

# Debt Investor Update

Full Year Results  
2020/21

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# Financial performance highlights

## Solid delivery in 2021

### Underlying operating profit

**£3,283m** ↓3%

FY20: £3,389m

### Underlying EPS

**54.2p** ↓7%

FY20: 58.2p

### Return on Equity

**10.6%** ↓140bps

FY20: 12.0%

### Capital investment

**£5,047m** ↓4%

FY20: £5,257m

### Asset growth

**5.6%** ↓340bps

FY20: 9.0%

### Dividend growth in line with policy

**49.16p** ↑1.2%

FY20: 48.57p

Underlying results from continuing operations excluding exceptional items, remeasurements, major storm costs (when greater than \$100m) and timing  
Capital investment includes investment in JVs (excluding equity contributions to St William property JV in FY20)  
Operating profit and capital investment calculated at constant currency

# COVID update

- Continuing to deliver the service customers expect
- £355m adverse impact compared to guidance of £400m
  - Now recognised recoverability of £59m bad debt costs
- Net impact of £296m on operating profit
  - £120m residual bad debts
  - £78m revenue shortfall
  - £28m net direct costs
  - £70m delay in new rates for KEDNY and KEDLI
- Cash impact of £600m
- Expect to recover majority of costs over time



# Safety and reliability

## Safety

- Reduction in lost time injury frequency rates
- UK best ever year of safety performance
- NG Ventures small rise in minor incidents

## Reliability

- Excellent reliability across UK regulated networks
- ESO adapted to meet resilience challenges from low demand and high renewables generation
- Highest gas demand in a decade managed without incident or disruption
- Excellent US reliability, despite significant increase in storms



# Progress on operational priorities

## Underlying operational delivery

- Achieved ROE 7.2%
- ROE 8.6% adjusting for impact of COVID, non-deferrable storm costs and impact of rate case delays
  - 92% of allowed return
- Investment increased to \$4.3bn
  - 350 miles gas pipeline replacement
  - Over half way through 20,000 mile replacement programme

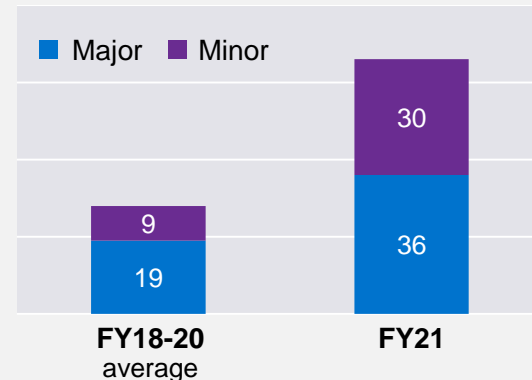
## Regulatory progress

- KEDNY / KEDLI joint proposal reached
- Niagara Mohawk rate filing outcome expected in summer
- Filed for new rates in Massachusetts Gas
- Selected as partner for Northern New York Priority Transmission Project

## Working to minimise storm impacts

- Upgrading infrastructure
- New technology improving resilience
- Cost recovery mechanisms and incentives for future rate cases

Number of Storms



# Progress on operational priorities

## Successful end to RIIO-1

- >£12.5bn invested over 8 years<sup>1</sup>
- 12.6% achieved ROE
  - Within target range of 200-300bp outperformance
- Invested £1.2bn in FY21
  - Hinkley-Seabank connection
  - London Power Tunnels 2

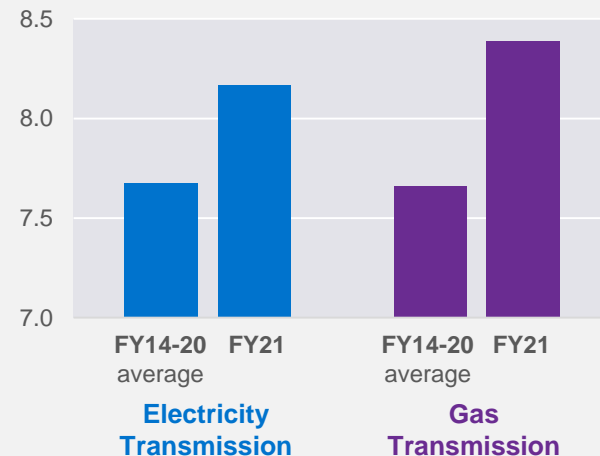
## Delivering innovative solutions

- Smart Wires supporting renewable generation connections
- FutureGrid project to test repurposing gas transmission network for hydrogen

## RIIO-T2 broad acceptance of final determination

- CMA appeal on cost of equity and outperformance wedge

## Highest customer satisfaction scores in T1



over **£850m**

in savings for customers over RIIO-1<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Electricity transmission, gas transmission and gas distribution up until point of sale.

