry.

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Annie Wong concludes there is some weak evidence that firm size is a missing factor from the capital asset pricing model ("CAPM") for industrial stocks but not for utility stocks (Wong, 1993, p. 98). This "firm size effect" is an observation that small firms tend to earn higher returns than larger firms after controlling for differences in estimates of beta risk in the CAPM. Wong notes that if the size effect exists, it has important implications and should be considered by regulators when they determine fair rates of return for public utilities. This paper re-examines the basis for her conclusions and presents new information that indicates there is a small firm effect in the utility sector.

1. Reconsideration of the evidence provided by Wong

Wong relies on Barry and Brown (1984) and Brauer (1986) to suggest the small firm effect may be explained by differences in information available to investors of small and large firms.

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She states that requirements to file reports and information generated during regulatory proceedings indicate the same amount of information is available for large and small utilities and thus, if the differential information hypothesis explains the small firm effect, then the uniformity of information available among utility firms would suggest the size effect should not be observed in the utility industry. But contrary to the facts she assumes, there are differences in information available for large and small utilities. More parties participate in proceedings for large utilities and thus generate more information. Also, in some jurisdictions smaller utilities are not required to file all of the information that is required of larger firms. Thus, if the small firm effect is explained by differential information, contrary to Wong's hypothesis, differences in available information suggests there is a small firm effect in the utility industry. Wong did not discuss other potential explanations of the small firm effect for utilities.²

Wong's empirical results are not strong enough to conclude that beta risks of utilities are unrelated to size. In the period 1963–1967, when monthly data were used to estimate betas, her estimates of utility betas as well as industrial betas increased as the size of the firms decreased, but she did not find the same inverse relationship between size and beta risk for utilities in other periods. Being unable to demonstrate a relationship between size and beta in other periods may be the result of Wong using monthly, weekly and daily data to make those beta estimates. Roll (1980) concluded trading infrequency seems to be a powerful cause of bias in beta risk estimates when time intervals of a month or less are used to estimate betas for small stocks. When a small stock is thinly traded, its stock price does not reflect the movement of the market, which drives down the apparent covariance with the market and creates an artificially low beta estimate.

Ibbotson Associates (2002) found that when annual data are used to estimate betas, beta estimates for the smaller firms increase more than beta estimates for larger firms. Table 1 compares Value Line (2000) beta estimates for three relatively small water utilities that are made with weekly data and an adjusted beta estimated with pooled annual data for the utilities for the 5-year period ending in December 2000. In making the latter estimate, it is assumed that the underlying beta for each of water utilities is the same. The *t*-statistics for the unadjusted beta

Table 1
Beta estimates reported by Value Line and estimated with pooled annual returns for relatively small water utilities

	Value Line ^a	Estimated with annual data ^b
Connecticut Water Service	0.45	
Middlesex Water	0.45	
SJW Corporation	0.50	
Average	0.47	0.78
<i>t</i> -statistic		2.72 ^c

^a As reported in Value Line (2000). Betas estimated with 5 years of weekly data.

^b Estimated with pooled annual return premiums for the 5-year period ending December 2000. Proxy market returns are total returns for the S&P 500 index. Dummy variable in 1999 to reflect the proposed acquisition of SJW Corporation included in analysis.

^c Significant at the 95% level.

^d The *t*-statistic for the null hypothesis that the true beta is 0.18 (the derived unadjusted Value Line beta) when the estimated betas is 0.65 (the unadjusted estimated beta) is 1.97. It is significant at the 95% level.

estimate is reported in parentheses. As was found by Ibbotson Associates (2002) for stocks in general, when annual data are used to estimate betas for small utility stocks, the beta estimate increases.

Wong used the Fama and MacBeth (1973) approach to estimate how well firm size and beta explain future returns in four periods. She reports weak empirical results for both the industrial and utility sectors. In every one of the statistical results reported for utilities, the coefficient for the size effect has a negative sign as would be expected if there is a size effect in the utility industry but only one of the results was found to be statistically significant at the 5% level. With the industrial sector, though she found two cases to have a significant size effect, a negative sign for the size coefficient occurred only 75% of the time. What is puzzling is that with these weak results, Wong concludes the analysis provides support for the small firm effect for the industrial industry but no support for a small firm effect for the utility industry.

