Alliant Energy Corporation (LNT)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	$69	**5 Year Annual Expected Total Return:**	8.7%	**Market Cap:**	$17.7 B
Fair Value Price:	$68	**5 Year Growth Estimate:**	6.0%	**Ex-Dividend Date:**	04/30/26[1]
% Fair Value:	100%	**5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:**	-0.1%	**Dividend Payment Date:**	05/15/26[2]
Dividend Yield:	3.1%	**5 Year Price Target**	$92	**Years Of Dividend Growth:**	23
Dividend Risk Score:	C	**Sector:**	Utility	**Rating:**	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Alliant Energy Corporation is a public utility holding company incorporated in Madison, Wisconsin, in 1981. In 2022, Alliant Energy generated $4.0 billion in operating revenues. The company serves approximately 970,000 electric and 420,000 natural gas customers. Alliant has about 3,600 employees. The largest cities in Iowa and Wisconsin are Cedar Rapids and Beloit, respectively, based on electric sales. The company consists of three subsidiaries. The first is the largest, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), which accounted for 43% of Alliant's 2025 earnings. IPL is a public utility that generates and distributes electricity and distributes and transports natural gas in Iowa. The second subsidiary is Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL), which provides similar services to IPL in southern and central Wisconsin. WPL contributed 41% of total 2025 earnings. The last is Corporate Services, which account for a tiny percentage of the company's total earnings.

On February 19th, 2026, Alliant Energy reported fourth-quarter results for fiscal year 2025. The company reported solid financial performance for 2025, with GAAP earnings per share (EPS) of $3.14, up from $2.69 in 2024. On a non-GAAP (ongoing) basis, EPS increased to $3.22 from $3.04, representing 6% growth. Fourth-quarter results also exceeded expectations, with EPS of $0.60 and revenue of $1.06 billion, reflecting a 9% year-over-year increase. The company reaffirmed its 2026 earnings guidance range of $3.36 to $3.46, maintaining its long-standing track record of over 6% annual earnings growth.

The company’s earnings growth was primarily driven by higher revenues resulting from rate base increases tied to ongoing capital investments in generation and energy storage. Additional support came from favorable weather impacts and prior-year adjustments. However, these gains were partially offset by higher operating and maintenance expenses, increased generation costs, and rising depreciation and financing expenses associated with continued infrastructure investment. Non-GAAP adjustments in 2025 included minor charges related to asset valuation and deferred tax remeasurement, which management excludes to better reflect core operating performance.

Looking ahead, Alliant Energy plans significant capital expenditures totaling approximately $3.1 billion to $3.6 billion annually from 2026 through 2029. Investments are heavily focused on renewable energy, energy storage, and electric and gas infrastructure to support growing demand, including large commercial customers such as data centers. While the company maintains a stable growth outlook, it faces risks including regulatory approval challenges, cost inflation, interest rate pressures, supply chain constraints, and evolving energy policies, all of which could impact future financial performance.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	$1.87	$1.93	$2.17	$2.31	$2.43	$2.63	$2.80	$2.82	$3.04	$3.22	***$3.42***	***$4.58***
DPS	$1.18	$1.26	$1.34	$1.42	$1.52	$1.61	$1.71	$1.81	$1.92	$2.03	***$2.15***	***$2.88***
Shares[3]	227.0	229.0	233.0	239.0	249.0	250.7	251.2	253.0	256.8	257.0	***258.0***	***260.0***

[1] Estimate
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[3] Share count is in millions.

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LNT's earnings have been steadily growing at a rate of 6.4% annually for the past ten years. As a utility company, LNT is restricted on how it can increase its rate of returns. The net margin has been gradually growing as well. In 2010, the net margin was 8.4%. Now net margin is at a rate of 16.3%. This is a byproduct of the tax rate decreasing from a high of 32% in 2010 to 10.8% last year. However, the share count has increased at a compound growth rate of 0.6% for the past five years. This dilutes the EPS slightly.

We expect earnings to continue to grow at a modest rate of 6%, giving us an estimated EPS of $4.58 for 2031. The company has also been very consistent with its dividend policies. LNT has been growing dividends for the past 23 years. In the last ten years, dividend growth has averaged 6.2% annually. We are conservative and predicting a dividend growth rate of 6% for the next five years. The company increased its dividend by 5.4% on January 12, 2026.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Avg. P/E	20.3	22.1	19.5	23.7	21.2	23.4	19.7	18.2	19.5	20.4	***20.1***	***20.0***
Avg. Yld.	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%	2.6%	3.0%	2.6%	3.1%	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%	***3.1%***	***3.1%***

The company has been valued somewhat at a premium since 2016. For the past ten years, LNT has had an average PE of 20.8x compared to the current PE of 20.1x. We think a fair valued PE is 20x, lower than its five-year average. The current dividend yield is in-line with the company's 5-year average of 2.9%. We think LNT is fair valued at the current price.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

