

WTRG · NYSE · WEEK ENDED 24 JUL 2026

Weekly Investor Report

Essential Utilities Inc · Utilities · Utilities - Regulated Water

LATEST CLOSE

39.61 USD

-0.2% latest week

Weekly setup

Mixed setup

The weekly trend is not active. Price is 2.6% above the Trend Line and sits at 70.5% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned -0.2%, after a 2.5% four-week move. The latest factor snapshot indicates quality is middle-of-the-pack; growth is moderate; valuation is neither clearly cheap nor expensive. Options positioning is bullish with 32/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 53/100. Near-term considerations: earnings are due in 0d.

Technical setup score 50/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

LATEST CLOSE

39.61 USD

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1W RETURN

-0.2%

latest completed week

4W RETURN

2.5%

short-term follow-through

12W RETURN

5.1%

quarterly tape

TREND BREADTH

55.8%

29 of 52 weeks active

VOLUME RATIO

1.0x

vs 13-week average

What is working

- Price is above the Trend Line, keeping the weekly tape constructive.
- Price is above Fair Value, showing premium demand versus the model.
- Activity pressure is positive on the latest completed week.

What could go wrong

- The trend backdrop is inactive, so price action has not confirmed a constructive regime.
- Activity pressure is weak, so confirmation is not yet broad enough.
- 3 reversal markers appear in the recent smart-money tape.

What to watch next

- Price is close to its 52-week high; watch for continuation or exhaustion.
- Trend Line remains the key weekly regime level.
- Activity pressure is the gauge to monitor for confirmation or fade.
- A volume ratio above 1.5x would show stronger participation in the next move.

This week's evidence at a glance

PRICE FOLLOW-THROUGH

-0.2%

Latest completed week; four-week move 2.5%.

INDICATOR STACK

31/67

Trend and activity pressure are weighted against the latest 12-week confirmation window.

TREND BACKDROP

Active

The trend backdrop defines the current weekly regime.

PATIENT CAPITAL

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal status for institutional accumulation timing.

OPTIONS PRESSURE

Bullish

32/100 conviction; expected move 5.6%.

NEWS SENTIMENT

53/100

61 relevant articles in the latest sentiment read.

EVENT RISK

0d

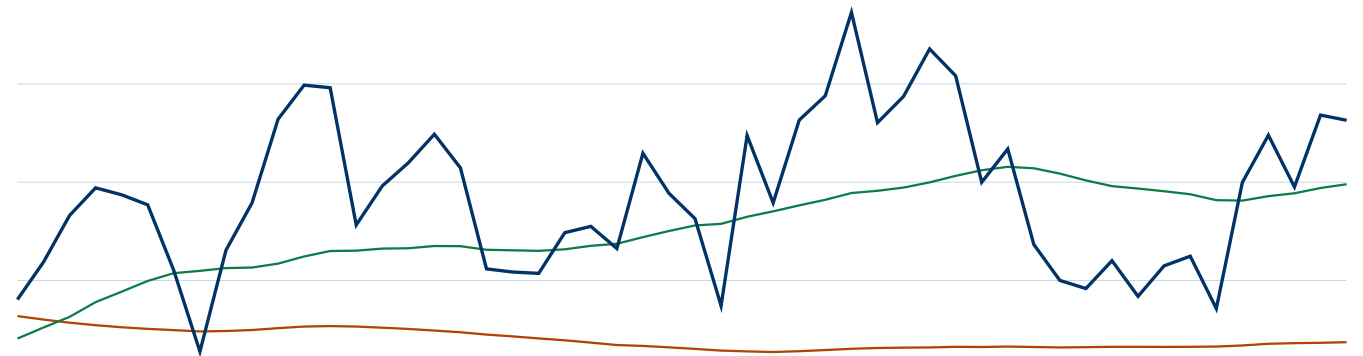
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01 · PRICE ACTION

Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

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52-week price path



Blue: weekly close · Green: Trend Line · Orange: Sharemaestro Fair Value

Position in the 52-week range Fair Trend Close 35.18 USD 41.47 USD Latest close sits at 70.5% of the 52-week range.	RANGE LOCATION 70.5% Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.	TREND DISTANCE 2.6% Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.
	FAIR-VALUE GAP 9.5% Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.	HIGH-WATER GAP -4.5% Distance from the latest 52-week high.

