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# Half Year Results

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## Highlights

**John Pettigrew**  
Chief Executive



# Upgraded 5-year outlook

FY2022 - 2026	
<b>Capital investment</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           One of the FTSE's  <b>biggest investors</b>            in the delivery            of net zero         </div>	<b>Up to £40bn – c.£29bn green<sup>1</sup></b> , aligning to EU taxonomy  <b>c.£9bn</b> UK Electricity Transmission <b>c.£12bn</b> New York Regulated  <b>c.£6bn</b> UK Electricity Distribution <b>c.£9bn</b> New England Regulated  <b>c.£3-4bn</b> NG Ventures
<b>Group asset growth</b>	<b>8-10% CAGR<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Credit metrics</b>	Credit metrics within current rating thresholds Net debt to RAV c. <b>70%</b> once transactions complete
<b>Underlying EPS</b>	<b>6-8% CAGR<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Dividend</b>	Aim to <b>grow dividend per share</b> in line with CPIH

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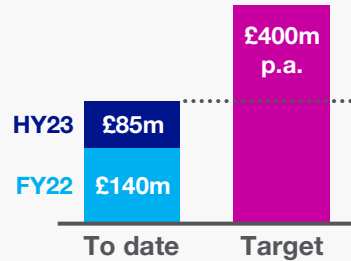


# Delivering for our customers and communities

## Our 3-year cost efficiency programme is on track

- £85m of savings in HY23, £225m to date
- As we look to deliver asset growth of c.30%

### Cost programme delivery



## Acting now to support communities

- Donating £65m for families most in need of support
- Accelerated return of £200m of interconnector revenues

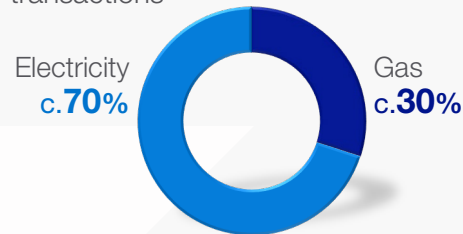


# Strategic progress

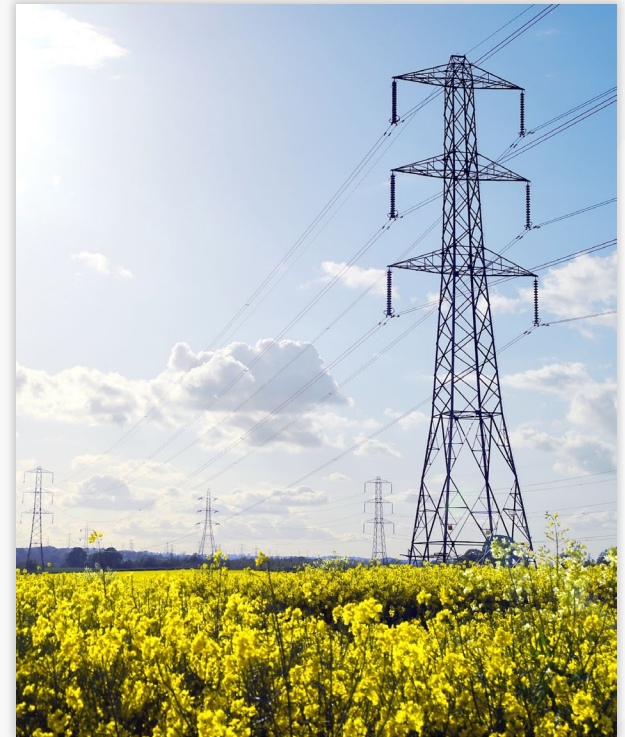
## Repositioning our portfolio

- Rhode Island sale complete
- Completion of sale of 60% stake in UK Gas Transmission & Metering on track
  - Additional option for 40% stake
- National Grid Electricity Distribution integration progressing well

### National Grid asset base Post-transactions<sup>1</sup>



1. Illustrative. Calculated as proportion of actual FY22 asset base post completion of acquisition of Western Power Distribution, and sale of Rhode Island business and 60% majority interest in UK Gas Transmission and Metering.



