

Targa Resources (TRGP)

\$18.87 (As of 07/07/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$20.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:
Neutral

(Since: 02/11/20)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:A

Value: A

Growth: A

Momentum: A

Summary

Targa Resources boasts an attractive portfolio of energy infrastructure assets, including a leading position in the Mont Belvieu NGL hub that generates stable and recurring fee and tariff-based revenues. The company's integrated business model and downstream presence offers attractive upside opportunity compared to most of its peers. Meanwhile, Targa Resources' sizeable presence in the Permian Basin enhances its growth potential. The company's lower commodity price risk is another positive. However, Targa Resources hasn't been immune to the coronavirus-led downturn and faces a potential decline in volumes. The firm's high debt levels remain a cause of worry too, while the recent dividend cut means that Targa Resources has lost its appeal to income investors. Hence, investor are advised to wait for a better entry point.

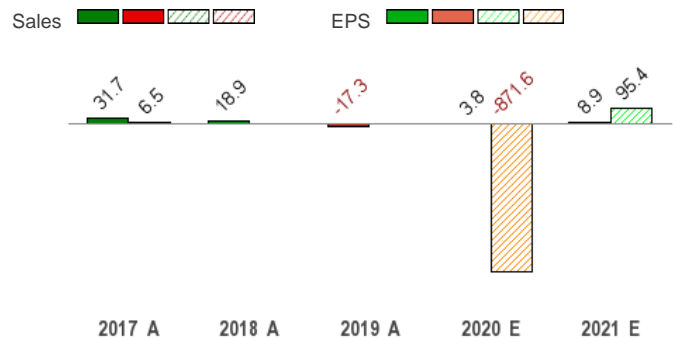
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$43.47 - \$3.66
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	3,417,534
Market Cap	\$4.4 B
YTD Price Change	-53.8%
Beta	3.25
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.40 / 2.1%
Industry	Oil and Gas - Refining and Marketing - Master Limited Partnerships
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 13% (33 out of 252)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	780.0%
Last Sales Surprise	-8.4%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.0%
Expected Report Date	08/13/2020
Earnings ESP	-60.0%
P/E TTM	62.9
P/E F1	53.0
PEG F1	NA
P/S TTM	0.5

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	1,926 E	1,914 E	2,030 E	2,125 E	9,794 E
2020	2,049 A	1,865 E	1,986 E	2,059 E	8,997 E
2019	2,299 A	1,995 A	1,903 A	2,474 A	8,671 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	-\$0.16 E	-\$0.18 E	-\$0.12 E	-\$0.09 E	-\$0.36 E
2020	\$0.68 A	-\$0.21 E	-\$0.15 E	-\$0.06 E	-\$7.87 E
2019	-\$0.30 A	-\$0.18 A	-\$0.34 A	\$0.14 A	-\$0.81 A

*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 07/07/2020. The reports text is as of 07/08/2020.

Overview

Targa Resources Corp. is a premier energy infrastructure company. A leading provider of integrated midstream services in North America, the Houston, TX based operator primarily derives its revenues from gathering, compressing, treating, processing and selling natural gas. Targa Resources also provides services associated with natural gas liquids ("NGL"), including those to liquefied petroleum gas ("LPG") exporters - and crude oil.

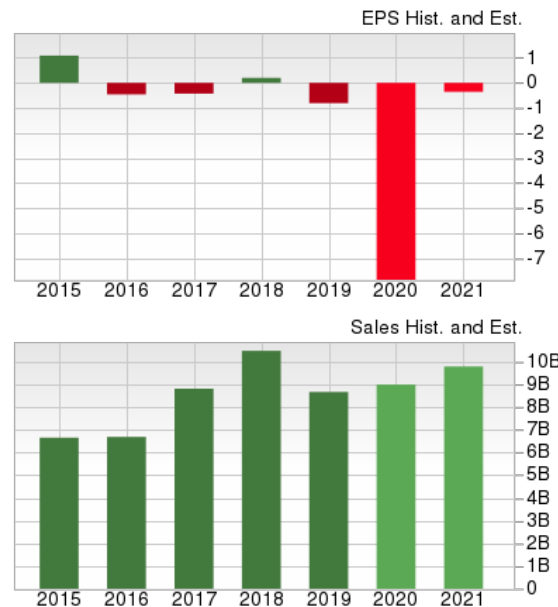
The thing that stands out is the company's formidable position in the world's largest NGL hub - Mont Belvieu, TX. Targa Resources has a gross fractionation capacity for processing approximately 938 thousand barrels per day of NGL. Further, the company owns state-of-the-art LPG export facilities on the Gulf Coast at its Galena Park Marine Terminal, which is interconnected to Mont Belvieu.