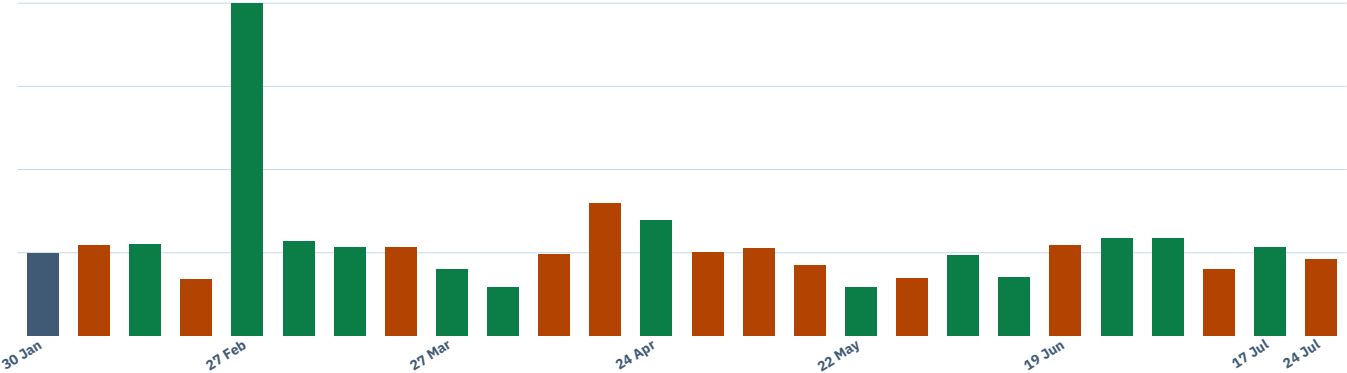
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 1.0x the 13-week average. Participation is around or above normal and provides reasonable confirmation.

26-week volume confirmation

Bar height shows weekly volume. Green marks an up week; orange marks a down week.



PARTICIPATION 1.0x Latest volume versus the 13-week average.	BASELINE 9.3M 13-week average volume.	ONE-YEAR BASE 10.4M 52-week average volume.	LATEST WEEKLY VOLUME 9.2M Most recent completed week.
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Demand beneath price

Activity pressure and institutional-style signals

These indicators assess whether participation is improving beneath price. They are supporting evidence, not proof of institutional buying.

