

Gas and Electric Utilities

Price:

EPS: Adjusted

Fair Value Estimate: 52-Week Range: Market Cap (MM): Shr.O/S-Diluted (mm): Average Daily Volume: Dividend: Yield:		\$60.00 \$42.51 - \$54.09 9,157 173.1 820,680 \$1.04 2.0%		
FYE: Sept EPS: Prior EPS: P/E Ratio:	2018E \$2.74E \$2.63 19.3x	2019E \$2.94E \$2.79 18.0x	2020E \$3.15E NC 16.8x	
Quarterly EPS:				
Q1	\$1.01A	\$1.26E	\$1.24E	
Q2	\$1.69A	\$1.63E	\$1.73E	
Q3	\$0.09A	\$0.14E	\$0.30E	
Q4	\$(0.05)E	\$(0.08)E	\$(0.11)E	

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\$52.90

UGI Corporation

(UGI) - BUY

UGI: FY3Q18 Results Below Expectations but FY Guidance Reaffirmed; Maintain BUY Rating, Fair Value to \$60

PORTFOLIO MANAGER BRIEF

UGI's adjusted FY3Q18 EPS results were slightly below expectations, but better YoY excluding TCJA impacts, which cut earnings in half. That said, individual segment performances were in line with our expectations, and we've increased our FY18/FY19 adjusted EPS estimates, and introduced FY20 forecasts, which we move to for valuation purposes. We maintain our BUY rating, but raise our Fair Value from \$56 to \$60, based on a P/E of 19x our 2020 EPS estimate of \$3.15.

ANALYST NOTES

- FY3Q18 Results Better YoY, Excluding TCJA Impacts. UGI's FY3Q18 adjusted EPS of \$0.09 was below our \$0.14 estimate and consensus of \$0.13, negatively impacted by an order from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to establish a regulatory liability for the utility operations, which negatively impacted adjusted EPS by -\$0.09. Sans the PAPUC order's impact, adjusted EPS would have been \$0.18, above our and consensus forecasts. With regard to individual segment performance, results were as expected, and we note FY3Q and FY4Q are seasonally weak reporting periods for UGI.
- Major Project Initiatives Continue to Move Forward. While only a brief amount of time was spent discussing the PennEast Pipeline, the company noted it continues to work through the final permitting processes, and expects construction to begin in 2019. UGI is also moving ahead on its Bethlehem LNG vaporization and storage facility (2MM gallons), which will alleviate shortages during peaking periods in the region.
- Additional Growth Expected from LPG and International. UGI/AmeriGas
 continues to look for additional volume growth from national accounts and the
 occasional tuck-in acquisition. Also cited was a desire to improve the customer
 experience with cylinder exchange; we've noted on occasion that the self-service
 units at big box retailers can require human intervention anyway. In Europe, UGI
 continues to look for acquisitions and organic growth opportunities to increase
 its presence in that region.
- <u>Summary/Valuation.</u> UGI's forward outlook continues to improve, and we consider it a story of "growth begets more growth". There will always be puts and takes in any given quarter given the wide-ranging businesses, but directionally the bias is up, in our opinion. We've moved to 2020 forecasts for valuation purposes, and raised our Fair Value from \$56 to \$60, based on a P/E of 19x our 2020 EPS estimate of \$3.15. We maintain our BUY rating on UGI shares.



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Price Charts



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Rating	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
BUY [B]	121	49.39	27	22.31
NEUTRAL [N]	122	49.80	23	18.85
SELL [S]	2	0.82	0	0.00

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