2. New evidence on risk premiums required by small utilities

Two other studies support a conclusion that small utilities are more risky than larger ones. A study made by Staff of the Water Utilities Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CPUC Staff, 1991) used proxies for beta risk and determined small water utilities were more risky than larger water utilities. Part of the difficulty with examining the question of relative risk of utilities is that the very small utilities are not publicly-traded. This CPUC Staff study addressed that concern by computing proxies for beta risk estimated with accounting data for the period 1981–1991 for 58 water utilities. Based on that analysis, CPUC Staff concluded that smaller water utilities were more risky and required higher equity returns than larger water utilities. Following 8 days of hearings and testimony by 21 witnesses regarding this study, it was adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission in CPUC Decision 92-03-093, dated March 31, 1992.

Table 2 provides the results of another study of differences in required returns estimated from discounted cash flow (“DCF”) model estimates of the costs of equity for water utilities of different sizes. The study compares average estimates of equity costs for two smaller water utilities, Dominguez Water Company and SJW Corporation, with equity cost estimates for two larger companies, California Water Service and American States Water, for the period 1987–1997. All four utilities operated primarily in the same regulatory jurisdiction during that period. Estimates of future growth are required to make DCF estimates. Gordon, Gordon, and Gould (1989) found that a consensus of analysts’ forecasts of earnings per share for the next 5 years provides a more accurate estimate of growth required in the DCF model than three different historical measures of growth. Unfortunately, such analysts’ forecasts are not generally available for small utilities and thus this study assumes, as was assumed by staff at the regulatory commission, that investors relied upon past measures of growth to forecast the future. The results in Table 2 show that the smaller water utilities had a cost of equity that, on average, was 99 basis points higher than the average cost of equity for the larger water utilities. This result is statistically significant at the 90% level. In terms of the issues being addressed by Wong, the 99 basis points could be the result of differences in beta risk, the small firm effect or some combination of the two.

Table 2
Small firm equity cost differential: case study based on a comparison of DCF equity cost estimates for larger and smaller California water utilities (1987–1997)

	Larger water utilities ^a			Smaller water utilities ^b			Smaller utilities minus larger utilities
	D_0/P_0 (%)	Estimated growth (%) ^c	Equity cost estimate (%) ^d	D_0/P_0 (%)	Estimated growth (%) ^c	Equity cost estimate (%) ^d	
1987	6.60	7.17	14.24	5.38	10.06	15.98	1.74
1988	6.75	6.30	13.48	5.81	9.08	15.42	1.94
1989	7.10	6.30	13.84	6.47	7.00	13.93	0.09
1990	7.24	6.19	13.87	6.96	7.51	14.99	1.11
1991	6.94	6.29	13.67	6.64	6.24	13.30	−0.36
1992	6.18	5.96	12.50	6.50	6.71	13.65	1.14
1993	5.32	5.68	11.30	5.49	6.31	12.15	0.85
1994	6.03	4.40	10.70	5.80	4.86	10.94	0.25
1995	6.44	3.86	10.55	6.44	4.88	11.64	1.09
1996	5.60	4.06	9.88	5.77	5.58	11.67	1.79
1997	4.93	3.31	8.40	4.52	4.89	9.64	1.23
Average difference							0.99
t-statistic							1.405 ^e

Limited to period for which Dominguez Water Company data were available. 1998 excluded due to pending buyout.

^a American States Water and California Water Service.

^b Dominguez Water Company and SJW Corporation.

^c Average of 5- and 10-year dividends per share growth, 10-year earnings per share growth and estimates of sustainable growth from internal and external sources for the most recent 10-year period when data are available (1991–1997), otherwise most recent 5-year period (1987–1990).

^d DCF equity cost as computed by California PUC staff: $k = (D_0/P_0) \times (1 + g) + g$.

^e Significant at the 90% level.

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3. Concluding remarks

Wong's concluding remarks should be re-examined and placed in perspective. She noted that industrial betas tend to decrease with increases in firm size but the same relationship is not found in every period for utilities. Had longer time intervals been used to estimate betas, as was done in Table 1, she may have found the same inverse relationship between size and beta risk for utilities in other periods. She also concludes "there is some weak evidence that firm size is a missing factor from the CAPM for the industrial but not the utility stocks" (Wong, 1993, p. 98), but the weak evidence provides little support for a small firm effect existing or not existing in either the industrial or utility sector. Two other studies discussed here support a conclusion that smaller water utility stocks are more risky than larger ones. To the extent that water utilities are representative of all utilities, there is support for smaller utilities being more risky than larger ones.

