

Gas and Electric Utilities

Price:	\$46.23
Fair Value Estimate:	\$53.00
52-Week Range:	\$45.94 - \$59.31
Market Cap (MM):	9,662
Shr.O/S-Diluted (mm):	209.0
Average Daily Volume:	1,760,550
Dividend:	\$1.15
Yield:	2.5%

FYE: Sept	2019A	2020E	2021E
EPS:	\$2.28A	\$2.76E	\$2.93E
Prior EPS:	\$2.43	\$3.10	NC
P/E Ratio:	20.3x	16.8x	15.8x
Quarterly EPS:			

Q1	\$0.81A	\$0.89E	\$0.95E	
Q2	\$1.43A	\$1.84E	\$1.96E	
Q3	\$0.13A	\$0.18E	\$0.20E	
Q4	\$(0.09)A	\$(0.15)E	\$(0.18)E	
EPS: Adjusted				

November 12, 2019

UGI Corporation

(UGI) - BUY

UGI: First Look; FY20 Guidance Disappointing, Maintain BUY Rating, Lowering Fair Value to \$53

PORTFOLIO MANAGER BRIEF

UGI's shares were down 7.6% yesterday after market close, as FY19 results of adjusted EPS of \$2.28 missed the bottom end of its guidance range of \$2.40 to \$2.60, and FY20 adjusted EPS guidance of \$2.60 to \$2.90 came in below consensus of \$3.02. The miss and lowered FY20 expectations are disappointing, but we note that the underlying fundamentals driving our positive investment thesis remain intact. The company's completed AmeriGas transaction, successful PA rate case outcome for its Utilities segment and acquisition of Columbia Midstream Group all set the stage for better cash flows, earnings growth and dividend increases. That said, the company will most likely need to meet its own guidance and Street expectations in 1H20 before its shares can command a peer group multiple. We maintain our BUY rating but lower our Fair Value from \$65 to \$53, based on a P/E of 18x our FY21 EPS estimate of \$2.93.

ANALYST NOTES

- <u>FY19 Adjusted EPS Below Expectations</u>. Adjusted EPS of \$2.28 missed the bottom end of the company's guidance range of \$2.40 to \$2.60 (consensus was \$2.37). There were several items that negatively impacted full year results; most notable was unfavorable weather in 1H19 that created significant headwinds to meeting FY19 expectations during the peak earnings period. FY4Q results also saw some impact from the issuance of shares for the AmeriGas transaction.
- <u>FY20 Guidance Disappointed.</u> UGI sees FY20 adjusted EPS guidance of \$2.60 to \$2.90, below the consensus forecast of \$3.02. Key elements of the guidance assumes normal weather based on a 15-year average and the return of some pipeline capacity values (at reduced levels).
- Adjusting Forward Estimates. Unfavorable weather has negatively impacted UGI results for the last two years, and we've lowered our FY20 adj EPS estimates to reflect both guidance and a more conservative stance overall (see table, this page).
- <u>Summary/Valuation.</u> Our positive investment thesis on UGI shares remains intact, despite disappointing FY19 results and lower-than-expected FY20 guidance. The strategic changes in FY19 (AmeriGas transaction, CMG acquisition) coupled with a successful PA rate case sets the stage for improving earnings throughout our published forecasts. That said, our view is that 1H20 results will need to support the midpoint of the company's guidance range (at a minimum) before the shares can trade towards a peer group multiple. Weather thus far in Q1 appears favorable, and the near-term forward forecast supports that continuing trend. The shares have already seen a noticeable price decline recently (as has



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most of our utility coverage as the yield on the 10-year T-Note has increased), and traded down 7.6% yesterday after hours after Q4 results/FY20 guidance were released. We've lowered our target P/E multiple from 21x to 18x, which we hope to revisit with a positive bias after 1H20 results. We maintain our BUY rating, but lower our Fair Value from \$65 to \$53, based on a P/E of 18x our FY21 EPS estimate of \$2.93.

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Price Charts



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Rating	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
BUY [B]	171	52.78	37	21.64
NEUTRAL [N]	151	46.60	20	13.25
SELL [S]	2	0.62	0	0.00

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