# Financial performance highlights

Strong delivery in H1 2023

## Underlying operating profit

**£2,117m** **↑44%**

HY22: **£1,470m**

## Underlying EPS

**32.4p** **↑42%**

HY22: **22.8p**

### FY23

- Underlying EPS expected to be in the middle of new 6-8% CAGR range

## Capital investment

**£3,883m** **↑26%**

HY22: **£3,092m**

## Dividend growth in line with policy

**17.84p** **↑3.7%**

HY22: **17.21p**

Underlying results from continuing operations excluding exceptional items, remeasurements, timing and the contribution from UK Gas Transmission and Metering, which is classified as a discontinued operation for accounting purposes.

Capital investment includes investment in JVs and NG Partners Investments (excluding equity contributions to St William property JV).

Operating profit and capital investment calculated at constant currency.

# Safety and reliability

## Safety

- Lost Time Injury Frequency rate: 0.12
- Safety critical area of focus with updated strategy implemented across the Group

## Reliability

- Excellent performance despite US storms and volatility in UK electricity markets

## Winter Outlooks

- ESO base scenario forecasts a capacity margin of 6.3%
- GSO base scenario forecasts peak capacity of over 600mcm per day





# UK Electricity Distribution

## Strong performance since acquisition

- £584m capital investment
  - 10% increase in new customer connections

## RIIO-ED2 price control

Four key areas of focus ahead of Final Determination

1. Streamlining the number of uncertainty mechanisms
2. Advocating for a symmetrical incentives package
3. Challenging the proposed 19% reduction to Totex
4. Securing a fair financing package



# UK Electricity Transmission

## Continued RIIO-T2 progress

- £629m capital investment
  - Continuation of £1bn London Power Tunnels 2 project
  - East Coast reinforcement programme
- Continued progress on Hinkley C Connection project
  - On track for completion by end of 2024
- ESO published first Holistic Network Design
  - Coordinated onshore and offshore network plan to enable Government's target of 50GW of offshore wind



# UK Gas Transmission & Metering

## Discontinued Operation

- Announced sale of 60% stake to Macquarie-led consortium

## RIIO-T2 performance

- Capital investment of £174m
  - £43m above prior year
  - Higher spend on asset health



# Our Clean Energy Vision

Utilising our existing networks  
to enable a fossil-free future  
by 2050

## Targeted hybrid approach

- Utilises existing gas networks
- Provides continued security of supply
- Enables customer choice
- Keeps customer bills lower than an all-electric alternative



# US Regulated – New York

## Underlying operational delivery

- £1.2bn capital investment
  - Increased resilience and storm hardening spend
  - Smart Path Connect Transmission project
  - 123 miles of gas pipeline replaced

## Regulatory progress

- CLCPA<sup>1</sup> Phase 1 filing approved
  - \$600m on projects to enable incremental renewable generation capacity
- Anticipate response on CLCPA<sup>1</sup> Phase 2 filing by end of 2022
  - Additional c.\$2bn of investment

### New York Regulatory Overview

#### KEDNY / KEDLI (2020-23)

Allowed return on equity	<b>8.8%</b>
Capex	<b>c.\$3.3bn</b>

#### NIMO Gas & Electric (2021-24)

Allowed return on equity	<b>9.0%</b>
Capex	<b>c.\$3.3bn</b>

1. Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.





# US Regulated – New England

## A successful regulatory period

- Annual rate adjustments effective October
- Approval for 5-year heat pump demonstration project
- Approval of \$300m as part of our Grid Modernization Plan filing

## Underlying operational delivery

- £862m capital investment
  - Increased electricity asset condition work
  - 71 miles of gas pipeline replaced
  - Partially offset by sale of Rhode Island

### New England Regulatory Overview

#### Massachusetts Gas (2021-26)

Allowed return on equity	9.7%
Capex	c.\$1.3bn

#### Massachusetts Electric (2019-24)

Allowed return on equity	9.6%
Capex	c.\$1.5bn

# NG Ventures

## Capital investment: £478m

- Sellindge converter station rebuild
- Grain LNG Phase 4 construction
- 73% of Viking Link interconnector cable now laid
- US solar projects – over 670MW under construction

## Multi Purpose Interconnectors

- Progressing case for further network integration with industry and regulators

## Offshore Wind

- Community Offshore Wind JV with RWE expected to submit bid in next NY State offtake solicitation



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# Financial Performance

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Chief Financial Officer



# A strong, resilient business model

## Currency exposure

- c.70% of our US assets hedged with USD debt
- c.5¢ move in average USD:GBP impacts EPS by +/-1p on an annualised basis

## Inflation impact

- Broadly neutral impact on near term earnings
- Earnings improve when inflation moderates
  - Higher UK RAV, index-linked interest reduces