Notes

1. Vice President.
2. The small firm effect could also be a proxy for numerous other omitted risk differences between large and small utilities. An obvious candidate is differentials in access to financial markets created by size. Some very small utilities are unable to borrow money without backing of the owner. Other small utilities are limited to private placements of debt and have no access to the more liquid financial markets available to larger utilities.

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A Note on the Relationship Between Firm Size and Return in the Electric Utility Industry

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Prior research has argued that given the well-documented inverse relationship between firm size and market returns, smaller utilities should be allowed to earn higher accounting rates of return than larger utilities. To test the validity of this argument, this study investigated the relationship between firm size and market returns in the electric utility industry for the period 1962 through 1985 and found no evidence of either a positive or negative size effect. Moreover, although market returns on utility stocks were found to be higher in January than in non-January months, this January effect was found to be unrelated to firm size. In short, this study found no evidence that allowable accounting rates of return should be adjusted by regulatory authorities to reflect a firm's size.

1. Introduction

The accounting rate of return (ARR) earned by firms operating in a regulated environment is generally established by regulatory authorities on the basis of measures produced under regulatory accounting principles. In some cases, the allowable ARR is based on the level of invested assets (e.g., ROA or ROE), whereas in others it is set as a percentage of costs incurred (e.g., cost plus X percent). In all cases, however, the allowable ARR is relatively unaffected by the size of the regulated firm in that standardized indices are used.¹

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1. Size arguments are frequently made in the context of rate determination hearings; hence, although size may be implicitly considered by regulatory authorities in establishing the allowable rate base, it is normally not an explicit consideration in the rate determination process.

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Bolton and Besley [6] argue, however, that given the consistent higher market returns earned by small firms' stocks, a utility's cost of capital and therefore its allowable ARR should reflect its size. That is, smaller utilities should be allowed to earn a higher ARR than larger utilities.

Although there is substantial empirical support for the existence of a size effect [1,2,3,8,9,11,14,16,20,21,25, among others],² the presence of this stock market anomaly is not well documented in the utility industry, and what evidence there is suggests that there may be a *large* firm utility effect. Moreover, Schwert [24] questions the appropriateness of adjusting a firm's cost of capital, and by extension the allowable ARR, for the size effect.

Thus, this paper investigates the long-run relationship between firm size and market return for electric utility stocks. If regulatory authorities are to consider the adjustment of allowable ARR by firm size, then the existence of a size effect in the utility industry must first be clearly demonstrated.

2. Investigation

For purposes of this study, we assume the capital markets to be informationally efficient in a semistrong form. Thus, in spite of the presence of artificially controlled ARRs, risk and market return differentials may emerge in response to perceived variability in earnings and cash flows associated with firm size [7,11,12,22,23].

Prior research involving utilities has observed a *positive* relation between a utility's size and market return. For the period 1967–1972, Melicher [18] found a positive relationship between *ex post* beta and the log of total assets. Similarly, Reichenstein and Davidson [19] observed a significant positive relation between the market value of utilities' common stock and *ex ante* measures of stock price premiums for the period 1986–1987. Thus, contrary to the findings of the industrial-based size literature, available evidence involving utilities suggests the presence of a positive size effect.

2.1 Sample

The sample for the current study consists of all electric utilities listed on the Center for Research in Security Prices (daily) tapes for pairs of consecutive years, with not more than 10 days of missing data in either year. The only firms eliminated by this restriction are those whose stock was delisted during a two-year period. The study period is 1962 through

2. Recent evidence [12,13] suggests that the size effect may be smaller than previously thought.

1985; however, because one additional year is needed to generate market model parameters, results are reported for only 1963–1985. The sample varies by year from 90 to 103 firms.

