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Some of the statements contained herein are forward looking statements about Scottish Power UK plc and its subsidiaries, and Iberdrola, S.A.'s strategic plans. Although Scottish Power UK plc and Iberdrola, S.A. believe that the expectations reflected in such statements are reasonable, the statements are not guarantees as to future performance and undue reliance should not be placed on them.

# STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present an overview of Scottish Power UK plc's structure, 2015 performance, strategic objectives and plans.

## SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC GROUP

### STRATEGIC OUTLOOK AND 2015 PERFORMANCE

Scottish Power UK plc ("the company"), registered company number SC117120, principally acts as the holding company of the Scottish Power UK plc group ("the group"), whose activities comprise the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, energy management and the supply of electricity and gas principally in the United Kingdom ("UK"). The three reported segments operated by the group during the year were Energy Networks, Energy Wholesale and Retail, and Renewables.

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola, S.A. ("Iberdrola"), the largest European integrated utility company. Scottish Power Limited is the UK holding company of Scottish Power Limited group ("ScottishPower") of which the company is a member.

The group's strategic objectives include:

- investing to power the UK's future by optimising existing and future assets in order to maximise value for customers and shareholders;
- making clean energy work for the UK, including reducing the cost of offshore and onshore wind energy and encouraging the construction of new gas plant; and
- delivering fairness to customers and communities to enable everyone to benefit from its lowest prices and recommended energy efficiency measures.

The group will continue to invest in clean energy and its networks to ensure businesses and homes have the power they need, even though the environment within which the group operates remains challenging. Since the 2015 UK General Election, the Government has committed to 'reset' energy policy. This includes the potential reform of the Capacity Market to encourage new gas and hydro plant to be built and three further Contracts for Difference ("CfD") allocation rounds up to 2020 that could include offshore wind if costs continue to fall.

In 2016 an election will be held for the Scottish Parliament that may affect the weight of Scotland's influence over UK energy policy and the referendum determining whether the UK should remain in or leave the European Union ("EU") will be held on 23 June 2016.

The Competition and Markets Authority ("CMA") is to conclude its investigation into the market to acquire and supply gas and electricity by 25 June 2016, including issuing its final report by that date. On 10 March 2016 the CMA issued its Summary Provisional Decision on Remedies. The group has responded to these, focusing on ensuring that the remedies give customers more choice and help competition work better within the market.

Looking forward to 2016 and beyond:

- the Energy Networks business will invest £7 billion over ten years as it continues to operate under the price control mechanisms laid out in the RII0 regime (Revenue=Incentives+Innovation+Outputs);
- the closure of Energy Wholesale's Longannet power station on 31 March 2016 marked the end of the plant's 46 years of power production in Scotland;
- the retail market continues to be competitive and Energy Retail's response includes a new UK wide marketing campaign emphasising the 'big and small' benefits provided to customers; and
- in Renewables construction of the East Anglia One offshore wind farm will advance in 2016 and a further 474 megawatts ("MW") of new onshore capacity will also come online.

The table below provides key financial information relating to the group's performance during the year. Further detail is provided in the individual business sections of the Strategic Report.

Financial key performance indicators ("KPIs")	Revenue*		Profit from operations*		Capital investment**	
	2015 £m	2014 £m	2015 £m	2014 £m	2015 £m	2014 £m
Scottish Power UK plc group	6,590.4	7,107.4	665.1	765.0	1,334.4	1,337.9

\* The group's total revenue and profit from operations as presented on page 20.

\*\* The group's total capital investment as presented in Note 6(d) on page 41.

In the financial year revenues have decreased by £517 million, primarily as a result of reduced sales within the Energy Wholesale and Retail business which are largely offset by lower procurement costs. Profit from operations has decreased by £100 million reflecting reduced profits in the Energy Wholesale and Retail business, principally due to impairment charges and provisions in relation to the closure of Longannet power station. This has been offset by increased profits from the growth of the Renewables business.

The group's continued commitment to the UK and European energy market is reflected by a capital spend of over £1.3 billion in both 2015 and 2014. This represents 45% (2014 46%) of Iberdrola's total net capital spend. Capital investment is focussed on the Energy Networks and Renewables businesses. The planned 2016 capital investment spend is expected to exceed that of 2015.

