



Northwest Natural Holding Company (NWN)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$50	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	10.0%	Market Cap:	\$2.1B
Fair Value Price:	\$55	5 Year Growth Estimate:	5.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	07/31/26 ¹
% Fair Value:	91%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	1.9%	Dividend Payment Date:	08/15/26 ¹
Dividend Yield:	3.9%	5 Year Price Target	\$70	Years Of Dividend Growth:	70
Dividend Risk Score:	A	Sector:	Utilities	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Founded in 1859, Northwest Natural Holding Company (NWN) is a diversified utility holding company that operates through three business segments: NWN Gas Utility, SiEnergy, and NWN Water. Its core gas utility serves roughly 811,000 metered connections and around 2 million people in Oregon and southwest Washington, with approximately 88% of customers located in the former and the remaining 12% located in the latter. More recently, NWN has expanded its footprint into the high-growth Texas market through the acquisition of SiEnergy. This serves roughly 93,000 metered connections and 225,000 people in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Austin area. Finally, NWN Water reaches approximately 200,000 people across more than 81,000 connections in six states (Texas, Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington). Boasting a 70-year dividend growth streak, NWN is one of the most established Dividend Kings.

On May 6, 2026, the company shared its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2026. The company's total operating revenue decreased by 0.8% year-over-year to \$490.4 million during the quarter. The primary downward driver on the topline was a decline in the cost of gas (-8.6% YOY to \$158.1 million) in the quarter. As a regulated utility, NWN was required to pass these lower costs onto customers' bills. Warmer winter weather was another aspect of the lower topline, with higher-than-average temps in its service territory dampening per-customer natural gas consumption. New utility rates in Oregon and customer growth/acquisitions offset most of these headwinds for the quarter, which is why the topline wasn't down too much. NWN's adjusted EPS edged 2.2% higher over the year-ago period to \$2.33 during the quarter. This missed the analyst consensus in the quarter by \$0.07.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	\$2.19	\$2.24	\$2.33	\$2.41	\$2.30	\$2.56	\$2.54	\$2.59	\$2.33	\$2.93	\$3.05	\$3.89
DPS	\$1.87	\$1.88	\$1.89	\$1.90	\$1.91	\$1.92	\$1.93	\$1.94	\$1.95	\$1.96	\$1.97	\$2.18
Shares²	28.6	28.7	28.9	30.5	30.6	31.1	35.5	37.6	40.2	41.6	42.1	50.0

Moving forward, we believe that NWN can compound its adjusted EPS by 5.0% annually through 2031, off an anticipated 2026 base of \$3.05. This is because the company is investing \$300 million to expand its existing Mist gas storage facility, which would add 4 billion to 5 billion cubic feet to storage capacity. Management is targeting a Notice to Proceed by late 2027, with the project slated to come into service by late 2029. Since this is a FERC-regulated project with 25-year contracts and a fixed 12.5% return on equity, it provides a crucial lift to NWN's growth story. Then, there's the fact that SiEnergy is growing its customer base at 15% to 20% annually. That is about 10 times the rate of the legacy Oregon business. Finally, NWN Water is acquiring small, fragmented water and wastewater utilities and rolling them up into a larger, more efficient platform. By applying NWN's centralized corporate services (billing, engineering, and safety) to these small utilities, they can expand profit margins considerably.

¹ Estimated dates based on past dividend dates.

² Share count is in millions.



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Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Now	2031
Avg. P/E	27.3	26.6	25.8	30.7	20.0	19.1	18.7	15.0	17.0	16.0	16.4	18.0
Avg. Yld.	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	2.6%	4.2%	3.9%	4.1%	5.0%	4.9%	4.2%	3.9%	3.1%

Since 2016, NWN's P/E ratio has varied from as low as the mid-teens to as much as the low-30s. The average P/E ratio over that time was just above 21. Moving forward, we think that NWN can realistically command a fair value multiple of 18. The company's uptick in growth prospects and its status as a Dividend King can cancel out at least some of the headwinds to the valuation arising from elevated interest rates. Compared to the current-year P/E ratio of 16.4, NWN's shares are discounted.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	85%	84%	81%	79%	83%	75%	76%	75%	84%	67%	65%	56%