Activity pressure path

Latest 0.23 · 12-week average 0.39

12-week confirmation

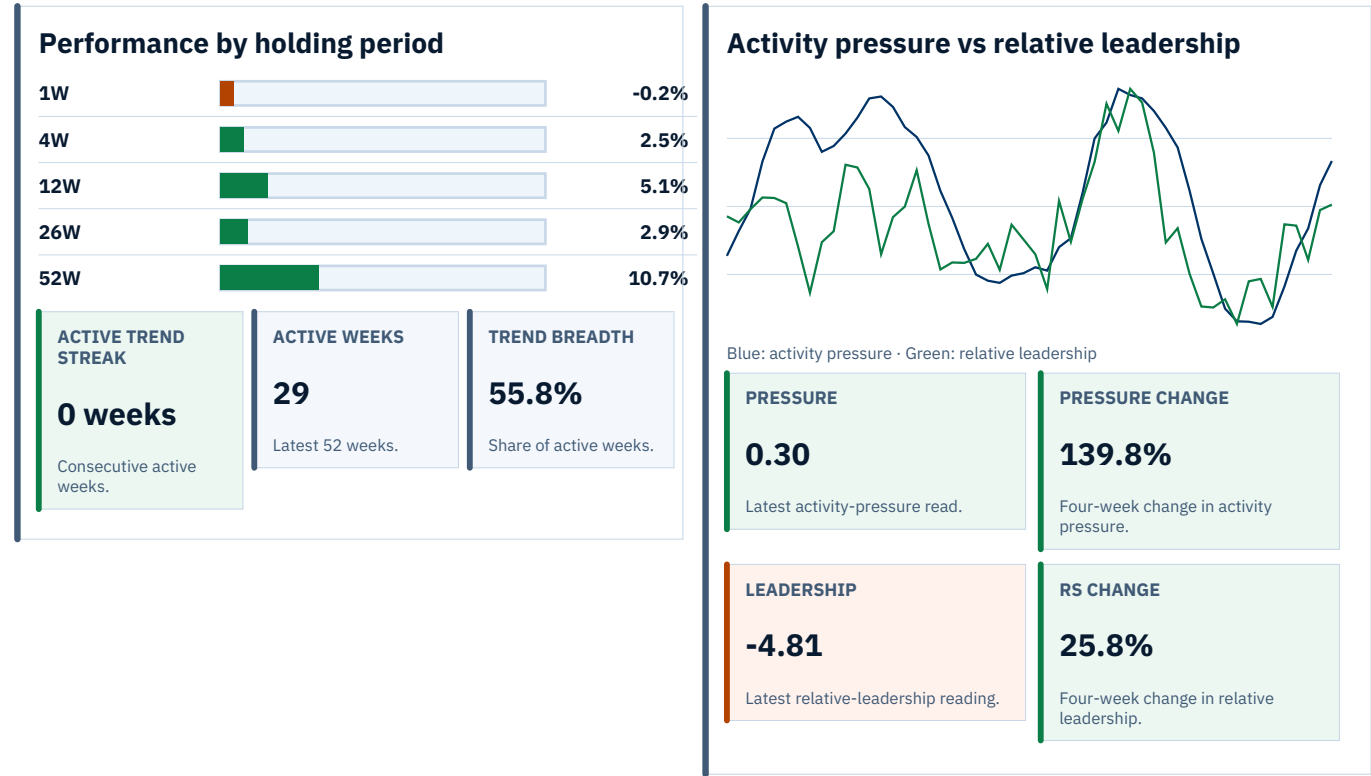
Signal	Read	Meaning
Trend active	0/12	Active trend-backdrop weeks in the latest 12-week window.
Positive pressure	2/12	Weeks with constructive activity pressure in the latest 12-week window.
Positive leadership	0/12	Weeks with positive relative leadership in the latest 12-week window.
Activity pressure	0.23	Current proprietary activity-pressure read.
Buy signals	0	Accumulation signal count in the latest 12 weeks.
Reversal markers	3	3 reversal markers

No recent accumulation markers. 3 reversal markers.

03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is 2.5% over four weeks, 5.1% over 12 weeks, and 10.7% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 0 consecutive weeks.



Technical setup scorecard

Trend		31
Momentum		60
Activity Pressure		67
Relative Leadership		38
Next-Week Expectancy		50
Volume		42
Smart Money		30
Risk Control		81

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION

What investors are paying for—and the quality behind it

The latest factor snapshot indicates quality is middle-of-the-pack; growth is moderate; valuation is neither clearly cheap nor expensive.

FACTOR WEEK 26 Jul 2026 Latest published factor snapshot.	STATEMENTS THROUGH 31 Dec 2025 Financial reporting period used.	FIELD COVERAGE 100% Available factor fields.	MODEL CONFIDENCE 96% Snapshot confidence.
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Relative factor standing Higher display scores are better. Each score is converted from the underlying universe rank, where rank 1 is best.		
Overall factor strength		34/100
Value		33/100
Quality		70/100
Momentum		34/100
Growth		70/100

Valuation How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.	Business quality Margins and the return generated on invested capital.
P/E Price divided by trailing earnings. 20.2x	GROSS MARGIN Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue. 47.0%
PRICE / SALES Market value relative to trailing revenue. 4.4x	OPERATING MARGIN Operating profit retained from revenue. 36.1%
EV / EBITDA Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings. 14.5x	FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN Free cash flow generated from revenue. 96.4%
FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value. 12.5%	RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL Operating return generated on invested capital. 5.7%

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION · CONTINUED

Growth, shareholder returns, and balance-sheet strength

The second half of the fundamental read separates recent business growth from cash returned to shareholders and financial leverage.

Growth and financial strength	Shareholder return and balance sheet
Recent business growth and accounting strength.	Cash returned to owners and financial leverage.
REVENUE GROWTH13.1% Latest one-year revenue growth.	DIVIDEND YIELD3.5% Cash dividends relative to market value.
EPS GROWTH-9.2% Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.	BUYBACK YIELD-2.2% Net share repurchases relative to market value.
FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH13.0% Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.	SHAREHOLDER YIELD1.2% Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.
PIOTROSKI F-SCORE6/9 Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.	NET DEBT / EBITDA6.2x Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.

