

N.W. NATURAL NYSE-NWN										RECENT PRICE	50.46				P/E RATIO	16.5 (Trailing: 17.3 Median: 23.0)				RELATIVE P/E RATIO	0.93		DIV'D YLD	3.9%		VALUE LINE								
TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 5/22/26										High: 52.3	66.2	69.5	71.8	74.1	77.3	56.8	57.6	52.4	44.3	49.6	56.0											Target Price	Range	
SAFETY 2 Raised 2/23/24										Low: 42.0	48.9	56.5	51.5	57.2	42.3	41.7	42.4	35.7	34.8	38.0	45.7											2029	2030	2031
TECHNICAL 1 Raised 5/22/26										LEGENDS																								
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)										0.60 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate																								
18-Month Target Price Range										 Relative Price Strength																								
Low-High Midpoint (% to Mid)										Options: Yes																								
\$44-\$64 \$54 (5%)										Shaded area indicates recession																								
2029-31 PROJECTIONS																																		
Price Gain Ann'l Total																																		
High 75 (+50%) 13%																																		
Low 65 (+30%) 10%																																		
Institutional Decisions																																		
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to Buy 169 138 117																																		
to Sell 111 121 85																																		
Hld's(000) 33159 33403 33909																																		
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/26																																		
Total Debt \$2604.4 mill.																																		
LT Debt \$2272.4 mill. LT Interest \$124.9 mill.																																		
Pension Assets-12/25 \$294.3 mill.																																		
Oblig. \$376.1 mill.																																		
Pfd Stock None																																		
Common Stock 41,710,429 shares as of 4/25/26																																		
MARKET CAP \$2.1 billion (Small Cap)																																		
CURRENT POSITION																																		
(SMILL.)																																		
Cash Assets 38.5 29.3 35.0																																		
Other 519.3 514.2 549.1																																		
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Current Liab. 649.0 517.0 730.5																																		
Fix. Chg. Cov. 410% 420% 410%																																		
ANNUAL RATES																																		
Past 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. Est'd '23-'25																																		
of change (per sh)																																		
Revenues 1.0% 4.5% .5%																																		
"Cash Flow" 3.0% 4.0% 2.0%																																		
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Dividends .5% .5% .5%																																		
Book Value 2.0% 4.5% 2.0%																																		
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BUSINESS: Northwest Natural Holding Co. distributes natural gas to more than 800,000 customers in Oregon (88% of customers) and in southwest Washington state. Principal cities served: Portland and Eugene, OR; Vancouver, WA. Company buys gas supply from Canadian and U.S. producers; has transportation rights on Northwest Pipeline system. Owns local underground storage. Gas margin breakdown: residential, 63%; commercial, 26%; industrial, 7%; other, 4%. Also operates water and wastewater services across six states. Employs 1,200. BlackRock owns 16.0% of shares; Vanguard, 10.5%; State St., 5.0%; Off./Dir., .6% (4/26 proxy). CEO: Justin B. Palfreyman, Inc.: Oregon. Addr.: 250 SW Taylor St., Portland, OR 97204. Tel.: 503-226-4211. Internet: www.nwnatural.com.																																		
Investors were expecting more from Northwest Natural's first-quarter results. On the day they were released, the stock fell 8%. This wasn't awful, but it was significant for a utility. Share earnings came in on target, but revenues didn't. This indicated that NWN is finding it increasingly difficult to raise rates in a tough operating environment, and is relying on stringent cost cuts to maintain earnings strength. Too, management hopes for a strong year-end showing. This will be necessary for NWN to maintain its 2026 estimates. But considering that interest rates may not fall as originally expected due to higher-than-anticipated inflation, investors weren't expressing a great deal of hope that these fourth-quarter estimates would be realized. Other factors are beginning to weigh on the stock. These include higher-than-anticipated capital spending on decarbonization efforts, pipeline modernization, and renewable natural gas technologies. Too, the rising debt load needed to pay for this spending has elevated the long-term debt ratio to all-time highs (see array).																																		
With interest rates unlikely to sink, this doesn't augur well. Furthermore, NWN is facing rising regulatory scrutiny over rate hikes, which have been rejected in key States such as Washington. The utility is hoping that diversification strategies will aid long-term growth. These come in the form of expanding away from its traditional Pacific Northwestern base into Texas (via the SIEnergy acquisition), and growing its water and wastewater services. These moves form the core of our 2029-2031 projections. We doubt the dividend payout will be cut. The company takes pride in having raised it for the last 70 consecutive years. As such, despite current rough going in the flagship natural gas business, we think this dividend-hiking trend will continue, albeit very gradually. The stock's long-term upside potential has become less clear, but we still feel the issue is a good investment. If nothing else, the above-average dividend yield should act as a cushion if the economic backdrop turns south.																																		
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