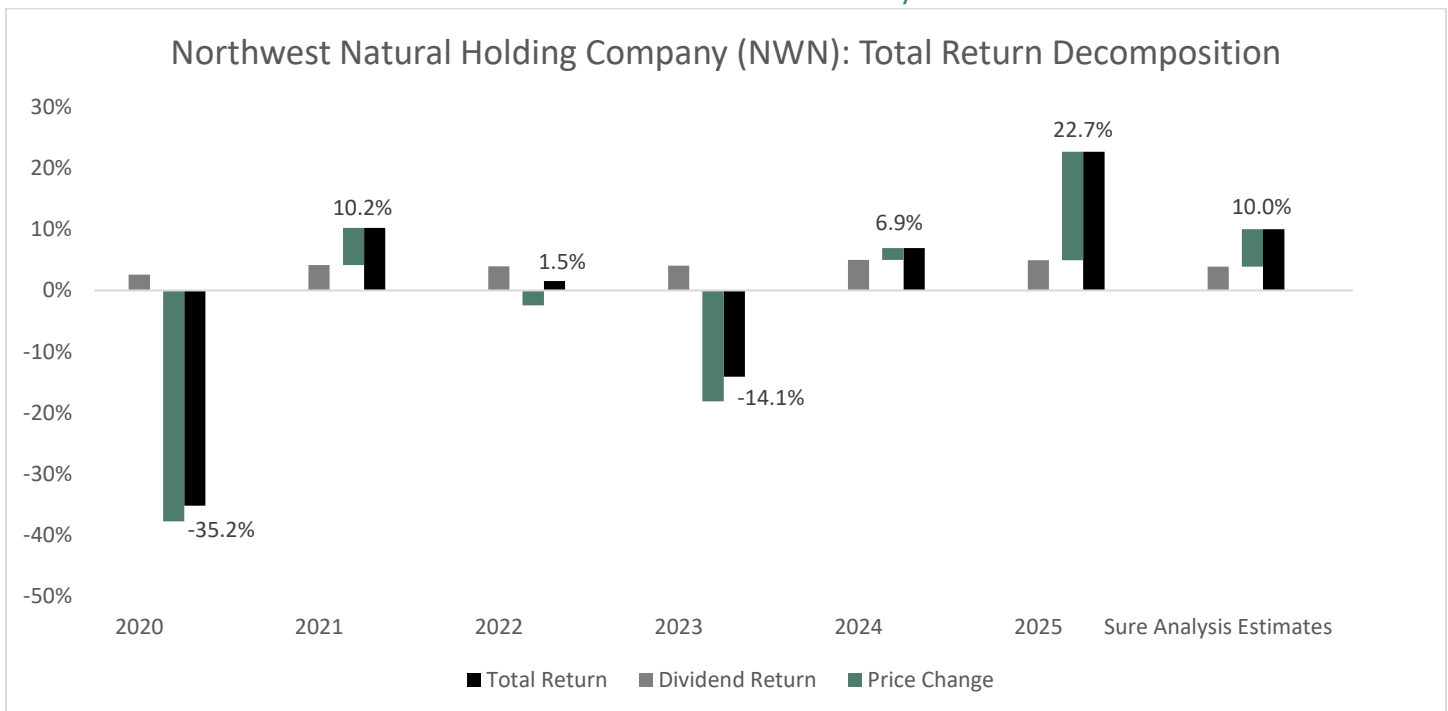
As a regulated utility, NWN faces virtually no competition in its service territories. Simultaneously, regulatory oversight limits its ability to drive strong profit growth through expansionary economic cycles. Due to this business model and the essential nature of its utility services, its adjusted EPS has gradually trended higher over time.

NWN is financially stable as well. The company enjoys an A- S&P credit rating with a stable outlook. NWN's adjusted EPS is likely to be around 65% in 2026. That's on the high end of the payout ratio range that it's targeting (55% to 65%). As a result, we believe that NWN's dividend growth will moderately lag earnings growth for at least a few more years.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

NWN's 3.9% dividend yield, 5.0% annual adjusted EPS growth prospects, and 1.9% annual valuation multiple upside potential could deliver 10.0% annual total returns through 2031. Due to the modest dividend growth, however, we're maintaining our Hold rating.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	675	763	704	747	775	860	1,037	1,197	1,153	1,289
Gross Profit	173	206	205	218	209	153	26	28	418	510
Gross Margin	25.6%	27.0%	29.1%	29.2%	26.9%	17.8%	2.5%	2.3%	36.3%	39.6%
Operating Profit	143	174	139	152	140	76	(60)	(73)	315	405
Operating Margin	21.1%	22.8%	19.8%	20.3%	18.0%	8.8%	-5.8%	-6.1%	27.3%	31.4%
Net Profit	59	(56)	67	65	70	79	86	94	79	113
Net Margin	8.7%	-7.3%	9.6%	8.7%	9.1%	9.1%	8.3%	7.8%	6.8%	8.8%
Free Cash Flow	83	(7)	(46)	(57)	(138)	(135)	(192)	(47)	(194)	(198)
Income Tax	41	(31)	24	13	21	27	29	32	31	41

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Assets	3,080	3,118	3,300	3,486	3,837	4,140	4,820	4,935	5,304	6,237
Cash & Equivalents	21	5	22	16	44	75	235	61	55	41
Accounts Receivable	130	130	124	123	143	182	255	201	215	215
Inventories	54	48	44	44	43	57	87	113	107	128
Total Liabilities	2,229	2,375	2,538	2,620	2,949	3,205	3,645	3,651	3,918	4,762
Accounts Payable	86	112	116	113	98	133	181	145	133	176
Long-Term Debt	719	780	736	882	1,036	1,124	1,416	1,653	1,786	2,508
Shareholder's Equity	850	743	763	866	889	935	1,175	1,284	1,385	1,475
LTD/E Ratio	0.91	1.12	1.25	1.19	1.51	1.62	1.43	1.36	1.41	1.82

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Return on Assets	1.9%	-1.8%	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.5%	2.0%
Return on Equity	7.2%	-7.0%	8.9%	8.0%	8.0%	8.6%	8.2%	7.6%	5.9%	7.9%
ROIC	3.6%	-3.5%	4.1%	3.6%	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%	2.5%	3.0%
Shares Out.	28.6	28.7	28.9	30.5	30.6	31.1	35.5	37.6	40.2	41.6
Revenue/Share	24.30	26.62	24.40	25.02	25.32	27.98	30.52	33.02	29.66	31.48
FCF/Share	2.97	(0.24)	(1.59)	(1.91)	(4.51)	(4.39)	(5.64)	(1.31)	(4.99)	(4.83)

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

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