# Progress on operational priorities

## Interconnector progress

- IFA2 commissioned
- North Sea Link & Viking Link on track

## Multi-purpose interconnectors

- Collaboration with Elia and TenneT

## Growth in US onshore renewables

- >400MW operational
- 600MW under construction

## Other

- Lower profitability from fewer land development sales





# Interest, tax and earnings

Finance  
costs  
**£942m**

8% lower than FY20<sup>3</sup>

- Lower RPI and borrowing rates
- Effective interest rate of 3.2%

Underlying  
effective tax rate<sup>1</sup>  
**21.2%**

Underlying tax charge: **£(496)m**

- 130 bps higher than prior year
- Smaller impact from tax credits relating to prior years

Underlying  
earnings<sup>2</sup>  
**£1,910m**

FY20: **£2,014m**

- 3,523m weighted average shares
- 54.2p/share

<sup>1</sup> Excluding joint ventures and associates.

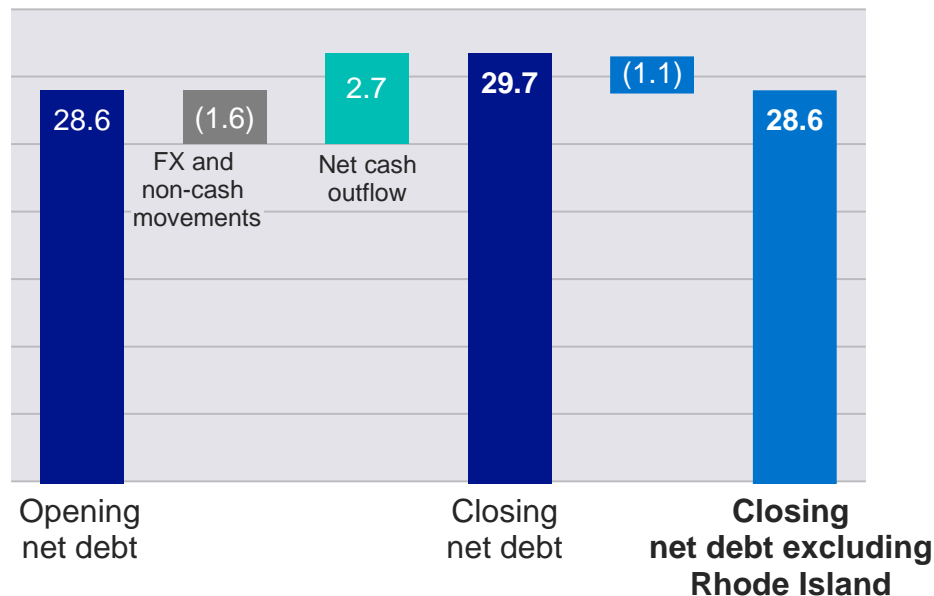
<sup>2</sup> Underlying results attributable to equity shareholders.

<sup>3</sup> At constant currency

Underlying results, excluding timing, exceptional items and remeasurements.

# Cash flow and net debt

## Net debt (£bn)



- £4.6bn operating cash flow
  - Increased storm costs, lower US collections and reduced UK revenues
- Raised over £5.6bn of senior debt during the year
- COVID impact on FY21 rating metrics
- Comfortably positioned within rating band going forward

RCF / Net debt

**6.6%**

FFO / Net debt

**11.7%**

# FY22 guidance

## FY22 guidance based on current business

Segmental guidance set out in  
results statement

EPS growth towards or  
above top end of

**5-7% range**

### Transaction timing impacts to earnings outlook

#### WPD acquisition

- Earnings included from point of deal completion
- Guidance with HY22 results

#### Gas Transmission majority stake divestment

- Expect to launch sales process second half FY22
- Full contribution removed from underlying earnings once classified as discontinued operation