2.2 Analysis

At the end of each year ($t - 1$), the market value of equity for each firm was computed and then used to assign the firm to one of four portfolios based on a ranking of relative market value. Firms assigned to MV_1 represent the lowest quartile of relative market value for a given year, whereas those assigned to MV_4 represent the highest quartile of relative market value. Using parameter estimates obtained for year $t - 1$, daily abnormal returns were computed for year t . These returns were then summed for each company to yield a cumulative abnormal return (CAR), and grouped by firm size to produce a portfolio CAR. Cumulative abnormal returns for each of the four equally weighted portfolios were calculated using two separate return-generating models. The first model was the market model, with parameter estimates for year $t - 1$ obtained by regressing daily returns against the returns on the value-weighted market index. The second model was the aggregate beta model proposed by Dimson [13] to minimize measurement problems associated with infrequently traded stocks. The results for the aggregate beta model are not specifically discussed here in that it yielded qualitatively similar results and supported similar conclusions to those of the market model.³

3. Empirical Results

3.1 Annual Results

Table 1 summarizes the average annual abnormal returns for the four portfolios generated by the market model. The average CARs do not differ significantly over the investigated period 1963 to 1985 ($F_{3,13} = 0.0394$). The range of values is small (i.e., -0.0474 [MV_3] to -0.0290 [MV_4]), and they neither increase nor decrease monotonically with size. In short, the data provide no evidence of either a negative or a positive annual size effect.

Moreover, Table 2 shows the distributions of average raw returns and average betas across the four portfolios. Neither raw returns nor betas

3. The Dimson model [13] is appropriate when stocks trade infrequently, which is primarily a small firm phenomenon. We reach the same conclusions with the market model and the Dimson aggregate beta model. The results for the aggregate beta model are presented in Table 1, but are not discussed.

TABLE 1

Tests for an Annual Firm Size Effect

Average Annual Abnormal Returns	MV ₁	MV ₂	MV ₃	MV ₄
Market Model $F_{3,15} = 0.0394$	-0.0313	-0.0343	-0.0474	-0.0290
Aggregate Beta Model $F_{3,15} = 0.0700$	0.0458	0.0449	0.0383	0.0301

vary systematically with firm size, which implies that there are no risk differences between small and large utilities.

3.2 January Effect

A January effect is closely associated with the size effect [4,26]. It appears in two distinct ways. First, average returns for all size categories are larger in January than in non-January months (referred to as the "seasonal returns effect"). And second, the difference between annual returns on smaller and larger firms is concentrated in January (referred to as the "January small firm effect").

The seasonal returns effect is a stock market anomaly, possibly indicating that stocks in general represent a riskier investment in January than in other months. The existence of such an effect among utility stocks neither suggests nor justifies an adjustment to a firm's cost of capital or allowable ARR. A January small firm effect, on the other hand, would suggest that the riskiness of stocks varies systematically with firm size, and thus if present, might imply that allowable ARRs should be adjusted to reflect firm size.

Table 3 summarizes the tests for a seasonal returns effect. The tests are based on abnormal returns cumulated monthly for each of the four portfolios and for the aggregate portfolio of all utility stocks. The monthly returns permit tests of significant difference between the abnormal returns in January

TABLE 2

Average Beta and Raw Returns by Portfolio

	MV ₁	MV ₂	MV ₃	MV ₄
Average Beta $F_{1,15} = 1.171$	.481	.532	.522	.539
Average Raw Return $F_{3,12} = 0.890$	.078	.079	.065	.084

TABLE 3

Summary of Tests for a Seasonal Returns Effect: Differences Between Abnormal Returns in January and Other Months