The company also has a formidable presence in the Permian basin – the region at the forefront of American energy growth. Targa Resources' Grand Prix NGL pipeline out of the Permian helps it to bring gathering and processing volumes to Mont Belvieu fractionation and export facilities.

Targa Resources has two main business segments in Gathering and Processing, and Logistics and Transportation.

The Gathering and Processing unit (accounting for 54% of the company's 2019 operating margin) operates close to natural gas wellheads (in the Permian Basin, the Eagle Ford Shale, the Barnett Shale and several other regions), connecting them with large pipelines and processing the commodity into a usable form by separating NGLs and removing impurities. The segment also consists of assets used for crude oil gathering and terminaling.

The Logistics and Transportation (or Downstream) business (46%) is engaged in converting the mixed NGLs sourced from natural gas processing plants into NGL products. The unit also includes other value-added services like transporting, storing, fractionating, terminaling, and marketing of NGLs and NGL products, including services to LPG exporters. The Grand Prix pipeline and Targa Resources' equity interest in Gulf Coast Express Pipeline LLC – a natural gas pipeline from West Texas to the Gulf Coast - are also part of this segment. <



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ With its integrated system of assets, Targa Resources is active in almost every point in the midstream value chain. The company is also well diversified geographically with its assets serving some of the most attractive oil and gas formations across the United States, and linked with major NGL hubs and logistics centers. In particular, Targa Resources operates gathering and processing assets in a number of shale and natural resource plays including the Permian Basin, Bakken Shale, Barnett Shale, Eagle Ford Shale, Anadarko Basin etc.
- ▲ Targa Resources' fractionation ownership position in Mont Belvieu is among the company's best midstream assets. The facility has connectivity to supply, storage, terminaling infrastructure, as well as to end markets through petrochemical complex and exports. The company also has state-of-the-art LPG export facilities on the Gulf Coast at its Galena Park Marine Terminal, which is interconnected to Mont Belvieu.
- ▲ Targa Resources has a large presence in the booming Permian Basin. Despite occasional hiccups, growing production in the area has significantly boosted demand for NGL processing. As such, the possession of one of the largest gathering and processing positions in the Permian Basin stands it in good stead. Moreover, the company's Grand Prix pipeline out of the Permian helps it to direct a major portion of NGL production to its fractionation complex in Mont Belvieu, leading to impressive volume growth.
- ▲ Targa Resource earns around 80% of its gross margins from fee-based contracts. As such, the company is largely insulated to fluctuations in commodity prices. Moreover, in the longer term, fee-based agreements (mostly depending on volumes and with investment-grade customers) result in steady cash flow through the boom and bust cycle. Even within fee-based contracts, a significant portion is of take-or-pay type, meaning Targa Resources gets paid irrespective of the volume of commodities that gets transported.

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Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ While midstream entities like Targa Resources have a lower correlation to oil and gas prices compared to its other energy peers, this sector hasn't been immune to the coronavirus-induced downturn. With E&P operators pulling back activities and curtailing production in response to sharply lower commodity pricing and demand, Targa Resources faces a potential decline in volumes through its facilities, contributing to expectations for lower profits.
- ▼ Energy infrastructure being a capital-intensive business, Targa Resources' high debt levels remain a cause of worry, which restricts its financial freedom to tap into growth opportunities. The company's total debt is currently around \$7.9 billion. Importantly, Targa Resources' debt-to-capitalization as of the end of the first quarter was 118.9%, reflecting deterioration from 89.7% a quarter ago.
- ▼ Investors are typically attracted to the midstream companies thanks to their reliable dividends and defensive characteristics. But this time things seem to be different as the plunge in global commodity prices is forcing them to realign their strategy. A reliable high-yield income choice till recently, Targa Resources slashed its quarterly dividend to 10 cents per share from 91 cents to weather the historic price crash and preserve cash. The cut is set to deal a heavy blow to income investors who held the stock for its above-average dividend yield and the security to sustain its payout.
- ▼ Over the next few quarters, Targa Resources is expected to witness pricing and utilization declines following the adverse effect of soft demand due to the coronavirus pandemic. As the sector's business activity remains under pressure and higher contract rates slowly roll off, customer push for concessions is expected to intensify. This might further impact the company's margins.

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Last Earnings Report

Targa Resources Reports Q1 Earnings

Targa Resources reported first-quarter 2020 adjusted net income per share of 68 cents. This compares with the Zacks Consensus Estimate for a loss of 10 cents and year-ago loss of 30 cents. The outperformance was led by strong volumes across the company's Permian gathering and processing systems plus robust performance from its downstream segment.