## ENERGY NETWORKS

### SEGMENT DESCRIPTION AND OUTLOOK

Energy Networks owns three regulated electricity network businesses in the UK. These businesses are "asset-owner companies", holding the regulated assets and Electricity Distribution and Transmission Licences of ScottishPower, and are regulated monopolies. They own and operate the network of cables and power lines transporting electricity to around 3.5 million connected customers in the South of Scotland, Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales.

In addition, a further unregulated business, SP Power Systems Limited ("Power Systems"), provides asset management expertise and conducts the day-to-day operation of the networks.

The asset-owner companies act as an integrated business unit to concentrate expertise on regulatory and investment strategy and Power Systems implements work programmes commissioned by and agreed with the asset-owner businesses. Strict commercial disciplines are applied at the asset-owner service provider interface with Power Systems operating as a contractor to the distribution and transmission businesses.

One of the regulated businesses, SP Transmission plc ("SPT") is a transmission network owner. The electricity transmission network consists of the high voltage electricity wires that convey electricity from power stations to distribution system entry points or, in certain cases, direct to end users' premises via a national network of high voltage grids.

The other two regulated businesses are Distribution Network Operators ("DNO"); SP Distribution plc ("SPD") and SP Manweb plc ("SPM"). The electricity distribution networks are regional grids that transport electricity at a lower voltage from the national grids and embedded generators to industrial, commercial and domestic users.

## STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

### ENERGY NETWORKS *continued*

#### SEGMENT DESCRIPTION AND OUTLOOK *continued*

All three regulated businesses are natural monopolies and are governed by The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets ("Ofgem") via regulatory price controls. The primary objective of the regulation of the electricity networks is the protection of customers' interests while ensuring that demand can be met and companies are able to finance their activities. Price controls are the method by which the amount of allowed revenue is set for network companies over the period of the price control. Price control processes are designed to cover each company's efficient costs and allows them to earn a reasonable return, provided they act in an efficient manner, deliver value for customers and meet Ofgem targets.

The transmission and distribution network companies face a considerable challenge over the next decade to secure the significant investment required to maintain reliable and secure networks. To ensure that this investment is delivered at a fair price for customers, Ofgem have introduced the RIIO framework. It is a performance based model, lasting eight years, that places a much greater emphasis on network companies playing a full role in developing a sustainable energy sector and delivering services that provide value for money for customers. A key feature is agreement on the set of outputs that companies are expected to deliver as part of the framework and the provision of incentives to reduce network costs for both current and future customers.

In 2015, the second year of the transmission price control ("RIIO-T1"), SPT continued to deliver its plan and increased the rate of investment in its network by 14% over the previous year to £283 million. SPT is confident that it will deliver the outputs set out in its business plan and that its plan continues to represent excellent value for money for electricity consumers. Although it is still early in the price control period, SPT is realising real savings in the delivery of its activities through commercial and technical innovation and these savings will be shared with consumers.

In the distribution businesses, SPD's and SPM's RPI-X price controls ended in March 2015 and the new RIIO-ED1 framework became effective from April 2015 with a new price control that will run until March 2023. On 3 February 2015 Ofgem published the statutory notice to enact the RIIO-ED1 price controls in the licences of the electricity distribution companies with effect from 1 April 2015. An appeal was made to the CMA by British Gas Trading ("BGT") in respect of the content of the modifications to the licences, particularly in respect of some of the components of allowed revenue. The CMA issued its determination of the appeal at the end of September 2015 and rejected BGT's appeal in all respects except for one component, which resulted in allowed revenues being reduced by a little under £3 million (based on 2012/13 prices) per annum for SPD and SPM in total, over the remaining seven years of RIIO-ED1.