## Interest rates

- OpCos broadly match leverage to regulatory frameworks
- HoldCo debt<sup>1</sup> c.£12bn
  - New guidance reflects higher future funding costs

1. Excluding bridge facility



# Upgraded 5 year outlook and guidance

## FY2022 - 2026

### Capital investment

One of the FTSE's  
**biggest investors**  
in the delivery  
of net zero

**Up to £40bn – c.£29bn green<sup>1</sup>**, aligning to EU taxonomy

**c.£9bn**

UK Electricity Transmission

**c.£12bn**

New York Regulated

**c.£6bn**

UK Electricity Distribution

**c.£9bn**

New England Regulated

**c.£3-4bn**

NG Ventures

### Group asset growth

**8-10% CAGR<sup>2</sup>**

### Credit metrics

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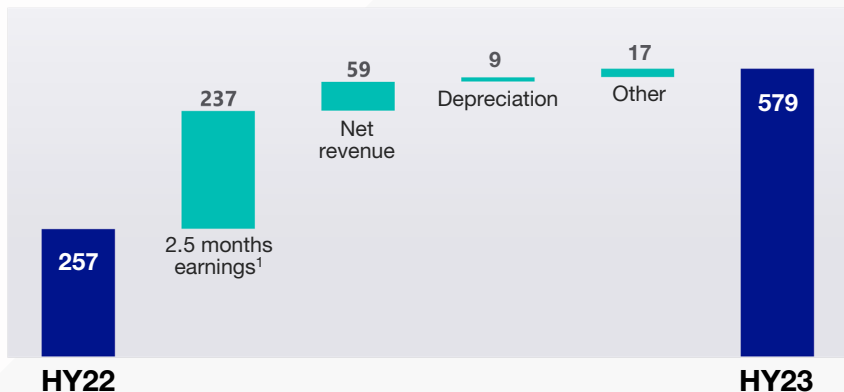
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# UK Electricity Distribution

## Underlying Operating Profit (£m)



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**£579m**

HY22: **£257m**

- Additional 2.5 months of contribution
- Higher indexed revenues
- Small gain on smart metering disposal

## Capital investment

**£584m**

HY22: **£315m**

- Additional 2.5 months
- Higher customer connections, driven by low carbon technologies

**9.01** out of **10**

Industry leading, customer satisfaction score

**99.995%**

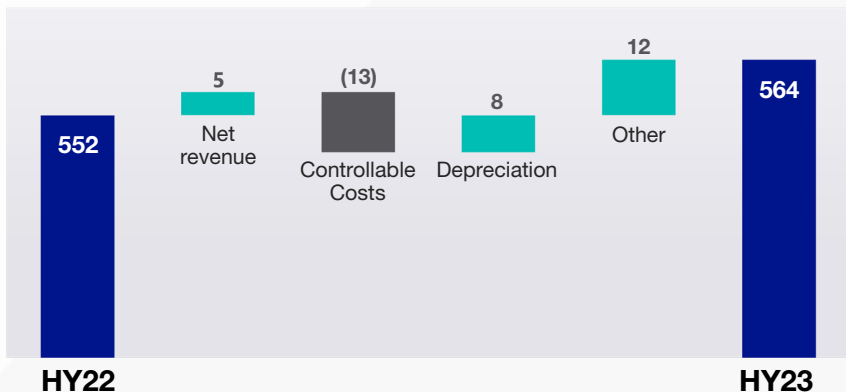
Network reliability

Underlying results, excluding timing, exceptional items and remeasurements.

1. Additional 2.5 months of earnings following ownership of the business for the full 6 month period.

# UK Electricity Transmission

## Underlying Operating Profit (£m)



### Electricity System Operator

Underlying Operating Profit

**£52m**

HY22: **£49m**

Underlying Operating Profit

**£564m**

HY22: **£552m**

- Higher revenue indexation
- Offset by £69m return to Western Link

Capital investment

**£629m**

HY22: **£587m**

- Resilience spend and new connections
- Progress on LPT2 and Hinkley C connection projects

Underlying results, excluding timing, exceptional items and remeasurements.

# US Regulated – New York

## Underlying Operating Profit (£m)



Underlying Operating Profit  
**£202m**

HY22: **£162m**

- Higher revenues through rate settlements
- Covid cost recovery
- Partly offset by higher environmental provisions

Capital investment

**£1,242m**

HY22: **£978m**

- £150m attributable to non-cash lease additions

Underlying results from continuing operations excluding exceptional items, remeasurements, and timing.

