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One of the world's largest publicly listed utilities focused on transmission and distribution of electricity and gas in the United Kingdom and the United States. We play a vital role in connecting millions of people to the energy they use safely, reliably and efficiently.



Strong track record of delivering growth and yield



RAV/Rate base growth (£m)



Balanced business with stable regulation

Attractions of being a regulated network utility

- Dividend consistency underpinned by regulatory framework
- Protection from generation and supply exposures and margins
- Macro-economic protection through bad debt trackers, credit protection, inflation linked revenues

Strengths of National Grid

- Balance of activities between the UK and US; Electricity and Gas; Transmission and Distribution
- Stable regulatory environment, 95%+ regulated revenues
- Targetting 5–7% asset growth assuming 3% UK RPI inflation

Key measures to deliver shareholder value

Value added

Captures total return per share created on an operational basis

2015/16



Asset and dividend growth drive shareholder value



Growth return on equity (RoE)



Total shareholder return (TSR)

Core regulated asset growth, dividend and A- credit ratings Decisions to enhance TSR through:



Capital investment 2015/16



UK RAV £25.4bn £26.1bn + + + US Rate base £12.0bn* £12.7bn = = = Total RAV/Rate base £37.4bn £38.8bn

* At constant currency

Other assets and invested capital £3.2bn

Strong balance sheet enables growth and a secure dividend

Appropriate mix of debt and equity financing

- ~60/40 debt to equity split, in-line with regulatory assumption
- Appropriate level of debt funding for strong credit ratings
- Retained cash flow (RCF) to net debt above 9%
- Strong single A credit rating for UK operating companies and majority of US operating companies; NG plc rated BBB+
- Scrip dividend and share buyback provides flexibility for growth while minimising share dilution
- Global treasury operations deliver financing benefits



Strong operational and financial performance in 2015/16



Evolving portfolio to deliver yield and higher growth

Sale of a majority stake in UK Gas Distribution

- Rebalance the portfolio towards higher growth
- Maintain dividend policy and strong balance sheet

USET Asset growth rate Yield

Drivers for long-term success

Significant growth opportunities

- Expect to sustain current level of investment
- Investment in asset health and connecting new sources of energy in the UK
- Organic growth in the US to reinforce, replace and extend infrastructure, particularly for gas distribution
- Interconnector development opportunities
- Opportunities to deliver electricity transmission projects and other FERC regulated assets in the US

Capital investment (£m)





Investment case underpinned by the responsible way we do business

Focus on areas of material impact:

- Safety including suppliers
- Network reliability
- Customer satisfaction
- Employee engagement
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Workforce diversity

Additional measures from 2016:

- Community engagement
- Education, skills and capabilities
- Reviewed non-material areas:
- Water usage



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