How to read this

Quality and valuation are separate questions. A strong company can still carry a demanding valuation, so profitability, growth, balance-sheet strength, and the price paid for those characteristics should be assessed independently.

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05 · OWNERSHIP, OPTIONS, AND SENTIMENT

What other market participants are doing

Options, insider transactions, market sentiment, and activity-pressure signals can confirm or challenge the price story. None should be used alone.

Options positioning

Bullish

WTRG shows bullish options pressure with a 32/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.46, expected move of 5.6%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive.

CONVICTION

32/100

Options signal conviction.

EXPECTED MOVE

5.6%

Nearest-chain pricing.

PUT/CALL VOLUME

0.46

Contract volume balance.

Pressure

46

Speculation

9

Volatility

56

Trend agreement

19

Insider activity

6 / 0

6 acquisitions and 0 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape. Acquisitions / disposals over the latest 180 days. Insider activity is context, not a stand-alone signal.

News sentiment

53/100

Weighted news tone is neutral across 61 relevant articles.

10 positive · 49 neutral · 2 negative

Patient Capital

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows. No recent buy signal

06 · CATALYSTS AND RISK

What can move the shares—and how volatile the path has been

Event timing, options-implied movement, drawdown, and weekly gains and losses frame the risk around the current setup.

NEXT EARNINGS
0d
Next report is scheduled for 30 Jul 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.

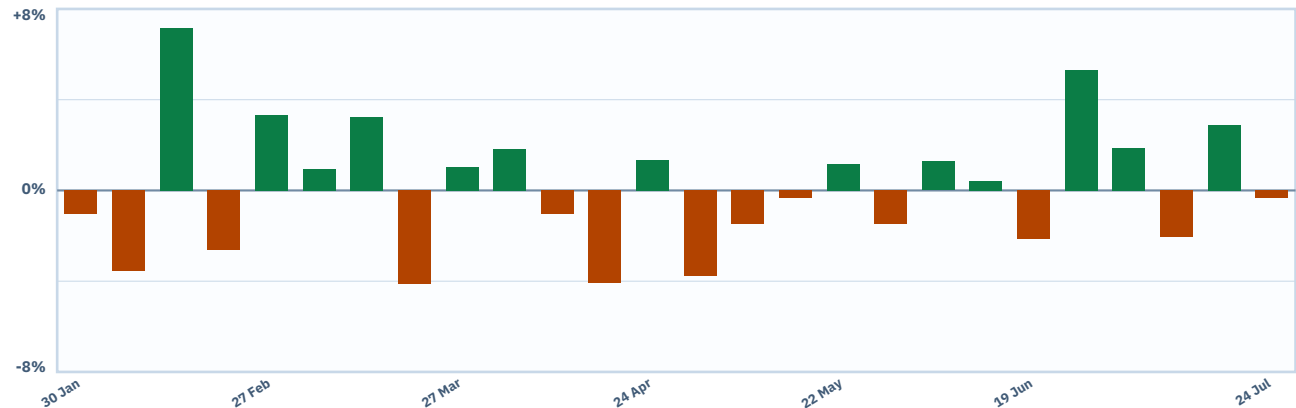
OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE
5.6%
Nearest-chain priced movement where available.

52-WEEK DRAWDOWN
-4.5%
Distance below the 52-week high.

13-WEEK VOLATILITY
2.3%
Standard deviation of weekly returns.

Weekly gains and losses

Each bar is one completed week. Gains rise above zero; losses fall below it. Taller bars mean a larger move.



WEEKS HIGHER
13 of 26
13 weeks finished lower.

BEST WEEK
+7.2%
Week of 13 Feb.

WORST WEEK
-4.1%
Week of 20 Mar.

LATEST WEEK
-0.2%
Week of 24 Jul.

Shape of recent returns

Strong gains		2
Modest gains		11
Flat weeks		-
Modest losses		11
Sharp losses		2

RECENT VOL
2.3%
13-week weekly-return volatility.

BASE VOL
2.6%
52-week weekly-return volatility.

UP/DOWN SPLIT
27/25
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.

AVERAGE SKEW
2.2% / -1.9%
Average positive week versus average negative week.

07 · SECTOR AND PEER CONTEXT

Is this stock leading—or simply moving with its group?

Sector and industry breadth distinguish company-specific strength from a broad group move.