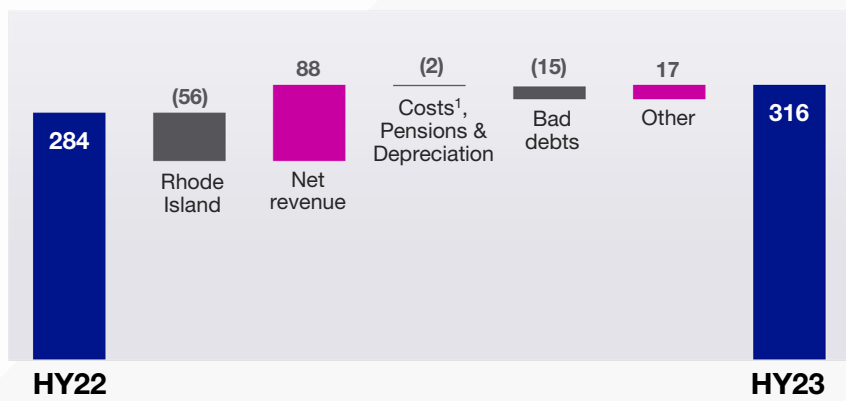
Operating profit and capital investment presented at constant currency.

1. Net revenue includes covid cost recoveries.

2. Controllable costs.

# US Regulated – New England

## Underlying Operating Profit (£m)



Underlying Operating Profit  
**£316m**

HY22: **£284m**

- New rate settlements
- Partly offset by Rhode Island sale

Capital investment  
**£862m**

HY22: **£804m**

- £147m increased investment
- Partly offset by Rhode Island sale

Underlying results from continuing operations excluding exceptional items, remeasurements, and timing. Operating profit and capital investment presented at constant currency.  
1. Controllable costs.



# NG Ventures

Operating Profit (£m)	6 months ended	
	30 Sept 2022	30 Sept 2021
Grain LNG	77	58
Interconnectors	166	65
US Ventures	25	30
Business Development & Other	(9)	(2)
	<b>259</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Post tax share of JVs (£m)</b>		
Interconnectors <sup>1</sup>	40	30
Millennium	14	13
Other	18	4
	<b>72</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total NGV</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>198</b>

1. 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.

## Operating Profit:

- Increased profit at Isle of Grain LNG
- Full contribution from North Sea Link interconnector
- IFA1 insurance proceeds

Capital  
investment

**£478m**

HY22: **£297m**

# Other activities

Operating Profit (£m)	6 months ended	
	30 Sept 2022	30 Sept 2021
Property	227	17
NG Partners	(17)	33
Corporate & other	(65)	(35)
	<b>145</b>	<b>15</b>

## Post tax share of JVs (£m)

St William	-	5
NG Partners	(2)	9
	<b>(2)</b>	<b>14</b>

### Operating Profit:

- Property sales as part of St William JV transaction
- Slightly offset by NG Partners fair value movements

Capital  
investment<sup>1</sup>

**£46m**

HY22: **£46m**

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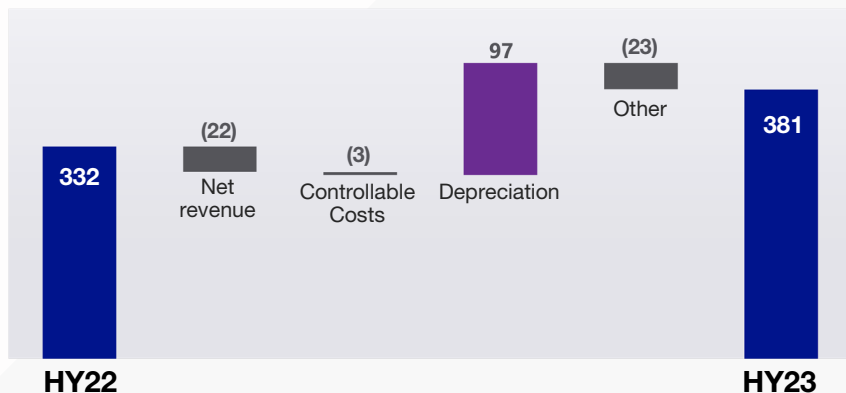
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1. Capital investment includes investment in NG Partners.

