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(UGI) - BUY



Gas and Electric Utilities

Price: Fair Value Estimate: 52-Week Range: Market Cap (MM): Shr.O/S-Diluted (mm): Average Daily Volume: Dividend: Yield:		\$45.77 \$56.00 \$45.44 - \$52.00 7,927 173.2 794,554 \$1.00 2.2%		
FYE: Sept	2017A	2018E	2019E	
EPS:	\$2.29A	\$2.71E	\$2.79E	
Prior EPS:		\$2.57	NC	
P/E Ratio:	20.0x	16.9x	16.4x	
Quarterly EPS:				
Q1	\$0.91A	\$1.01A	\$0.84E	
Q2	\$1.31A	\$1.43E	\$1.60E	
Q3	\$0.09A	\$0.16E	\$0.19E	
Q4	\$(0.02)A	\$0.11E	\$0.16E	
EPS: Adjusted	,	·		

February 1, 2018

UGI Corporation

UGI - First Look at FY1Q18 Results, Maintain BUY Rating, \$56 Fair Value

PORTFOLIO MANAGER BRIEF

UGI's FY1Q18 results exceeded expectations, with weather favorably impacting U.S. operations. Adjusted EPS of \$1.01 was above the consensus forecast of \$0.93, but included a \$0.09 benefit from favorable tax legislation (U.S. and France). Stripping tax benefits away, the quarter was essentially inline with no real surprises. Looking forward, the company expects \$0.25 of favorable tax benefits in FY18, and we'd certainly expect FY2Q18 results to be stronger than previously expected. We've made no adjustments to our forward estimates (but updated for Q1), which had a positive net impact on FY18. We'll wait for the 10Q reviews to make final estimate revisions, but the bias is up given we haven't yet accounted for colder FY2Q weather and the remaining tax benefits to be realized. We maintain our BUY rating and \$56 Fair Value heading into this morning's conference call.

ANALYST NOTES

- <u>FY1Q18, by the Segments</u> Operating income performance for the quarter was as follows: AmeriGas +4.2%, UGI International +4.7%, Midstream & Marketing +5.2%, UGI Utilities +17.2%. Colder weather benefitted AmeriGas, UGI Utilities and Midstream & Marketing; warmer weather prevailed across UGI International.
- <u>No Guidance Update Until FY2Q18 Closes</u>. UGI indicated it will update FY18 guidance after its FY2Q18 (seasonally strongest) quarter ends. Given the polarvortex like temperatures that gripped much of its service territory in the U.S., our view is the bias in guidance is likely to be up, unless February and March are above-normal in terms of temperature.
- <u>Summary/Valuation</u>. As we mentioned previously, we've not adjusted our forward quarterly estimates, but we have adjusted annually to incorporate FY1Q18 results (final revisions will come after we've had a chance to review the 10Q's). Our bias is decidedly up given the tax benefits are not yet baked into forecasts, nor is any benefit from the extreme cold weather in the beginning days of January. We maintain our BUY rating and \$56 fair Value on UGI Corp, based on a P/E of 20x our FY19 EPS estimate of \$2.79.



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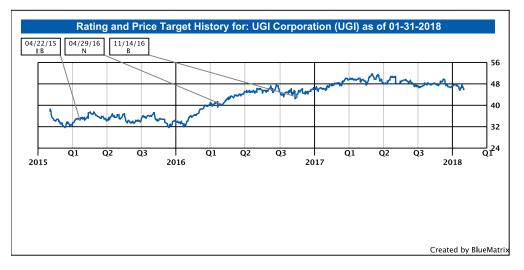
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Price Charts



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		-	IB Serv./Past 12 Mos.*	
Rating	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
BUY [B]	111	48.05	31	27.93
NEUTRAL [N]	117	50.65	22	18.80
SELL [S]	3	1.30	0	0.00

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