#### Rhode Island divestment

- Earnings included up to point of sale completion

Taken together, still expect FY22 EPS growth towards or  
above top end of **5-7% range**

# Longer term guidance

5 year outlook					
Capital investment	<b>£30-35bn</b>				
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Group asset growth	<b>6-8% CAGR<sup>1</sup></b>				
Gearing	Peaks in FY22, settles above 70% Credit metrics comfortably within current rating band				
EPS	<b>5-7% CAGR<sup>1</sup></b> at or above top end in early years				
Dividend	Growth in line with CPIH				

<sup>1</sup> Compound annual growth rate FY21-26

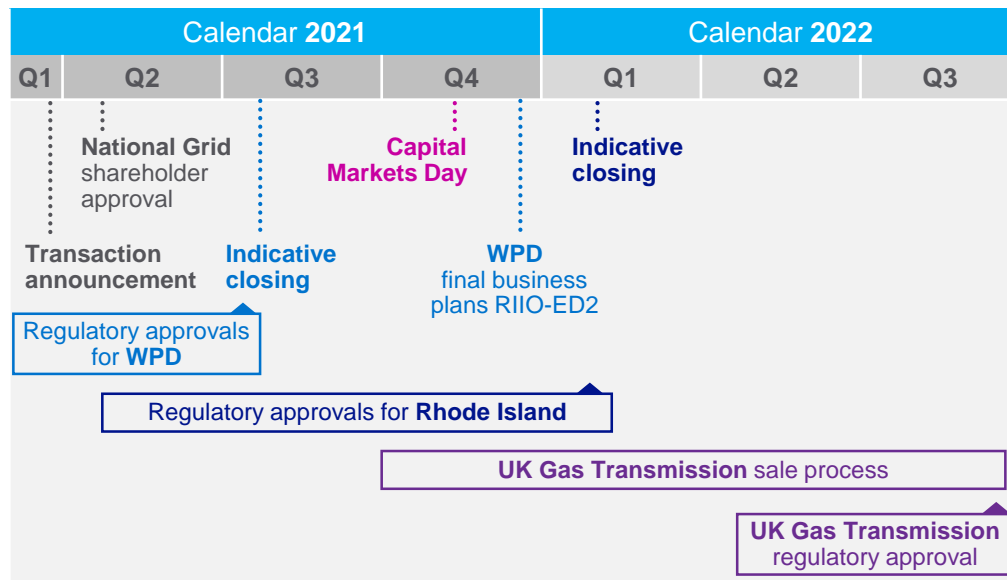
Outlook assumes purchase of Western Power Distribution; sale of Rhode Island business and majority stake in UK Gas Transmission; 2% p.a. inflation rate; GBP/USD FX rate of 1.3; and scrip uptake of 25%

# Priorities & Outlook



# Strategic repositioning

## Overall timeline summary



## Timing of key steps

### WPD

- Shareholders approved acquisition of WPD last month
- Notification to the CMA accepted
- Expected completion by July

### Rhode Island

- Regulatory clearances by the end of the CY

### UK Gas Transmission

- Expect to launch process for sale of a majority stake in second half of 2021

# Maintaining regulatory progress

## UK Networks

- RIIO-T2: appeal to the CMA on cost of equity and outperformance wedge
- RIIO-ED2: we look to submit a business plan that
  - Supports innovation
  - Delivers efficiently for our customers
  - Delivers fair returns for our investors

## US Networks

- Multi-year settlement filed for upstate New York Niagara Mohawk (NIMO)
  - Investment to support affordable decarbonised heating
  - Maintain customer affordability
- 5-year rate plan filed for Massachusetts Gas
  - Performance Based Rate Mechanism linking revenue increases to inflation
  - Innovative proposals to decarbonise our natural gas networks

## Expected regulatory timeline



## In the US

- Pathways to a Carbon-Neutral New York City joint report
  - Critical need for continued investment in gas networks
- Future of Heat with the Massachusetts regulator
  - Developing gas distribution roadmaps to help state achieve 2050 net zero target