The company's adjusted EBITDA climbed from \$304.2 million a year earlier to \$428.1 million in the first quarter of 2020.

First-quarter 2020 distributable cash flow was \$301.9 million, 61% higher than \$187 million in the year-ago period. Targa Resources paid out a dividend of 10 cents per share.

However, total revenues of \$2 billion were 11% lower than the year-ago quarter and missed the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$2.2 billion on lower commodity sales, which were down 10% year over year to \$1.8 billion. Lower commodity prices also dragged down revenues.

Segmental Performance

The Gathering and Processing segment recorded operating margin of \$255.7 million during the quarter, up 7% from the \$238.3 million achieved in the year-ago period. Permian Basin volumes increased 32% year over year to 2,382 million cubic feet per day.

In the Logistics and Transportation (or the Downstream) segment, the company reported operating margin of \$294 million, up 93.2% year over year. Targa Resources saw fractionation volumes rise from 456.6 thousand barrels per day to 625.3 thousand barrels per day, which is a 37% increase year over year. Moreover, export volumes were up significantly too, 26% year-over-year in fact.

Guidance

Taking into account the impact of the historic oil market crash and the coronavirus-induced demand destruction for the fuel, Targa Resources now anticipates 2020 capital spending in the band of \$700-\$800 million, around 40% lower at the midpoint of its original guidance. Maintenance capital is anticipated at around \$130 million, while the company is guiding for a reduction in operating and G&A expenses by \$100 million. Further, Targa Resources foresees full-year adjusted EBITDA of \$1.4-\$1.625 billion versus the prior guidance of \$1.625-\$1.750 billion.

Quarter Ending **03/2020**

Report Date	May 07, 2020
Sales Surprise	-8.38%
EPS Surprise	780.00%
Quarterly EPS	0.68
Annual EPS (TTM)	0.30

Recent News

Targa Unit Seeks Shipper Interest for NGL Pipeline

On **Jul 1**, Targa Resources Corporation's fully-owned affiliate Targa NGL Pipeline Company LLC recently commenced an open season to see if it can obtain enough committed contracts for an interstate natural gas liquids (NGL - Research Report) pipeline. The transportation service will run from a planned interconnection with upstream pipeline facilities in Kingfisher County, OK to Mont Belvieu, TX.

Pipeline construction involves huge capital investments, which are allocated to laying down new pipelines as well as expansion and maintenance of the existing operations. An open season offers better visibility of demand for the new pipeline with regard to long-term transportation.

Targa Resources' open season began last Wednesday and is expected to close on Jul 31, 2020. Potential shippers are expected to make volume commitments for the pipeline during this period. This open season will offer them a chance to secure firm capacity for NGL transportation, contingent on their transportation service agreements stipulations. Depending on the outcomes of this open season, Targa Resources will decide the final volume of capacity for both committed and uncommitted service on the project.

The company is currently stretching its Grand Prix pipeline system to the new Kingfisher County interconnection from where it is intended to connect with Williams companies' new Bluestem Pipeline. Post completion of this project, Targa Resources' expanded Grand Prix pipeline will hold an initial volume of nearly 120,000 barrels per day. The \$200-million pipeline extension is slated to come online in early 2021.

Valuation

Targa Resources shares are down 53.8% and 53.4% in the year-to-date period and over the trailing 12-month period, respectively. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Oil-Energy sector are down 51.1% and 37.6% in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are down 50.8% and 40.6%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is down 2.1% in the year-to-date period but up 6.1% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 12.33X trailing 12-month EV/EBITDA, which compares to 9.17X for the Zacks sub-industry, 3.73X for the Zacks sector and 11.59X for the S&P 500 index.

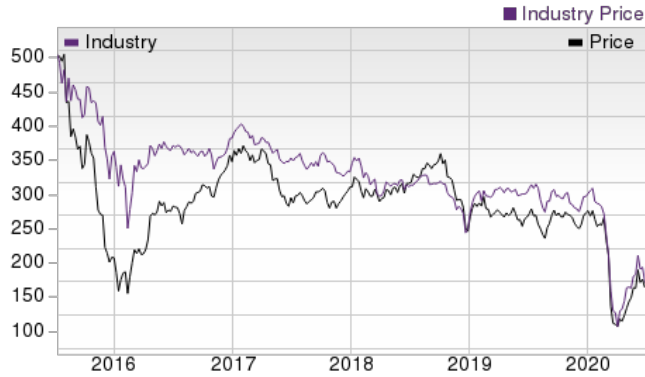
Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 31.67X and as low as 6.14X, with a 5-year median of 12.38X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$20 price target reflects 0.5X F12M earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for TRGP

