

# Half Year Results

2018/19

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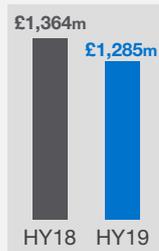


## Strong strategic progress

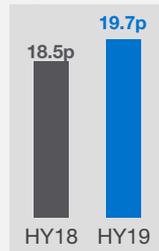
- Decision to exercise the options on our remaining 39% stake in Cadent
- Completed full refresh of rates for US distribution companies
- Started significant cost efficiency programme in the UK
- Taken final investment decision on Viking interconnector to Denmark

## Solid financial performance

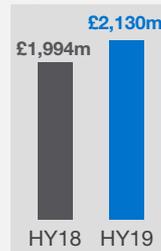
Underlying operating profit  
**down 6%**



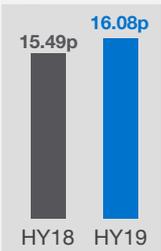
Underlying earnings per share  
**up 6%**



Capital investment  
**up 7%**



Dividend growth in line with policy  
**up 3.8%**



Underlying results from continuing operations, excluding exceptional items, remeasurements, timing and major storms  
Operating profit and capital investment calculated at constant currency

## Cadent – sale of remaining 39% share

- Sale completion in June 2019
- Will complete exit of UK gas distribution
- Created significant value for shareholders – £4bn returned to shareholders last year
- Cash proceeds of £2bn to be reinvested in the business

## Creating a more agile organisation

- Comprehensive review of UK cost base to ensure we are well positioned for the future
- Expect to deliver at least £100m of opex savings from FY21
- Continue to expect 200-300 bps of outperformance over RIIO-T1

## Good regulatory progress in the US

- All distribution businesses now under refreshed rate plans – full refresh provides solid foundation to deliver capex and strong returns
- Clarity on tax reform impact
- Negotiations continue with two Massachusetts unions

## New rates agreed in Rhode Island and Massachusetts Gas

### Rhode Island Gas and Electric rates

#### Summary of outcome

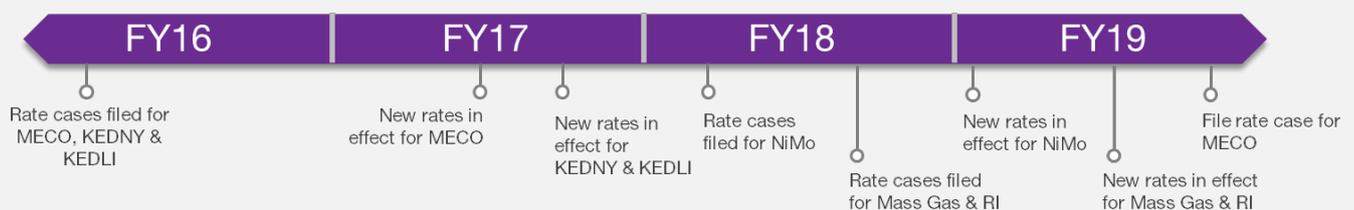
- 3 year rate plan from September 2018
- RoE of 9.3%
- \$240m annual capex allowance
- Upside only incentives of 7-20 bps

### Massachusetts Gas rates

#### Summary of outcome

- RoE of 9.5%
- \$413m annual capex allowance
- New rates effective from October 2018

## Progress on US regulatory filings



## UK Electricity Transmission

**£556m**

UNDERLYING  
OPERATING PROFIT  
HY18 £540m

## UK Gas Transmission

**£91m**

UNDERLYING  
OPERATING PROFIT  
HY18 £144m

## US Regulated

**£431m**

UNDERLYING  
OPERATING PROFIT  
HY18 £522m

## NG Ventures

**£131m**

OPERATING PROFIT  
HY18 £132m

JVs post tax share

**£31m**

HY18 £24m

## Other activities

**£76m**

OPERATING PROFIT  
HY18 £26m

JVs post tax share

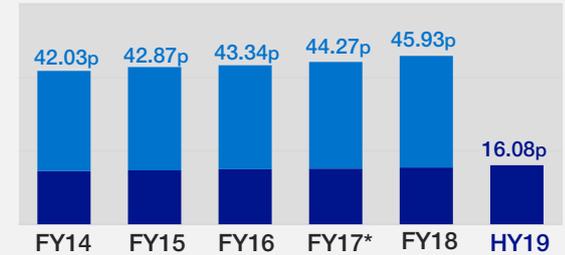
**£(6)m**

HY18 £(4)m

## Dividend and scrip

- Aim to grow DPS at least in line with UK RPI inflation
- Scrip option to be offered

Dividend per share



\* Excludes special dividend of 84.375p

## Wide range of growth drivers

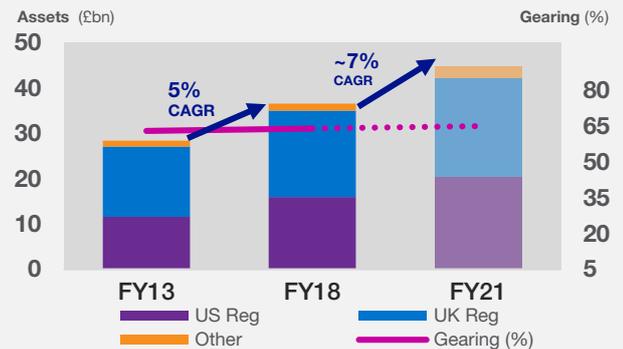
- Asset health investments and new opportunities to meet changing customer needs

>£12bn of investment over the next 3 years



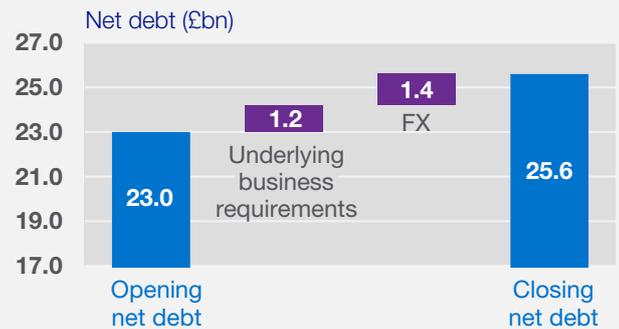
## Efficiently funding growth

- Forecast to maintain gearing at around 65% over the medium-term
  - consistent with strong credit rating



## Net debt

- Net debt guidance maintained
- Ongoing business requirements to increase net debt in FY19 by approximately £2.5bn, excluding FX impact



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