## In the UK

### We are expecting:

- Transport decarbonisation plan
- Publication of UK's hydrogen strategy
- BEIS's consultation on net zero governance
- Offshore transmission review

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**the energy transition**

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PRINCIPAL PARTNER  
**UN CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
CONFERENCE  
UK 2021**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

## Principal partner at UN COP26

- Ambition to enable the energy transition for all
- Using our voice to influence climate change action



**Green Light Signal Smart Bulb**

# Strengthening our Responsible Business commitments

**Responsible Business Charter**  
launched in 2020

Publication of our first  
**Responsible Business Report**  
this summer, tracking our progress  
to the goals we set out

Environment

Communities

People

Economy

Governance

**New Scope 3  
Emissions Target**

aligned to the  
**Science Based  
Target initiative**

reduce Scope 3 carbon  
emissions

**37.5%**

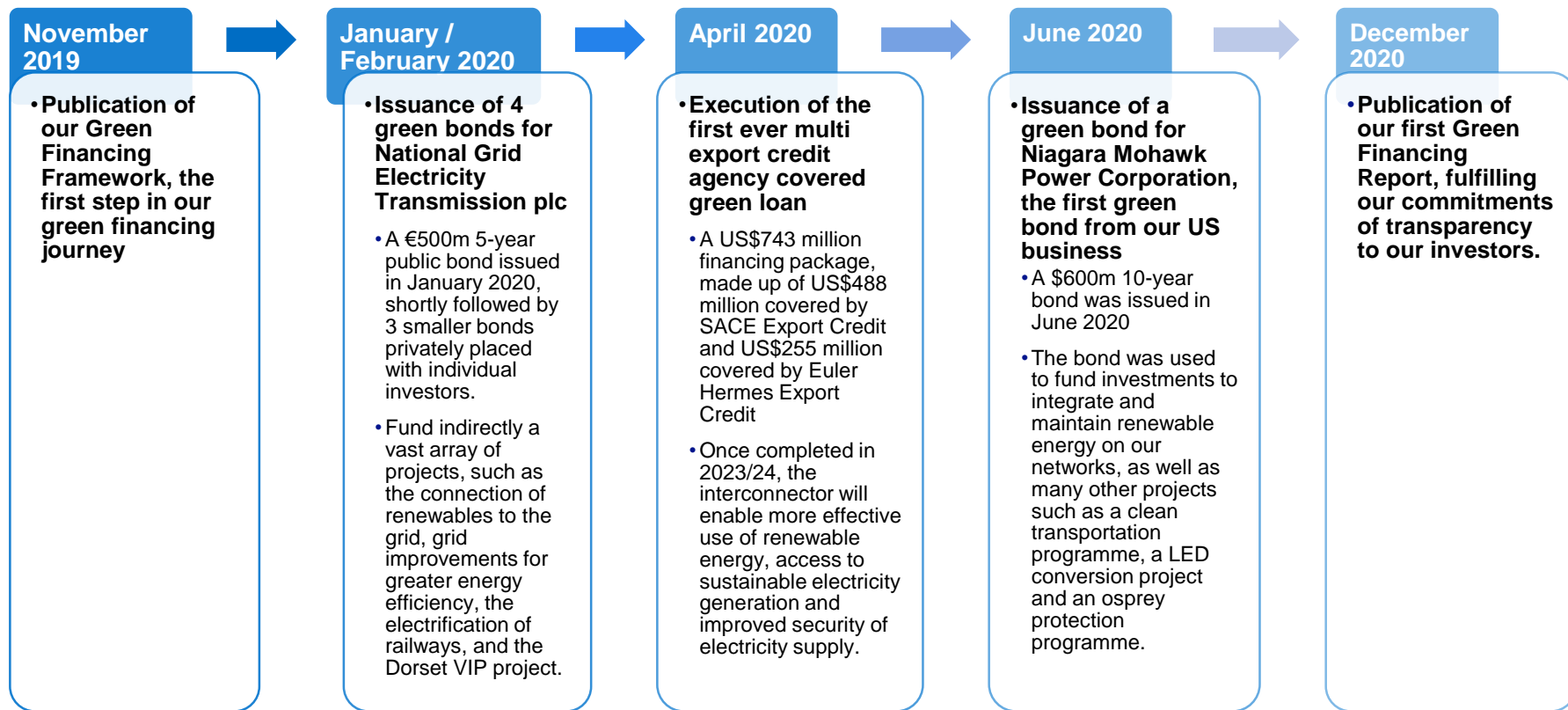
by 2034 from a 2019 baseline

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# Debt Funding



# Green Financing



# Debt funding

## 2020/21

- c. £5.6bn of senior long-term debt raised in 2020/21, including 17 bonds:
  - Slightly under two thirds of it was raised in the UK through GBP and EUR public bonds for NGET, NGG and NG plc, and a number of EMTN private placements across AUD/EUR/GBP for NGET
  - The remaining third was raised in the US market, including the first ever green bond issued by one of our US Opcos, NIMO
  - We utilised c.£300m of our various Export Credit Agency facilities
- In April 2020 we implemented a new green Export Credit Agency facility in support of Viking interconnector