Market Model	MV ₁		MV ₂		MV ₃		MV ₄		All Forms	
	Mean	Other Tests	Mean	Other Tests	Mean	Other Tests	Mean	Other Tests	Mean	Other Tests
February	-.0084 (5.33*)	T.D.S	-.0165 (8.51**)	T.D.S	-.0190 (6.53*)	T.D.S	-.0112 (4.92*)	T.D.S	-.0138 (23.63**)	T.D.S
March	-.0162 (10.05**)	T.D.S	-.0097 (6.81*)	T.D.S	-.0139 (5.66*)	T.D.S	-.0111 (6.66*)	T.D.S	-.0127 (29.87**)	T.D.S
April	-.0050 (3.01)		-.0108 (4.71*)	T.D.S	-.0174 (4.43*)	T.D.S	-.0135 (4.16*)	T.D.S	-.0117 (16.60**)	T.D.S
May	-.0151 (5.65)	T.D.S	-.0057 (4.62*)	T.D.S	-.0043 (1.99)		-.0013 (1.67)		-.0066 (15.09**)	T.D.S
June	-.0021 (1.83)		-.0001 (2.17)		-.0009 (0.66)		-.0005 (1.50)		-.0009 (6.17*)	T.D.S
July	-.0018 (3.59)		-.0049 (4.71*)	T.D.S	-.0053 (0.31)		-.0002 (2.23)		-.0003 (9.86**)	T.D.S
August	-.0069 (4.95*)	T.D.S	-.0092 (5.54*)	T.D.S	-.0093 (3.03)		-.0057 (3.65)		-.0073 (17.53**)	T.D.S
September	-.0054 (4.68*)		-.0031 (3.95)		-.0048 (2.01)		-.0001 (2.16)		-.0033 (12.82**)	T.D.S

TABLE 3 (cont.)

Market Model	MFV ₁		MFV ₂		MFV ₃		MFV ₄		All Firms	
Month	Mean	Other Tests	Mean	Other Tests	Mean	Other Tests	Mean	Other Tests	Mean	Other Tests
October	.0086 (1.21)		.0048 (1.47)		.0037 (0.38)		.0078 (0.50)		.0057 (3.45)	
November	.0037 (1.47)		.0027 (1.85)		-.0014 (0.99)		.0027 (1.14)		.0019 (5.56)*	T.D.S.
December	-.0015 (2.89)*		-.0055 (4.31**)	T.D.S.	-.0038 (2.11)		.0074 (0.66)		-.0013 (9.56**)	T.D.S.
Eleven Months	.0041 (9.25**)	T.D.S.	.0052 (11.07**)	T.D.S.	.0059 (4.65*)	T.D.S.	.0022 (5.15*)	T.D.S.	.0044 (29.18**)	T.D.S.

Note: In the mean column, the F statistic from a general linear model appears in parentheses below the mean. In the column labeled "Other Tests," significance is indicated by T, D, and/or S if the month's abnormal return is significantly different from January's according to Turkey's, Dunn's, and/or Scheffe's tests, respectively. Significance for the F test is noted with a ** or * for significance at the 0.01 and 0.05 levels, respectively.

TABLE 4

Summary of Tests for a January Firm Size Effect

Market Model	MV ₁	MV ₂	MV ₃	MV ₄
Average January Abnormal Return	0.0164	0.0232	0.0186	0.0109
$F_{1,11} = 0.349$				

and in the other individual months (rows 1 through 11), and between the abnormal returns in January and the other months in aggregate (row 12). The statistical significance of the differences was evaluated using an F statistic from a general linear model and with the Tukey, Dunn, and Scheffe tests; significant differences at the .05 level for these tests are labeled T, D, or S, respectively.

The results in Table 3 indicate that (1) the abnormal returns in January were significantly higher than the average of the non-January months for all four size portfolios and for the aggregate sample; (2) the abnormal returns in January were significantly higher than the returns for the other months in 8 of the 11 tests for the aggregate sample; and (3) for the four portfolios, the abnormal returns in January were significantly greater than the returns in individual months in 17 of the 44 comparisons. Thus, the data provide some evidence of a seasonal returns effect.⁴

Table 4 compares the January returns for MV₁ through MV₄ to investigate for the presence of a January small firm effect for the sample of utilities. The F statistic comparing the mean returns was 0.349 and is statistically insignificant. Even the nominal size of the returns indicates the absence of a relationship with firm size.

3.3 Analysis of Results

One explanation for the positive association between beta and firm size observed by Melicher [18] and between ex ante risk premium and size observed by Reichenstein and Davidson [19] may involve the time periods investigated.⁵ Both studies examined periods when large firms generally

4. One possible explanation for the seasonal returns effect is that more information becomes available in January than in other months because of the number of companies with December 31 year-end dates. The release (or leak) of year-end information may produce a significant reduction in uncertainty, lowering of risk, and raising of stock prices across the range of firm size [1]. If the seasonal returns effect represents a predictable pattern, presumably the natural workings of self-interested investors should have eliminated it.

