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ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '11-'13 Past 5 Yrs. -3.5% -4.0% -5.5% 10 Yrs. to '17-'19 of change (per sh) 4.0% 7.5% 11.0% Revenues "Cash Flow" 1.5% Earnings Dividends Book Value -9.5% 2.0% 12.0% 6.0%

428729

15675 101392

144819

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

422303

16471 77890

82087

176448

418582

17206 76121

28632

121959

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY REV Jun.30			Full Year
2011	35938	36199	36043	39120	147300
2012	35182	36501	36349	39327	147359
2013	34815	35123	35725	40382	146045
2014	34178	36322	36800	41300	148600
2015	34400	36500	37000	41600	149500
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE B				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2011	.31	.33	.30	.37	1.31
2012	.34	.38	.36	.44	1.52
2013	.39	.36	.36	.53	1.64
2014	.33	.39	.42	.56	1.70
2015	.36	.43	.46	.60	1.85
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2010	.10	.10	.10	.12	.42
2011	.14	.14	.15	.15	.58
2012	.17	.17	.17	.17	.68
2013	.19	.19	.19	.19	.76
2014	22	22			

General Electric is acquiring the Power and Grid businesses of French train and turbine maker Alstom. Despite fierce opposition from the French government and a two-month tug of war between the three sides, GE said it will likely close on the complex \$16.9 billion (\$13.5 billion enterprise value and \$3.4 billion of net cash) deal early next year. Once the transaction is completed, GE and Alstom would form three joint ventures — Grid, Renewables, and Global Nuclear & French Steam. The cumulative cash investment by Alstom in the joint ventures would be about \$3.5 billion, while GE's total net cash outlay for the transaction is \$10 billion. In addition to the joint ventures, GE has agreed to sell its Signaling business to Alstom for \$825 million and to enter into multiple collaboration agreements. GE's management team is targeting \$1.2 billion annually in synergies and expense savings, and the U.S. glomerate expects the deal to add to the bottom line from the get-go.

We like the deal. The numerous alliances between the companies are a slight drag, but we agree that the acquisition will im-

mediately bolster GE's earnings potential. It also furthers the conglomerate's shift toward industrial businesses and significantly broadens the portfolio of product and service offerings.

Meanwhile, GE got off to a slow start this year, but ought to bounce back in the coming quarters. Both sales and operating earnings were down in the opening period, but the company managed to report strong growth in most of its key markets, including power & water, aviation, oil & gas, and financial services. This helped to offset volatility in other arenas, such as appliances, healthcare, and mining. Looking ahead, we like the con-glomerate's chances of bouncing back in the second half, thanks to new business wins, increased backlog, etc., and we are maintaining our full-year share-earnings estimate of \$1.70.

This blue chip is a solid choice for most accounts. The above-average dividend yield and good long-term capital appreciation potential are the main draws, though GE stock is more volatile than most of its Dow-30 counterparts Erik M. Manning

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(A) Operating margin includes all expenses except interest, depreciation, and taxes. (B) Diluted EPS. Excludes nonrecuring and/or discontinued items: '00, 24¢; '01, 4¢; '02, 10¢;

'05, (18¢); '06, 1¢; '07, (3¢); '08, (6¢); '09, (2¢); ary, April, July, and October. ■ DRIP available. '10, (9¢); '11, (7¢). Quarterly EPS may not sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due mid-\$9.14/share. (E) In millions, adjusted for split. October. (C) Divs. historically paid late Janu- (F) Revenues may not sum, as reported.

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

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