In line with the group's strategic objectives and its regulatory obligations, Energy Networks is maintaining its significant investment in the UK energy network. Over the last ten years, Energy Networks has invested around £6 billion in its transmission and distribution network, and during the next ten years, Energy Networks plans to invest a further £7 billion to modernise and improve service to customers. Energy Networks' ten year investment plans are reviewed annually in detail to ensure that Energy Networks is aligned with and continue to support Government energy policy. Recent announcements by the UK Government to manage possible over-spend of the Levy Control Framework have led to some renewables developers scaling back future activity. Energy Networks is in communication with contracted customers across the transmission and distribution business. Whilst it is expected that these announcements may impact the total capacity that SPT has contracted with National Grid to connect, the prudent baseline investment scenario that Energy Networks agreed at the time of concluding RIIO-T1 is not expected to be materially affected. It is worth emphasising that investments in interconnectors, for which export capability was previously the main driver have become vital to ensure security of supply through import capability in light of large thermal plant closures on both sides of the Anglo-Scottish border. Energy Networks' strategic plans therefore remain an important focal point for the UK energy consumer.

The drive to modernise and improve service to customers, together with the age profile of Energy Networks' employees and those of its contractors, means that almost 4,000 people will need to be recruited over the next ten years to support its activities and to replace retirees. Energy Networks have carried out a review of its resourcing strategy and have already started on its plan to bridge the industry skills gap by investing in comprehensive training and development programmes. These training programmes include graduate trainees, engineering apprentices, craft apprentices and adult craft trainees. Energy Networks is also providing training to its craftspeople to widen their skills so that they can carry out a range of operational duties and upskill those that have demonstrated the capability to move on to the Trainee Engineer programme. During 2015 Energy Networks recruited 8 graduates, 9 engineering apprentices, 15 trainee craftspeople and 68 craft apprentices.

#### 2015 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Financial key performance indicators ("KPIs")	Revenue *		Profit from operations **		Capital investment ***	
	2015 £m	2014 £m	2015 £m	2014 £m	2015 £m	2014 £m
Energy Networks	1,113.7	1,113.5	612.2	617.7	845.2	792.3

\* Segment total as presented in Note 6(b) on page 38.

\*\* Segment profit from operations as presented in Note 6(c) on page 39.

\*\*\* Segment capital investment as presented in Note 6(d) on page 41.

Energy Networks' revenue is in line with the prior year. The stable revenue position was driven by the profile of allowable revenues for SPT under RIIO-T1 and for distribution revenues under RIIO-ED1.

Profit from operations decreased by £6 million to £612 million in 2015, mainly from higher depreciation as a consequence of an increased asset base.

Energy Networks' capital investment increased by £53 million to £845 million in 2015, with increased spend in SPT partly offset by reduced distribution capital investment. The increase in SPT is mainly due to the development of a sub-sea High Voltage Direct Current ("HVDC") 400 km cable which is part of a brand new interconnector running between Scotland and Wales. SPT is playing a major role in the upgrade of the UK electricity grid, which is running close to maximum capacity and has substantial investment plans under RIIO-T1 to upgrade the transmission network. Distribution capital investment has decreased in 2015 due to lower storm and refurbishment spend.

## STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

### ENERGY NETWORKS *continued*

#### 2015 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE *continued*

The three regulated businesses within Energy Networks are required to prepare regulatory accounts for the years ending 31 March. Reporting of key performance indicators is aligned to the regulatory year end. Consequently, the latest available data for the last regulatory year for Energy Networks has been disclosed in the table, with the exception of distributed energy that is reported for the years ending 31 December.

Non-financial key performance indicators	Notes	2015	2014
<b>Distributed energy (GWh)*</b>			
- SPD		18,440	18,541
- SPM		15,569	15,676
<b>Customer interruptions</b>	(a)		
- SPD		46.6	53.0
- SPM		32.8	40.9
<b>Customer minutes lost</b>	(b)		
- SPD		34.0	43.8
- SPM		36.1	44.7
<b>Customer satisfaction</b>	(c)		
- SPD		8.4	8.3
- SPM		8.4	8.4
<b>Transmission operational performance</b>	(d)		
- SPT		3	7

\* Gigawatt hours ("GWh")

(a) Customer interruptions are reported as the number of customers, per 100 customers, that are affected during the year by power cuts that last three minutes or more. The 2014/15 Ofgem targets for customer interruptions were 60.1 for SPD and 44.9 for SPM. Both licenced entities outperformed the Ofgem target.

(b) Customer minutes lost is reported as the average number of minutes that a customer is without power during a year due to power cuts that last for three minutes or more. The 2014/15 Ofgem targets for customer minutes were 57.5 for SPD and 59.1 for SPM. Both licenced entities outperformed the Ofgem target.

