

| Cash Assets | 349.4 | 588.7 | 476.4 |
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| Receivables | 127.5 | 649.4 | 1054.8 |
| Inventory (FIFO) | 16.4 | 36.9 | 77.4 |
| Other | 33.1 | 68.7 | 987.4 |
| Current Assets | 526.4 | 1343.7 | 2596.0 |
| Accts Payable | 84.4 | 765.6 | 1253.1 |
| Debt Due | 47.4 | 61.6 | 1004.9 |
| Other | 143.5 | 342.0 | 1211.2 |
| Current Liab. | 275.3 | 1169.2 | 3469.2 |

ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '98-'00 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '04.'06 Revenues
"Cash Flow"
Earnings
$35.0 \%$
$28.0 \%$
$30.5 \%$
Book Value

BUSINESS: Calpine is a leading independent power company engaged in the development, acquisition, ownership, and operation of power generation facilities. Its sells electricity predominantly in the United States. As of $12 / 00$, it owned interests in 50 power plants having an aggregate capacity of 5,849 megewatts. Upon the completion of its current construction projects in progress, Calpine
Calpine has been put on the defensive, as Enron's collapse roils the nonregulated power industry. Amid worries that the company might suffer the same fate as Enron, Calpine emphasized that it does not have the same business model. It focuses on building plants, delivering power, and trading backed by tangible assets. Enron's trading operations were not backed by hard assets. Also, Calpine did business through Enron, but stated that its net exposure is minimal since it owes the company about as much as it has in Enron receivables.

## Still, Calpine's creditors have grown

 increasingly concerned. Moody's recently lowered the company's credit rating to below investment grade. A major factor has been a sharp fall in its stock price. Calpine issued a $\$ 1$ billion zero-coupon convertible offering last year that comes due in April. Since the stock has declined, it is almost certain that the remaining $\$ 878$ million outstanding will be redeemed by investors for cash rather than stock, which would probably put a strain on liquidity. There are also questions about the company's ability to meet other future ob-will have interests in 74 plants with an aggregate capacity in excess of 19,800 megawatts. Has 1,883 employees. Putnam Investments own $6.1 \%$ of out. comm. stock, and Wellington Mgmt. owns $5.8 \%$. Officers/dirs. hold $5.7 \%$ (4/01 proxy). Chairman \& CEO: Peter Cartwright. Address: 50 West San Fernando St., San Jose, CA 95113. Telephone: (408) 995-5115. Internet: www. calpine.com.
ligations, given its highly leveraged balance sheet and depressed share price. We believe, however, that Calpine can meet its debt payments. It currently holds a $\$ 3.5$ billion construction revolver, a $\$ 400$ million untapped corporate revolver, \$750 million in cash, and it generates about $\$ 100$ million in free cash flow per month.
The company's ambitious plant buildout initiative may be in jeopardy. It intended to generate 70,000 megawatts (MW) by 2005, from about $12,000 \mathrm{MW}$ today. But it may now need to spend more resources on improving its balance sheet instead. Accordingly, we have lowered our earnings projections out to 2004-2006.
These shares are not timely. In addition to liquidity fears sparked by Enron's bankruptcy, power companies are being weighed down by lower spark spreads (margins on MW sales), as well as weakened demand. We believe that the market has overreacted to these concerns, which leaves this issue with attractive 3to 5-year capital gains potential, albeit with considerably more risk than the Average Safety rank suggests.
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