NextEra Energy (NEE)

Rating: Buy

Price	Yield	Market Cap.	52-Week Range
$72.24	3.1%	$149.3B	$86.10 – $61.72

Data as of 08/14/2025

Sector	Utilities
Subsector	Utilities
Investment Category	Large Cap
Price Movement	Below Average

Company Overview

NextEra was founded in 1925 and is based in Juno Beach, Florida. It operates two primary businesses. Its regulated Florida utility, FP&L, serves about 6 million customers across Florida including the greater Miami region. NextEra Energy Resources is the largest wind- and solar-power generator in North America. Competitors in its renewable energy business include AVANGRID and Enel.

Revenues International	0%
Standard & Poor's/Moody's	A-/Baa1
MSCI ESG Rating	AA/Leader

Dividend Outlook (1-Year): Rising

Annualized Payment	$2.27
Last Change	10% (Feb 14, 2025)
Consec. Yrs Increased	22
Paid Since	1944
5-Yr. Trailing Growth	10%
Long-Term Growth Est.	10%
Payout Ratio ('25)	62%
Dividends Paid	Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec

Commentary: We expect dividends to increase at least as fast as earnings for the next several years, as NEE has a reasonable payout ratio (the percentage of earnings paid out in dividends) and generates significant cash from its unregulated (nonutility) businesses.

Valuation & Earnings

	'24A	'25E	'26E
Earnings Per Share	3.43	3.68	4.00
P/E	21.1x	19.6x	18.1x
PEGY	1.9x	1.8x	1.6x
LT EPS Growth Est.			8%
Est. Earnings Date			October 22, 2025

Annualized Total Returns	1yr	3yr	5yr
NextEra Energy	(5)%	(5)%	3%
S&P Utilities Index	19%	7%	11%
S&P 500 Index	20%	16%	16%

Data as of 8/14/25. Source: FactSet. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Investment Summary

We rate shares of NextEra a Buy. The company is a leader in renewable power-generation. We expect the push toward cleaner power generation to continue in the U.S. NextEra also serves about 6 million customers in Florida through its regulated utility. Florida has seen good customer growth and has provided very supportive regulatory treatment for utilities. We believe these factors should provide NextEra with above-average growth opportunities.

Outlook

Above-Average Earnings Growth Expected - We forecast above-average earnings and dividend growth due to robust spending on utility infrastructure as well as renewables coming online with long-term contracts for output.

Leadership in Renewable Power Positions Company Well - NEE is the United States' largest producer of renewable power coming from wind and solar. In our view, the company's unregulated (nonutility) segment is well-positioned to benefit from the country's push toward lower emissions.

Favorable Regulatory Treatment and Customer Growth - The utility business serves most of southern Florida, an area that has had strong customer growth. We think Florida's regulatory treatment of utilities is positive for NextEra. NEE's utility business is allowed to earn above-average returns and has support from regulators to build renewable energy and projects that improve the resiliency of its electric grid against hurricanes and other storms.

Valuation and Recent Performance - We view shares as attractively valued. At a price-to-earnings ratio of approximately 18.1 times our 2026 earnings estimate, shares trade slightly above peers' 17.6 times. In our opinion, NEE has a strong track record of earnings and dividend growth, a quality management team, and above-average growth prospects. Shares have underperformed peers over the past five years, even as NEE has achieved above-average earnings and dividend growth.

Risks - The primary downside risks include deterioration in renewable-energy markets, higher interest rates, and adverse regulatory and legislative decisions.

Key Developments

8/15/25: NextEra Energy shares are trading higher today after the U.S. Treasury released guidelines that apply to the ability of solar and wind energy projects to qualify for tax credits. This was in response to a July 8 executive order from President Trump requesting a fresh look at rules regarding which projects will qualify for tax credits and targeting strict enforcement of the rules laid out in the recent tax bill. There had been concern that new guidelines to qualify for solar and wind tax credits could become substantially more burdensome. While some modifications were made, we believe the new guidelines are quite reasonable and should allow NextEra's projects to qualify for credits by starting construction by July 4, 2026, and completing these projects by the end of 2030. This is a constructive outcome, in our view. The U.S. will need significantly more power with the surging demand from data centers, along with increasing needs for other purposes, and tax credits will help in that effort.

We believe NextEra is well-positioned as the largest renewables developer in the U.S. Advantages from its size and long history in renewables could ultimately lead to market-share gains if smaller developers exit the market. Separately, the cost to build gas-fired power plants has risen substantially in recent years, and renewables have become increasingly competitive even without the support of tax credits. The anticipated increase in power demand, largely from data centers, will require more power production. Additionally, many states and corporations have clean-energy mandates, which we believe continue to provide demand for renewables. Finally, despite renewed interest in nuclear and gas-fired power, new nuclear tends to bring higher risk to utilities due to cost and schedule overruns, while gas-fired power is not an easy short-term solution either, with longer time frames to put it in service than renewables.

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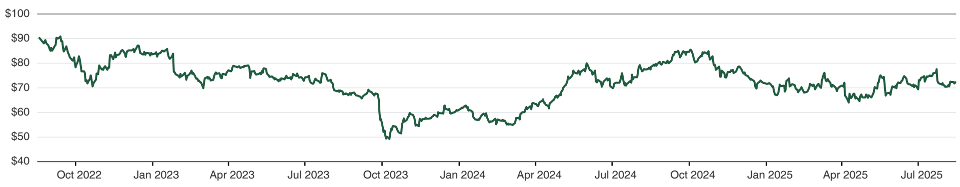

Source: Reuters

August 15, 2025	BUY	HOLD	SELL
Stocks	54%	46%	0%
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