(c) The customer satisfaction measure consists of three components: a customer satisfaction survey, complaints metric and stakeholder engagement. The rating is out of ten. Attached to the measure are financial rewards and penalties related to DNO performance. The 2014/15 Ofgem target for the customer satisfaction measure was 8.5 for both SPD and SPM. Both licenced entities were marginally lower than the Ofgem target.

(d) Transmission operational performance is reported as the number of 'energy not supplied' and associated incidents. These incentivised incidents are incidents where the loss of supply is longer than three minutes.

Energy Networks is committed to maintaining high performance during extreme weather events. Consequently, during the course of the year over £37 million was invested to refurbish or rebuild the overhead line network. In addition £16 million was invested in tree cutting activities. Both of these investments have contributed significantly to improving performance of distribution assets during storms.

The long-term safety and reliability of the group's electricity distribution networks and their impact on customers are key business priorities. Whilst working to improve reliability and restoration, the networks are designed and operated in a way that ensures the safety of the public and employees with minimal number and duration of supply interruptions.

### ENERGY WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

#### SEGMENT DESCRIPTION AND OUTLOOK

Given the complexity of the Energy Wholesale and Retail segment, and in the interests of transparency, analysis of the key business functions has been provided below.

#### ENERGY WHOLESALE

Energy Wholesale's operations are focused on managing the complex market conditions in relation to the operation of the group's generation asset base (except for those technologies managed by Renewables) and managing the group's exposure to the UK wholesale electricity and gas markets.

Energy Wholesale owns and operates more than 4,800 MW of generating capacity comprising coal<sup>1</sup>, gas and hydroelectric generation assets, giving the business a flexible and balanced portfolio.

Energy management is predominantly responsible for:

- the purchase of external supplies of coal, gas and emissions certificates for the generation of electricity;
- the purchase of external supplies of electricity and gas for onward sale to customers;
- the optimisation of gas storage; and
- the sale of electricity to wholesale market participants in the UK.

The regulatory environment within which Energy Wholesale operates continues to undergo significant change with the second Capacity Market auction held in December 2015. The second annual auction cleared at a price of £18 per kilowatt ("kW") for delivery during 2019/20. Energy Wholesale secured market agreements for its four operational combined cycle gas plants ("CCGT"), its pumped storage plant at Cruachan and its hydro operations. This builds upon the agreements already secured in last year's auction for delivery during 2018/19. The Government did not procure any capacity from new CCGT's, including Energy Wholesale's Damhead Creek 2 development, but it has stated its intent to review the Capacity Market auction process to ensure that it delivers the gas-fired generation that the UK needs.

The Carbon Price Support Rate tax ("carbon tax"), which is a tax levied by the UK Government on the fossil fuels used to generate electricity, continues to have a significant impact on the UK's coal-fired power stations. The combination of the high carbon taxes, high transmission charging and National Grid's decision not to award Longannet power station a contract for grid balancing services, has meant that running a thermal plant in Scotland is uneconomic. As a result, the decision was taken to close Longannet power station. The station closed on 31 March 2016 marking the end of its 46 years of power production in Scotland, thus reducing Energy Wholesale's generating capacity to 2,531 MW.

Energy Wholesale has also confirmed that it will not be progressing with the development of a CCGT plant at Cockenzie due to the same economic conditions affecting all thermal plant in Scotland.

<sup>1</sup> Following the closure of Longannet Power Station on 31 March 2016, coal generation is no longer part of the group's generation portfolio.

## STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

### ENERGY WHOLESALE AND RETAIL *continued*

#### SEGMENT DESCRIPTION AND OUTLOOK *continued*

##### ENERGY WHOLESALE *continued*

Capacity Market auctions are an important factor in making future strategic decisions, including building new plant, as well as optimising the existing portfolio. Energy Wholesale has a strong development portfolio containing strategic projects that, subject to market signals, will grow the portfolio in the future. This includes Damhead Creek 2, a new build CCGT project (potentially up to 1,800 MW) adjacent to Energy Wholesale's existing Damhead Creek station which is expected to enter into the 2016 Capacity Market auction. Energy Wholesale also has other development projects that are in their early stages including a potential enlargement of the pumped storage plant at Cruachan.