Valuation Multiples - TRGP					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	12.33	9.17	3.73	11.59
	5-Year High	31.67	18.31	10.48	12.81
	5-Year Low	6.14	9.17	3.73	8.24
	5-Year Median	12.38	13.91	6.67	10.75
P/S F12M	Current	0.47	0.58	0.73	3.5
	5-Year High	1.71	1.02	1.44	3.5
	5-Year Low	0.1	0.44	0.66	2.54
	5-Year Median	0.96	0.72	0.99	3.01
P/B TTM	Current	0.69	1.15	0.8	4.41
	5-Year High	2.07	2.67	1.55	4.52
	5-Year Low	0.13	0.92	0.8	2.82
	5-Year Median	1.28	1.72	1.33	3.63

As of 07/07/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 13% (33 out of 252)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. (CLMT)	Outperform	1
NGL Energy Partners LP (NGL)	Outperform	1
Sprague Resources LP (SRLP)	Outperform	3
CrossAmerica Partners LP (CAPL)	Neutral	3
Genesis Energy, L.P. (GEL)	Neutral	3
Global Partners LP (GLP)	Neutral	3
MPLX LP (MPLX)	Neutral	3
Western Gas Equity Partners, LP (WES)	Neutral	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Oil And Gas - Refining And Marketing - Master Limited Partnerships

Industry Peers

	TRGP	X Industry	S&P 500	GLP	NGL	SRLP
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Outperform	Outperform
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3	1	3
VGM Score	A	-	-	A	B	A
Market Cap	4.40 B	502.48 M	21.64 B	343.35 M	476.45 M	353.01 M
# of Analysts	4	2.5	14	2	3	1
Dividend Yield	2.12%	13.04%	1.92%	15.59%	21.62%	17.34%
Value Score	A	-	-	A	C	A
Cash/Price	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.16	0.05	0.03
EV/EBITDA	9.39	7.97	12.68	7.87	14.64	6.12
PEG Ratio	NA	0.47	2.88	NA	NA	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	0.69	1.52	3.01	0.92	0.34	2.98
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	4.78	3.64	11.66	2.15	0.88	5.09
P/E (F1)	53.01	10.97	21.31	NA	12.91	8.51
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.52	0.24	2.30	0.03	0.03	0.11
Earnings Yield	-41.71%	6.72%	4.43%	-4.26%	7.84%	11.75%
Debt/Equity	1.20	2.51	0.76	4.14	2.35	3.06
Cash Flow (\$/share)	3.94	3.07	6.94	4.69	4.22	3.03
Growth Score	A	-	-	A	B	A
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	NA%	7.98%	10.90%	16.56%	NA	-12.63%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-871.30%	-27.01%	-9.72%	-140.48%	-53.00%	64.55%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-23.76%	-6.73%	5.51%	-9.04%	203.56%	-41.02%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	14.57%	12.58%	8.55%	-5.06%	12.58%	-7.17%
Current Ratio	1.02	1.02	1.30	1.84	0.92	0.98
Debt/Capital	53.42%	73.55%	44.46%	77.82%	68.66%	75.37%
Net Margin	-22.66%	0.47%	10.62%	0.25%	-3.80%	1.31%
Return on Equity	2.45%	10.85%	15.75%	11.01%	3.03%	39.05%
Sales/Assets	0.47	1.01	0.55	4.74	2.21	2.89
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	3.76%	-5.50%	-2.57%	-7.47%	-56.30%	-16.77%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	F	D	D
Daily Price Chg	-1.31%	-1.31%	-1.54%	0.90%	-1.33%	0.92%
1 Week Price Chg	4.90%	0.41%	3.66%	0.41%	-1.80%	-3.28%
4 Week Price Chg	-22.12%	-15.80%	-6.66%	-11.48%	-42.55%	0.20%
12 Week Price Chg	117.40%	18.74%	7.04%	-6.05%	5.41%	18.74%
52 Week Price Chg	-53.43%	-49.70%	-6.88%	-49.70%	-75.66%	-16.58%
20 Day Average Volume	3,417,534	274,696	2,385,506	138,391	1,919,908	39,315
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	193.07%	-11.18%	-8.21%	-188.54%	218.52%	151.39%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-8.26%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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Value Score	A
Growth Score	A
Momentum Score	A
VGM Score	A

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