# Discontinued operations<sup>1</sup>

## UK Gas Transmission & Metering

### Underlying Operating Profit (£m)



Underlying  
Operating Profit

**£381m**

HY22: **£332m**

- Cessation of depreciation as business 'Held for Sale'

Capital  
investment

**£174m**

HY22: **£131m**

- Increased spend on asset health and cyber

Operating profit excluding timing, exceptional items and remeasurements.

1. 100% of UK Gas Transmission & Metering to be treated as a discontinued operation until the sale of the 60% stake to the Macquarie-led consortium completes.

# Interest, tax and earnings

Finance costs<sup>1</sup>

**£732m**

**43% higher** than HY22

- Higher index-linked debt interest costs
- Additional 2.5 months UK Electricity Distribution and bridge financing

Underlying effective tax rate<sup>2</sup>

**19.7%**

Underlying tax charge: **£273m**

- 70bps higher than prior year
- FY23 expected underlying effective tax rate<sup>2</sup> of 22%

Underlying earnings<sup>3</sup>

**£1,182m**

HY22: **£812m**

- Underlying EPS of 32.4p, 42% up on prior year

1. Net finance costs at constant currency excluding discontinued operations.

2. Underlying effective tax rate excluding joint ventures and associates.

3. Underlying results attributable to equity shareholders at actual currency.

Underlying results, excluding timing, exceptional items and remeasurements.