## 2021/22

- We expect to issue around £3-4bn in total from NG plc, NGET and from our US OpCos over the next year.
- £6.0bn of general liquidity facilities have remained undrawn. The UK Electricity System Operator also maintains £550m of committed facilities



# Summary

- A defining year ahead
  - Strategic pivot towards electricity
  - Continued regulatory progress
  - Furthering net zero roadmaps
  - Calling for further climate change action at COP26
- Geographic and regulatory diversity - stability and a platform for growth
- Attractive asset growth driving sustainable long-term earnings growth
- Maintaining and underpinning our dividend policy



# Q&A



# Appendix





# UK Electricity Transmission

## Return on equity

**240bps**

Totex incentive

**30bps**

Other incentives

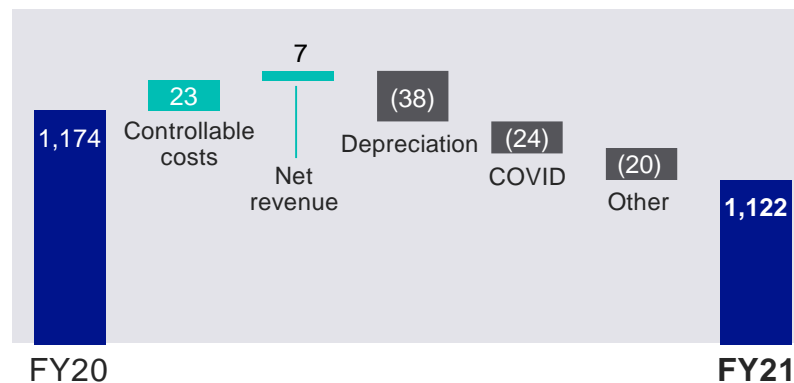
**100bps**

Additional allowances

Achieved  
return on equity

**13.9%**

## Underlying operating profit (£m)



Capital  
investment

**£1,072m**

FY20: £1,043m

Regulated  
asset value

**£14.6bn**

FY20: £14.1bn

- Exceeded £100m efficiency savings target
- Capital investment higher than FY20
- RAV growth of 3.1%

Underlying results, excluding timing, exceptional items and remeasurements.

# UK Gas Transmission

## Return on equity

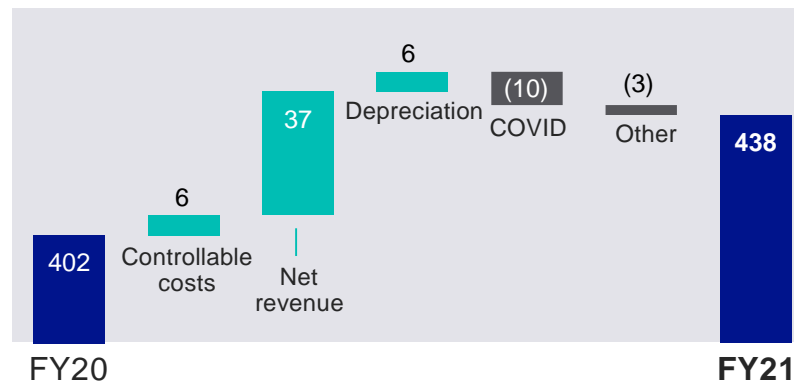
**(90)bps**  
Totex incentive

**90bps**  
Other incentives

**(40)bps**  
Additional allowances

Achieved  
return on equity  
**9.6%**

## Underlying operating profit (£m)



Capital  
investment

**£176m**

FY20: **£249m**

Regulated  
asset value

**£6.3bn**

FY20: **£6.3bn**

- Higher revenues and further efficiency savings
- Lower capex reflecting several large projects reaching completion

Underlying results, excluding timing, exceptional items and remeasurements.

