

covers 2,500 square miles and includes Atlantic City. Gas revenue mix '05: residential, 45%; commercial, 23%; cogeneration and electric generation 4%; Industrial, 23%. Non-utility operations include:

7.9%; Barclays, 5.3% (3/06 proxy). Chrmn. & CEO: Edward Graham. Incorp.: NJ. Address: 1 South Jersey Plaza, Rte. 54, Folsom, NJ 08037. Tel.: 609-561-9000. Internet: www.sjindustries.com.

445% South Jersey Industries' earnings Past Est'd '03-'05 comparisons have been weak over the first six months of 2006. This is largely due to warmer than normal temperatures and conservation by customers as a result of high natural gas prices. On the positive side, there is continued optimism that the company's conservation and usage adjust-Full Year ment proposal will be approved by the 696.8 New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and 819.1 be in place by next winter's heating sea-921.0 son. Moreover, the utility added 8,740 customers during the past 12 months, which represents nearly a 3% increase over the Full prior year. Due to the strength of the local Year economy and demand for housing in the 1.37 region, the company should add customers 1.58 at a rate exceeding the industry average 1.71 over the next few years. For 2006, we look 1.85 for earnings to advance about 8%, to \$1.85, 1.95 due to a pickup in nonregulated activities, Full followed by a more sustainable 6%-7% rate out to late decade.

Marina Energy still has room for growth. It recently completed the expansion of its Atlantic City thermal plant to support the 500,000-square-foot expansion to the gaming area at the Borgata Hotel

Casino & Spa. Results should be further enhanced toward the end of next year when an 800-room tower is completed at the Borgata. Also, Marina is in the process of completing a 3.8 megawatt methane-toelectric generation project at the Warren County district landfill, which should provide additional opportunities for growth. Looking ahead, the subsidiary may be able to benefit should a casino/hotel be built on a 50-acre property owned by MGM that is located next to the Borgata.

After a slow start to the year, the Residential & Commercial Service business may exceed its 2005 performance going forward. This is primarily due to recent additions to its portfolio of services that include propane heaters and appliances, and small commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems.

This untimely stock is best suited for investors seeking moderate yield and good dividend growth potential. Over the 2009-2011 period, we look for steady dividend increases, which should push the yield to around 3.5%, along with a slight reduction in the debt-to-equity ratio. Evan I. Blatter September 15, 2006

(A) Based on avg. shs. Excl. nonrecur. gain: '01, \$0.13. Excl gain (losses) from discont. ops.: '96, \$1.14; '97, (\$0.24); '98, (\$0.26); '99, (\$0.02); '00, (\$0.04); '01, (\$0.02); '02, (\$0.04);

Other

Current Liab.

Fix. Chg. Cov

of change (per sh)

Revenues "Cash Flow"

Earnings

Cal-

endar

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

Cal-

endar

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

Cal-

endar

2002

2003

2004

2005

Dividends

Book Value

279.9

307.6

328.6

365.0

Mar.31

.92

.91

.96

.93

.98

.185

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375

ANNUAL RATES

285.3

426%

Past

10 Yrs.

5.5% 4.5%

8.0%

5.5%

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)

Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31

EARNINGS PER SHAREA

90.1

129.5

157.0

162

172

Sep.30

d.07

.02

.09

.14

.12

.188

.193

.202

.213

106.2

136.5

154.0

155.5

175

Jun.30

N8

.15

.27

.25

.30

.188

.193

.202

.213

.225

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B.

Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31

403.1

486%

5 Yrs.

7.5% 6.5% 11.5% 2.5%

13.0%

220.6

245.5

281.4

277.5

Dec.31

.44

.50

.39

.53

.55

.395

.415

.438

288

327.0

to '09-'11

4.5% 6.5% 7.0%

6.0%

960

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.82

'03, (\$0.09); '05, (\$0.02). Excl. gains due to acct'g change: '93, \$0.04; '01, \$0.14. Next egs. report due late Oct. (B) Dividends paid early Apr., Jul., Oct, and

late Dec. ■ Div. reinvest. plan avail. (2% disc.). (C) Incl. regulatory assets (\$121.5 mill.): at 12/31/05, \$4.19 per shr. (D) In millions, adjusted for split.

Company's Financial Strength B++ Stock's Price Stability 100 Price Growth Persistence Earnings Predictability 90

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