Overall the portfolio and strategic development options are well positioned to take advantage of future market conditions.

##### ENERGY RETAIL

Energy Retail is responsible for the supply of electricity and gas to 5.5 million domestic and business customers throughout Great Britain, as well as providing customer services such as customer registration, billing and receipting processes and handling enquiries in respect of these services. Energy Retail is also responsible for the associated metering activity and managing the group's Energy Services activities.

The retail market continues to be competitive and Energy Retail's response includes a new UK-wide marketing campaign emphasising the 'big and small' benefits provided to customers. Aligned with this, Energy Retail remains committed to delivering the best service possible and treating its customers fairly. The significant investment in the new billing and customer relationships management system is continuing to enhance the customer service offering. The process of moving to the new billing and customer relationship management system has been challenging and resulted in service problems for some customers. Energy Retail has been determined to put these challenges right, and is continuing to correct problems, pay appropriate compensation and ensure that no customer is left financially disadvantaged. Energy Retail is fully committed to delivering continued service improvements, to return to the high service standards long associated with the group and to ensure that customers realise the very real benefits of the new billing and customer relationship management system investment. Following Energy Retail's adoption of the new billing and customer relationship management system, Ofgem conducted an investigation into Energy Retail's compliance with Standard Licence Condition(s) 25C and 27 and the Gas and Electricity (Consumer Complaint Handling Standards) Regulations 2008. Ofgem's investigation found deficiencies in Energy Retail's billing, customer service and complaint handling performance. In recognition of these issues, Energy Retail agreed a settlement with Ofgem in accordance with which a penalty and consumer redress package totalling £18 million was imposed. The Ofgem investigation began in November 2014 and concluded with a settlement agreed on 25 April 2016. The settlement in line with IAS 10 'Events after the Reporting Period' has been recognised in the 2015 income statement within 'Outside services'

During 2015 Energy Retail has seen an improvement in key service metrics, with complaint levels reducing each quarter. Energy Retail continues to report service performance on its website on an ongoing basis.

Over the last twelve months Energy Retail's digital team has focused its developments on improving the online customers' experience with the two key aims of treating all customers fairly and putting more control of the customers' account in their own hands. This has provided the following benefits to our customers:

- Energy consumption graphs to assist customers in their understanding of how their energy consumption, particularly for heating, can fluctuate throughout the year. To accompany this, online customers that pay monthly by Direct Debit have the ability to adjust their payments, to help them to pay the correct amount for their energy needs.
- The ability to notify Energy Retail about their home move at a time of their convenience and to view the options for the group to supply their new home.
- Significant enhancement to the online help section, effectively turning it into an online support centre. This allows customers, at any time, to get the answers to the queries they may have in relation to the services Energy Retail provides to them.
- An enhanced refund process from December 2015 which means that where customers find themselves with a higher than expected credit balance they can trigger the refund process themselves, thereby ensuring their money is back in their account as quickly as possible.

Energy Retail also continues to make significant efforts to reunite customers who have closed their ScottishPower energy account with a credit balance with their money, including employing trace agents and participating in the Energy UK led 'My Energy Credit' campaign.

The ongoing IT systems investment has also enabled Energy Retail to be strongly positioned for the mass roll-out of Smart meters and to exploit the ongoing developments in digital service, which will further enhance customer service particularly in relation to the accuracy of bills. Customers will also be able to take greater control of their energy usage with the delivery of real-time data and innovative products. Energy Retail continues to play an active role as a participant in industry bodies in advance of the Smart meter mass rollout activity which is expected to commence during 2016.

In April 2015, Energy Retail launched a new Hardship Fund to help some of its most vulnerable customers. Energy Retail committed initial funding of £5.2 million and then added a further £1 million in May 2015. The fund is being used to offer financial support to customers facing wider financial hardship, who are in arrears on their ScottishPower energy account and meet specific criteria. From 1 April 2015 to 31 December 2015 a total of £4 million was awarded to customers. From April 2016, Energy Retail will transfer any unclaimed domestic customer credits which are over two years old into the Hardship Fund.