# Cash flow and net debt

Cash generated from operations<sup>1</sup>

**£2.4bn**

HY22: **£2.0bn**

Net cash outflow<sup>2</sup>

**£3.1bn**

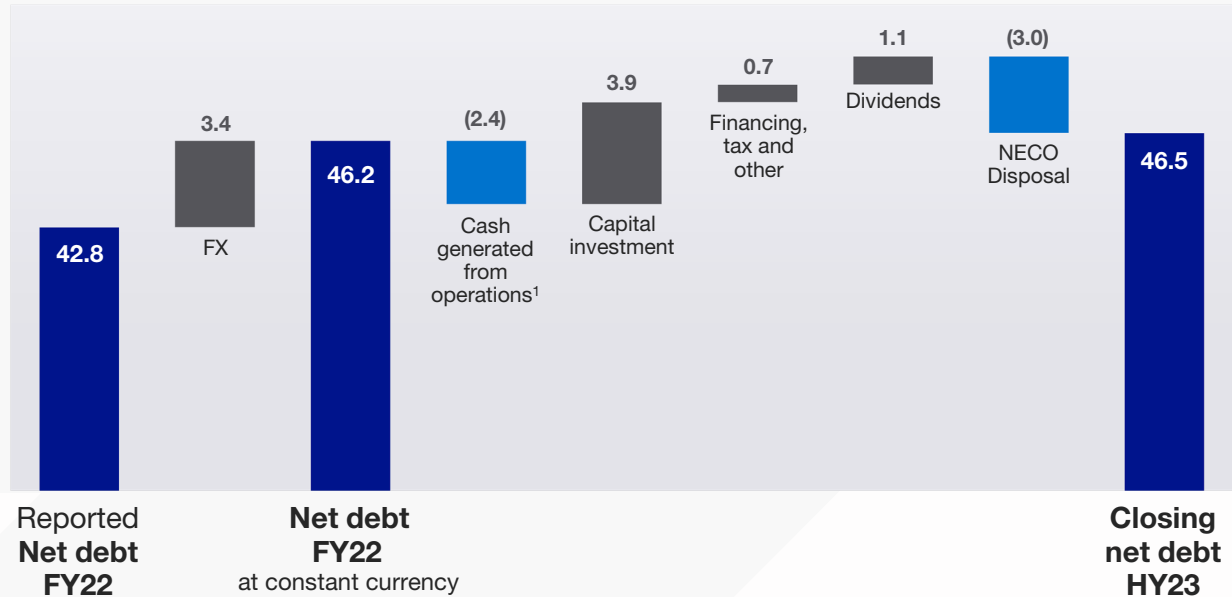
HY22: **£1.6bn**

Net Debt<sup>3</sup>

**£46.5bn**

FY22: **£46.2bn**

## Net debt (£bn)



1. From continuing operations.

2. Net cashflow from continuing operations, excluding NECO proceeds and other investing and financing transactions.

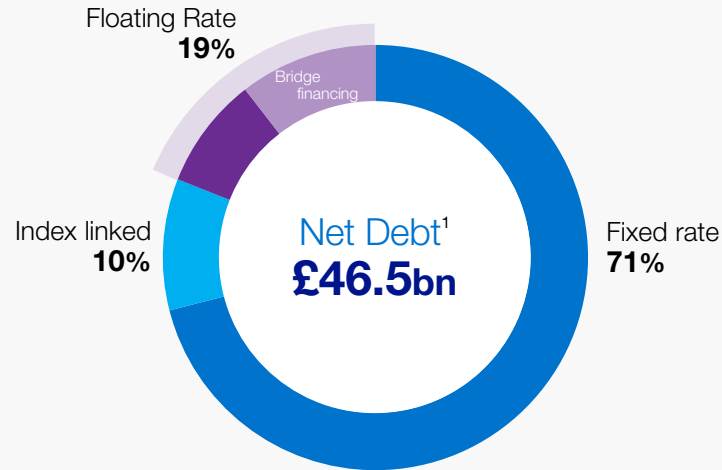
3. Net debt excludes debt classified as 'Held for Sale'.

# Debt structure

Net Debt<sup>1</sup>

**£46.5bn**

FY22: **£42.8bn**<sup>2</sup>



## Currency profile<sup>3</sup>

51% £ sterling   48% US dollar   1% Euro

- Post transactions floating rate debt to settle around 10%
- Remain comfortable with our funding requirements
- Raise c.£5-6bn per annum
  - £4bn of bond financing complete in H1 2023

1. Net debt excludes debt classified as 'Held for Sale'.

2. FY22 net debt at constant currency was £46.2bn.

3. Ultimate liability, not currency of issue.



# Summary

## Strong and resilient business model

- Upgraded 5-year financial framework
  - Record capital investment for H1
  - Up to £40bn of investment through to FY26
- FY23 underlying EPS guidance
  - Middle of new 6-8% range

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# Priorities & Outlook

**John Pettigrew**  
Chief Executive



# UK priorities

## Enabling the clean energy of tomorrow

- One of the UK's biggest investors in delivering net zero

## Regulatory focus

- Agree RIIO-ED2 settlement
- Agree the onshore transmission framework
  - To enable Government offshore wind target of 50GW
  - Potential investment of £14bn for 19 major projects
- Support Ofgem's RIIO-T3 initial engagement process



# UK priorities

## What we need from Ofgem and Government

1. **Clarity and commitment** on the 19 projects identified
2. **Anticipatory investment framework** to mitigate connection queues and costs
3. **Planning process reform** to reduce delivery timelines
4. **Clear long term economic benefits** for communities where infrastructure is built
5. **A financial framework** that fairly represents proportionate risk and reward





# US priorities

## State relationships and policy

- Focused on strengthening relations in New York and Massachusetts

## Continued regulatory focus

- Massachusetts regulatory decisions anticipated by end of 2022
  - \$400m of Advanced Metering Infrastructure funding
  - \$275m Phase 3 EV proposal
- New KEDNY and KEDLI rate agreements
  - Expect to file next Spring for rates effective in 2024



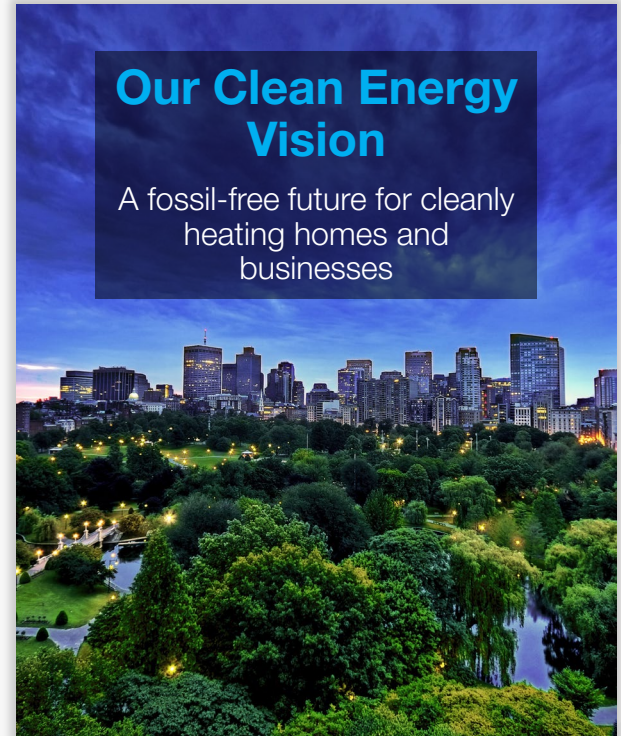
# US priorities

## Progressing our Clean Energy Vision

- Advocate for a hybrid solution
- New York and Massachusetts to set policy recommendations for role of gas