# US Regulated

## FY21

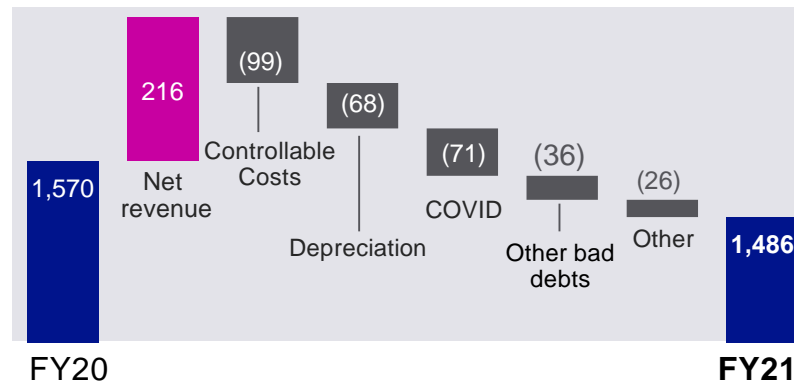
Return on equity excluding COVID, non-deferrable storm costs and impact of rate case delays

**8.6%**

Achieved return on equity

**7.2%**

## Underlying operating profit (£m)



Capital investment

**\$4.3bn**

FY20: \$4.2bn

Rate base

**\$27.6bn**

FY20: \$25.6bn

Assets outside rate base

**\$3.2bn**

FY20: \$2.7bn

- Higher net revenues from new rate cases
- Higher controllable costs
- Higher depreciation
- COVID impact

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Operating profit and capital investment presented at constant currency

# NG Ventures

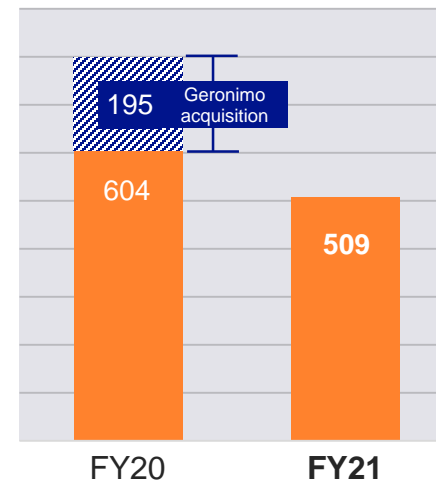
Operating profit (£m)	Year ended	
	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Metering	154	158
Grain LNG	104	78
Interconnectors	60	61
Other	(20)	(28)
	298	269
<b>Post tax share of JVs (£m)</b>		
Interconnectors <sup>1</sup>	26	29
Millennium	22	22
Other	8	16
	56	67
<b>Total NGV</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>336</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes BritNed and Nemo.

Operating profit, share of joint venture profit after tax and investment presented at constant exchange rates.

Underlying results, excluding timing, exceptional items and remeasurements.

## Capital investment (£m)



- Lower investment as interconnector projects near completion

# Other activities

Operating profit (£m)	Year ended	
	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Property	22	63
Corporate & other	(83)	(90)
	(61)	(27)

## Post tax share of JVs (£m)

St William	5	18
Other	5	3
	10	21

- Operating profit lower, reflecting fewer property sales
- Total capex includes NG Partners, property and corporate

Capital investment<sup>1</sup>

**£67m**

FY20: £70m

- NG Partners investment of £38m

Operating profit, share of joint venture profit after tax and investment presented at actual exchange rates.

Underlying results, excluding timing, exceptional items and remeasurements.

<sup>1</sup> Capital investment includes investment in JVs (excluding equity contributions to St William property JV) and investment in NG Partners.