Sector · US Utilities

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
23 / 100	-1.9%	53.0%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
BIP	NYSE	4.1%	11.7%	Active
CPK	NYSE	1.9%	7.8%	Inactive
CIG-C	NYSE	-0.6%	7.5%	Active
NKLR	NASDAQ	10.0%	6.8%	Inactive
SPH	NYSE	2.4%	6.7%	Inactive

Industry · US Utilities - Regulated Water

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
4 / 13	0.1%	38.5%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
HTO	NASDAQ	-2.4%	5.2%	Active
AWR	NYSE	-3.2%	4.7%	Active
CWT	NYSE	-2.2%	3.3%	Active
WTRG	NYSE	-0.2%	2.5%	Inactive
ARTNA	NASDAQ	1.4%	2.5%	Active

08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA

The underlying research record

Every top-level statement should be traceable to a stored market, fundamental, event, or positioning observation.

Cross-signal evidence matrix

Evidence pillar	Score / read	Summary	Detail
Weekly tape	47/100	Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 47/100 tape read.	
Indicator analysis	10/100	Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 0/12, activity pressure 2/12, relative leadership 0/12.	Activity pressure 0.23; 3 reversal markers
Factors	42/100	O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.	Buyback Yield rank 79; Small Cap Core rank 72
SVQF	26/100	Value and quality alignment from the Sharemaestro SVQF framework.	Composite rank 752.0 of 1013
Patient Capital	Quiet	Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.	No recent buy signal
Options	43/100	WTRG shows bullish options pressure with a 32/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.46, expected move of 5.6%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive.	Bullish · Call-side pressure · Expected move 5.6%
Sentiment	53/100	Weighted news tone is neutral across 61 relevant articles.	Essential Utilities Inc (WTRG) Shareholder Structure: Major Shareholders & Institutional Holdings
Insiders	6 / 0	6 acquisitions and 0 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.	
Earnings	0d	Next report is scheduled for 30 Jul 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.	

Current evidence clusters

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Recent completed weeks

The completed weekly bars behind the report provide a compact audit trail for price, trend, Fair Value, activity pressure, leadership, and volume.

Week	Close	Return	Trend Line	Fair Value	Pressure	Leadership	Volume	Trend
24 Jul 2026	39.61 USD	-0.2%	38.62 USD	36.18 USD	0.30	-4.81	9.2M	Off
17 Jul 2026	39.69 USD	2.9%	38.56 USD	36.17 USD	0.10	-5.28	10.6M	Off
10 Jul 2026	38.58 USD	-2.0%	38.48 USD	36.17 USD	-0.27	-9.50	8.0M	Off
03 Jul 2026	39.38 USD	1.9%	38.44 USD	36.16 USD	-0.45	-6.59	11.8M	Off
26 Jun 2026	38.65 USD	5.3%	38.37 USD	36.13 USD	-0.76	-6.48	11.7M	Off
19 Jun 2026	36.70 USD	-2.2%	38.38 USD	36.11 USD	-1.02	-13.47	10.9M	Off
12 Jun 2026	37.51 USD	0.4%	38.47 USD	36.11 USD	-1.07	-11.11	7.0M	Off
05 Jun 2026	37.36 USD	1.3%	38.51 USD	36.11 USD	-1.06	-11.31	9.7M	Off
29 May 2026	36.89 USD	-1.5%	38.56 USD	36.11 USD	-1.05	-14.92	6.9M	Off
22 May 2026	37.44 USD	1.2%	38.59 USD	36.11 USD	-0.95	-12.84	5.9M	Off
15 May 2026	37.01 USD	-0.3%	38.68 USD	36.10 USD	-0.65	-13.53	8.5M	Off
08 May 2026	37.14 USD	-1.5%	38.79 USD	36.10 USD	-0.36	-13.45	10.5M	Off
01 May 2026	37.69 USD	-3.8%	38.87 USD	36.11 USD	0.05	-10.66	10.0M	Off
24 Apr 2026	39.17 USD	1.3%	38.89 USD	36.11 USD	0.42	-6.82	13.9M	On

How to use this report

This is a completed-week research summary. It explains the available evidence and its conflicts; it does not predict a guaranteed outcome or replace your own risk assessment. Fundamental figures may refer to an earlier financial reporting period, which is shown in the fundamentals section.

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