

| Cash Assets | 10.6 | 4.9 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other | 273.3 | 35.6 | 288.9 |
| Current Assets | 283.9 | 357.5 | 295.8 |
| Accts Payable | 118.8 | 179.0 | 74.8 |
| Debt Due | 97.6 | 149.7 | 147.0 |
| Other | 68.9 | 74.4 | 105.2 |
| Current Liab. | 285.3 | 403.1 | 327.0 |
| Fix. Chg. Cov. | 426\% | 486\% | 445\% |


| ANNUAL RATES | Past <br> 10 Yrs. | Past | Est'd '03-'05 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| of change (per sh) | to '09-'11 |  |  |


| $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Cal- } \\ \text { endar } \end{array}$ | QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) |  |  |  | Full Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar. 31 | Jun. 30 | Sep. 30 | Dec. 31 |  |
| 2003 | 279.9 | 106.2 | 90.1 | 220.6 | 696.8 |
| 2004 | 307.6 | 136.5 | 129.5 | 245.5 | 819.1 |
| 2005 | 328.6 | 154.0 | 157.0 | 281.4 | 921.0 |
| 2006 | 365.0 | 155.5 | 162 | 277.5 | 960 |
| 2007 | 375 | 175 | 172 | 288 | 1010 |
| $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Cal- } \\ \text { endar } \end{array}$ | $\text { Mar. } 31$ | RNINGS Jun. 30 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PER SHARI } \\ & \text { Sep. } 30 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\text { Dec. } 31$ | Full Year |
| 2003 | . 92 | . 08 | d. 07 | 44 | . 37 |
| 2004 | . 91 | . 15 | . 02 | . 50 | 1.58 |
| 2005 | . 96 | . 27 | . 09 | . 39 | 1.71 |
| 2006 | . 93 | . 25 | . 14 | . 53 | 1.85 |
| 2007 | . 98 | . 30 | . 12 | . 55 | 1.95 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cal- } \\ & \text { endar } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { QUAR } \\ \text { Mar. } 31 \end{gathered}$ | $\text { Jun. } 30$ | Sep. 30 | $\text { Dec. } 31$ | Full Year |
| 2002 | . 185 | . 188 | . 188 | . 38 | . 94 |
| 2003 | .- | . 193 | . 193 | . 395 | 78 |
| 2004 | -- | . 202 | . 202 | . 415 | . 82 |
| 2005 | -- | . 213 | . 213 | . 438 | . 86 |
| 2006 | -- | . 225 | . 225 |  |  |

BUSINESS: South Jersey Industries, Inc. is a holding company. Its subsidiary, South Jersey Gas Co., distributes natural gas to 322,424 customers in New Jersey's southern counties, which 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:
South Jersey Industries' earnings 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 adjustment proposal will be approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and be in place by next winter's heating season. Moreover, the utility added 8,740 customers during the past 12 months, which represents nearly a $3 \%$ increase over the prior year. Due to the strength of the local economy and demand for housing in the region, the company should add customers at a rate exceeding the industry average over the next few years. For 2006, we look for earnings to advance about $8 \%$, to $\$ 1.85$, due to a pickup in nonregulated activities, 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

South Jersey Energy, South Jersey Resource Group, Marina Energy, and South Jersey Energy Services Plus. Has 636 employees. Off./dir. cntrl. $1.5 \%$ of com. shares; Dimensional Fund Advisors, 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.
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.
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[^0]:    (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,
    '03, (\$0.09); '05, (\$0.02). Excl. gains due to acct'g change: '93, $\$ 0.04$; '01, $\$ 0.14$. Next egs. (C) Incl. regulatory assets ( $\$ 121.5$ mill.): at acct $g$ change: 93,
    report due late Oct.