5. Melicher [18] used data for the period 1967 to 1971. For this same time period, the average CAR for MV₁ through MV₄ for the current sample of utilities was -.0569, -.0824, -.0783, and -.0682, respectively. The F -statistic for these values is insignificant, suggesting that an explanation based on time period differences can be rejected.

outperformed small firms. Brown, Kleidon, and Marsh [8] report that the size effect is unstable over time; thus, it is possible that the direction and strength of the size effect may vary as a function of the time period investigated. Nonetheless, over the 23-year period investigated in this study, no evidence of a material size effect was observed.

Research since Melicher also suggests that his results may have been influenced by error-in-variables or estimation problems. The error-in-variables problems include questions involving the reliability of individual betas (see [5], and [23], among others), and the use of the log of total assets as a measure of size. Brown, Kleidon, and Marsh, for instance, indicate that the size effect is best measured by the log of market value of common equity. Moreover, the presence of heteroskedasticity in the cross-sectional sample—a possibility apparently not considered in earlier research—may produce biased *t* statistics.

Further, the size difference between the companies in our sample may not be as large as the size difference in other studies. The equity value of the largest firms in 1985 (valued as of 31 December 1984) was \$6.5 billion and in 1963 was \$72.5 million. Comparable figures for the smallest firms are \$40.2 million in 1985 and \$5.7 million in 1963.⁶ Even this range, however, should permit detection of a significant size effect if it exists, and our results do not reveal even a nominal size effect (ignoring tests of significance).

Finally, recent research [10,11,16] suggests that the small firm effect is related to the losing firm effect: smaller firms on organized exchanges consist largely of firms that have recently lost market value, and because of the leverage effect or increased financial distress, they become risky firms. The relative stability of utility stocks, and the regulatory charge to avoid possible financial distress, suggest that utility companies may be relatively exempt from the losing firm effect.⁷

4. Summary and Implications

Substantial empirical evidence indicates that small firm stocks consistently produce higher risk-adjusted returns than large firm stocks. On the

6. Basu [3] reports the median for his small firm portfolio to be \$30.3 million over the period 1963 to 1979. Our small firm portfolio of utilities had a median of \$49.8 million over this same time period. Hence, the utilities in our sample are not as small as the firms in Basu's small firm portfolio, but they are smaller than his second-ranked group, which had a median of \$81.6 million. We believe there are sufficiently large size differences among the utilities in our sample to permit a valid test of the size effect.

7. We define a "losing firm" as one whose stock experienced negative returns in a given year. For most utilities, the largest component of return is dividend yield, so stock price decreases generally do not cause annual negative returns. For our sample, drawn from 1963 through 1985, the proportion of losing stocks in MV₁ through MV₅ was 22, 17, 22, and 24 percent, respectively. We conclude that small utility stocks are not dominated by losing stocks.

basis of this evidence, some researchers have argued that a utility's cost of capital and therefore its allowable ARR should be adjusted to reflect a firm's size.

Although the extant literature provides evidence of two within-industry studies indicating that the relation between utility size and returns is positive, we arrive at a different conclusion. On the basis of historical returns on electric utility stocks for the period 1963 through 1985, we are unable to reject the null hypothesis that annual and January-only abnormal returns are equal among utility portfolios of varying size. Further, raw returns and betas were not found to vary systematically with portfolio size.

The evidence obtained in this study indicates that abnormal returns in January exceed the average abnormal returns in the other eleven months. However, this seasonal returns effect was found to exist across *all* size portfolios, and hence we conclude that it is unrelated to firm size. Thus, our results suggest that neither large nor small utilities merit a premium because of their size.

The implications of our findings for regulatory officials and for regulatory accounting standard-setters are straightforward: we find no evidence among the electric utility industry during the period 1963 to 1985 to suggest that a utility's cost of capital or its allowable ARR should be adjusted to reflect firm size.

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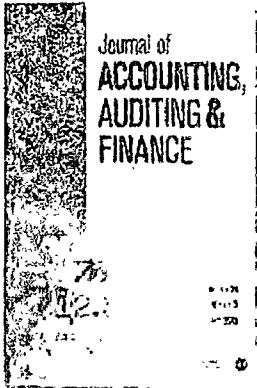
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