VST market-pricing brief

Vistra Corp. · NYSE: VST
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Core question: At $139.03, the market sits above the base scenario; the bridge states long-term debt, cash and the disclosed liquidation preference of redeemable preferred stock separately.

01 · What changed this period

Three facts that can alter the valuation conversation.

What happened	Numeric change	Why it can matter
Ongoing Operations Adjusted EBITDA improved	$1.767bn vs. $1.349bn	Supports operating momentum, but one quarter does not prove full-year cash conversion.
GAAP net income moved the other way	$305m vs. $327m; $472m unrealized hedge loss	Challenges any one-line reading of earnings quality from EBITDA.
2026 guidance was reaffirmed	EBITDA $6.8–7.6bn; FCFbG $3.925–4.725bn	The question is whether guidance turns into cash, not whether it is repeated.

02 · Support and challenge

Evidence should run in both directions.

Evidence supporting a constructive view

Supports: Q2 adjusted EBITDA rose 31% year on year; 2026 EBITDA and adjusted FCFbG guidance were reaffirmed; the company continued repurchases.

Evidence challenging an uncomplicated view

Challenges: GAAP net income declined and included an unrealized hedge loss; debt and senior preferred claims remain material when translating EV to common value per share; a single Form 4 does not establish motive.

03 · Internal valuation: scenario reference

What is the dated market price already assuming?

This is not a target price. It exposes the calculation basis and sensitivity for review.

Market-price input	**$139.03**
Diluted weighted-average common shares	**339.23m**
Long-term debt	**$19.595bn**
Redeemable preferred stock at liquidation preference	**$2.476bn**
Cash and equivalents	**$0.435bn**
Net debt + preferred claim used	**$21.636bn**
Approx. enterprise value	**$68.81bn**

Enterprise value is approximated using dated common equity value plus long-term debt and redeemable preferred stock at its stated liquidation preference, less cash. Scenarios hold those claims and diluted weighted-average common shares constant, then change only EBITDA and the multiple.

Using the $7.2bn 2026 guidance midpoint, the dated market input equals approximately **9.6x EV / EBITDA**.

Internal valuation sensitivity

Scenario	2026 EBITDA	EV / EBITDA	Approx. common value / share	What must be true
Downside reference	$7.2bn midpoint	8.0x	$106	Lower valuation tolerance or weaker proof of cash delivery.
Base reference	$7.2bn midpoint	9.0x	$127	Guidance delivery broadly holds, without a premium rerating.
Upside reference	$7.2bn midpoint	10.0x	$148	Cash delivery and operating evidence justify a higher multiple.

This bridge includes long-term debt, cash and redeemable preferred stock at its stated $1,000-per-share liquidation preference. It does not classify accounts-receivable financing, the forward-repurchase obligation, dividends, future repurchases, financing changes, taxes, hedge revaluation or changes in share count into the bridge. Those items require separate analysis rather than implied treatment.

04 · Capital and insider context

Signals that affect per-share value - without false certainty.

Q2 repurchases	Authorization remaining	Capital bridge	Insider filing
2.16m shares at $153.34 average	$1.29bn as of 30 June 2026	$21.636bn net debt plus preferred claim used	4,600 shares at $160

05 · The next facts that could change the view

Know what to verify before the next conclusion.

Next earnings: Is 2026 guidance intact, narrowed or revised?
Cash conversion: Do hedges, working capital and investment needs change EBITDA-to-cash conversion?
Operating disclosures: Do projects, outages or operating updates support the conditions behind the multiple?

Traceable inputs

Sources, dates, calculations and unknowns stay separate.

Company release: Q2 results, guidance and non-GAAP definitions.
SEC 10-Q: cash, debt, redeemable preferred stock, weighted-average common shares and capital disclosures.
Form 4: an officer sold 4,600 shares at $160 on 2 June 2026; no motive is inferred.

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Bring your view. Receive the evidence that supports it, challenges it, and shows what would change it.