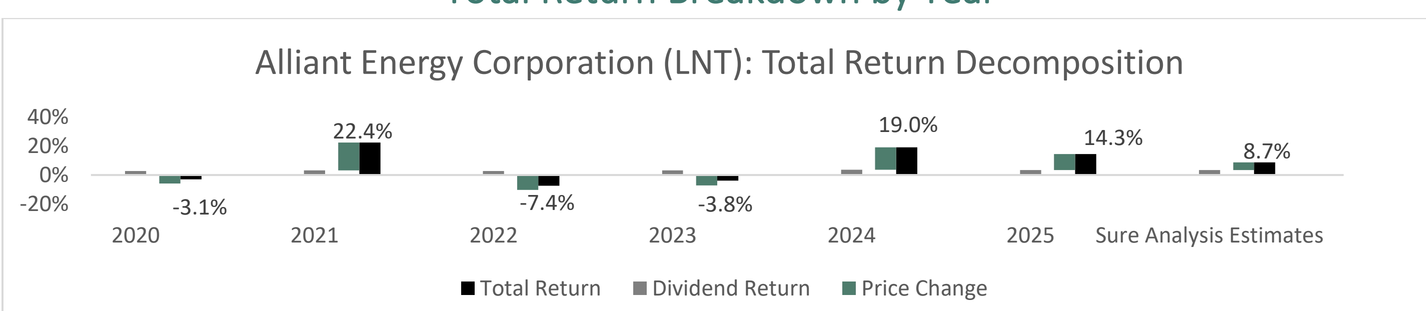
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	63%	65%	62%	61%	63%	61%	61%	64%	63%	63%	***63%***	***63%***

The company's competitive advantage is that as a utility it enjoys a geographic monopoly in the regions that it serves. Thus, utility stocks are often held by investors for their defensive nature. People will always need to power their homes and businesses. However, LNT shows that earnings can decrease during a recession. For example, during the Great Recession from 2008 to 2009, its earnings-per-share fell from a high of $1.35 in 2007 to $0.98 in 2009. Earnings did bounce back big by 40% in 2010, to $1.38. Even though earnings fell significantly in this period, the dividend was not cut. It was raised from $0.70 in 2008 to $0.75 in 2009. This shows that LNT is committed to paying growing dividends. The debt-to-Equity ratio (D/E) is 1.5 for the year. Even though the D/E rate increased, the company still holds a credit rating of A- with S&P and has a healthy interest coverage ratio of 2.4.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Alliant Energy is a safe business. The company continues to produce a very reliable and growing dividend. The dividend has been increasing for the past 23 years. At the current price, the company is fairly valued with a target price of $68. Thus, we recommend a hold at the current price. We see 8.7% expected annual total returns for an excellent, dependable business in the next five years.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue	6,617	6,098	6,921	8,138	8,175	3,416	3,669	4,205	4,027	3,981
Gross Profit	896	851	883	1,020	997	1,463	1,556	1,709	1,734	1,780
Gross Margin	13.5%	14.0%	12.8%	12.5%	12.2%	42.8%	42.4%	40.6%	43.1%	44.7%
D&A Exp.	414	407	462	507	567	615	657	671	676	772
Operating Profit	577	624	671	694	778	740	795	928	943	886
Operating Margin	17.7%	18.8%	19.8%	19.6%	21.3%	21.7%	21.7%	22.1%	23.4%	22.3%
Net Profit	388	382	468	522	567	624	674	686	703	690
Net Margin	11.9%	11.5%	13.8%	14.8%	15.6%	18.3%	18.4%	16.3%	17.5%	17.3%
Free Cash Flow	871	393	522	528	660	501	582	486	867	1167
Income Tax	70	59	$67	$48	69	-57	-74	22	4	-114

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Assets	12495	13374	14,188	15,426	16,701	17,710	18,553	20,163	21,240	22710
Cash & Equivalents	6	8	28	21	16	54	39	20	62	81
Accounts Receivable	94	112	91	81	92	101	93	114	113	105
Total Liabilities	8,571	9,312	9,806	10,640	11,296	11,822	12,563	13,887	14,460	15710
Accounts Payable	402	445	477	543	422	377	436	756	611	532
Long-Term Debt	3,995	4,564	5,282	5,944	6,527	7,166	7,883	8,718	9,509	10410
Shareholder's Equity	3,724	3,862	4,182	4,586	5,205	5,688	5,990	6,276	6,777	7004
LTD/E Ratio	1.07	1.18	1.26	1.30	1.25	1.26	1.32	1.39	1.40	1.49

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Return on Assets	3.2%	3.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%
Return on Equity	10.8%	10.1%	11.6%	11.9%	11.6%	11.5%	11.5%	11.2%	10.8%	10.0%
ROIC	5.0%	4.6%	5.1%	5.1%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	4.8%	4.5%	4.1%
Shares Out.	225.4	227.1	229.7	233.6	239.0	249.0	250.7	251.2	253.3	256.8
Revenue/Share	$14.43	$14.62	$14.72	$15.13	$15.26	$13.74	14.64	16.74	15.90	15.50
FCF/Share	$3.87	$1.73	$2.27	$2.26	$2.76	$2.01	2.32	1.93	3.42	4.54

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.