## Federal policy

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs act
- Inflation Reduction Act
  - Incentivising >\$1tn of clean energy investment
  - Supports our Clean Energy Vision and NGV's North East Hydrogen Hub project





# Strengthening our Responsible Business commitments

The heart of a  
**clean, fair and  
affordable energy future**

## Our **Responsible Business Charter**

- Annual progress reported via Responsible Business Report
- Next iteration of the Charter to be **released in early 2023**



# Summary

## Significant progress and strong financial performance

- Upgraded guidance demonstrates Group's financial resilience
- Progressing the energy transition at pace to:
  - Bring customer bills down
  - Increase energy security
  - Achieve net zero
- Opportunities reinforce National Grid's vital role in making the energy transition happen





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# Appendices



*Bringing energy  
to a carbon-free  
future*

# Pensions & other post employment benefit obligations (IAS 19 data)

At 30 September 2022 (£m)	UK			US		Total
	ESPS	NGUK PS	NGED DB	Pensions	OPEBs <sup>1</sup>	
Fair value of plan assets	2,664	4,538	5,628	6,360	2,632	21,822
Present value of liabilities	(1,992)	(4,011)	(4,509)	(5,956)	(2,719)	(19,187)
Net asset/(liability)	672	527	1,119	404	(87)	2,635
Taxation	(168)	(132)	(280)	(102)	21	(661)
<b>Net asset/(liability) net of taxation</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>(66)</b>	<b>1,974</b>
Discount rates	5.35%	5.35%	5.35%	5.35%	5.35%	

At 31 March 2022 (£m)	UK			US		Total
	ESPS	NGUK PS	NGED DB	Pensions	OPEBs <sup>1</sup>	
Fair value of plan assets	3,430	5,779	7,656	7,263	2,885	27,013
Present value of liabilities	(2,797)	(5,260)	(6,218)	(6,779)	(2,884)	(23,938)
Net asset/(liability)	633	519	1,438	484	1	3,075
Taxation	(158)	(130)	(359)	(128)	-	(775)
<b>Net asset/(liability) net of taxation</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,300</b>
Discount rates	2.80%	2.80%	2.80%	3.65%	3.65%	

1. OPEBs = Other post employment benefits.

# Timing impacts

£m	UK Electricity Transmission	UK Electricity System Operator	UK Electricity Distribution	New York	New England	Continuing operations	Discontinued: UK Gas Transmission	Total
31 March 2022 closing balance	(85)	(127)	22	660	(333)	137	(156)	(19)
Opening balance restatement adjustment	-	-	4	1	(12)	(7)	(3)	(10)
Over/(under) recovery	(65)	95	(48)	(220)	(123)	(361)	(41)	(402)
<i>Rhode island disposal</i>	-	-	-	-	(17)	(17)	-	(17)
30 September 2022 closing balance to (recover)/return	(150)	(32)	(22)	441	(485)	(248)	(200)	(448)
1 April 2021 opening balance	-	(80)	-	519	(297)	142	(76)	66
Over/(under) recovery	(2)	14	24	(22)	(139)	(125)	(80)	(205)
30 September 2021 Closing balance to (recover)/return	(2)	(66)	24	497	(436)	17	(156)	(139)
Year on year timing variance	(63)	81	(72)	(198)	16	(236)	39	(197)

2021/22 opening balance restatement adjustment reflects finalisation of timing balances.

All USD balances stated using the average 2021/22 rate of \$1.2071 to £1.

2021/22 closing timing balance (continuing) as at 30 September 2022 at spot rate (\$1.1170): -\$252m.

2020/21 closing timing balance (continuing) as at 30 September 2021 at spot rate (\$1.3480): \$10m.

# Weighted average number of shares

<b>For the half year ended 30 September</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Number of shares (millions):		
Current period opening shares	3,645	3,549
Scrip dividend shares (weighted issue)	2	18
Other share movements (weighted from issuance / repurchase)	4	2
<b>Weighted average number of shares</b>	<b>3,651</b>	<b>3,569</b>
Underlying earnings (£m)	1,182	812
Underlying EPS	32.4p	22.8p