Energy Retail also supports vulnerable customers with their energy bills through the Warm Home Discount Scheme ("WHD") spending over £34 million in 2015 providing assistance to over 218,000 customers. As well as delivering the WHD and setting up the Hardship Fund, Energy Retail further supports vulnerable customers through:

- The ScottishPower Energy People Trust, which funds registered charities that help people whose lives are affected by fuel poverty. During 2015 the ScottishPower Energy People Trust awarded £1.1 million to 34 community projects, designed to reduce fuel poverty. These projects provided assistance to 22,385 people in 15,140 households. Since the Trust was formed in November 2005 it has awarded £13.7 million to 297 projects helping 1.6 million people in 1.4 million households, and will continue to provide such support.

## STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

### ENERGY WHOLESALE AND RETAIL *continued*

#### SEGMENT DESCRIPTION AND OUTLOOK *continued*

##### ENERGY RETAIL *continued*

- A partnership with The Money Advice Trust (known as 'National Debtline') to proactively assist customers struggling to pay their energy debt. The Trust has been able to support ScottishPower in its objective by engaging with front line staff and delivering bespoke debt awareness training that allows ScottishPower staff to identify when it is appropriate to refer a customer to the free debt advice sector.
- Improving the service Energy Retail provides to some of the more vulnerable customers (identified as having special needs) by proactively identifying contacts from these vulnerable customers and directing their calls to agents who are specially trained in handling sensitive issues.

The delivery of energy efficiency measures continues to be an important objective of Energy Retail and 2015 was the third year of delivery of the Government's Energy Company Obligation ("ECO"). The ECO scheme focuses on reducing heating costs for the most vulnerable customers, and also aims to improve the energy efficiency of properties. Energy Retail has made strong progress towards delivering this obligation, having successfully delivered its March 2015 obligation and is on track to deliver the remaining targets by March 2017.

#### 2015 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Financial key performance indicators ("KPIs")	Revenue *		(Loss)/profit from operations **		Capital Investment ***	
	2015 £m	2014 £m	2015 £m	2014 £m	2015 £m	2014 £m
Energy Wholesale and Retail	5,491.4	6,169.0	(131.1)	67.3	80.1	91.1

\* Segment total revenue as presented in Note 6(b) on page 38.

\*\* Segment profit from operations as presented in Note 6(c) on page 39.

\*\*\* Segment capital investment as presented in Note 6(d) on page 41.

Energy Wholesale and Retail revenue reduced by £678 million to £5,491 million in 2015. This reduction was mainly due to the reduced volume of market sales of both gas and electricity at lower prices. The reduction in revenue was mostly offset by lower procurement costs.

Profit from operations decreased by £198 million to a loss of £131 million in 2015 principally due to the recognition of an impairment charge of £209 million (refer to Note 9) and a restructuring and pension provision of £26 million both in relation to the closure of Longannet power station.

Capital investment in Energy Wholesale and Retail decreased marginally by £11 million, mainly as a result of reduced coal plant investment.

Non-financial key performance indicators	Notes	2015	2014
<b>Plant output (GWh)</b>	(a)		
- Coal		7,813	9,630
- CCGT		6,235	5,459
- CHP	(b)	2	6
- Hydro and Other		704	716
		<b>14,754</b>	<b>15,811</b>
<b>Generating capacity (MW)</b>	(c)		
- Coal		2,304	2,304
- CCGT		1,967	1,967
- CHP	(b)	1	1
- Hydro and Other		563	563
		<b>4,835</b>	<b>4,835</b>
<b>Availability</b>	(d)	85%	80%
<b>Volume supplied (GWh)</b>		52,139	50,968
<b>Complaints handling</b>	(e)	6th	5th
<b>Customers (thousands)</b>	(f)		
- Electricity		3,278	3,354
- Gas		2,178	2,194
		<b>5,456</b>	<b>5,548</b>

(a) Plant output is a reflection of the electricity generated by the business measured in GWh.

(b) CHP is defined as Combined Heat and Power plants.

(c) Generating capacity is the maximum output per second that generating equipment can supply to system load, adjusted for ambient conditions.

(d) Availability is the percentage of the year that the plant is available for use.

(e) Based on the Citizens Advice Complaints Handling Report for October to December 2015, the ranking reflects the group's position relative to other 'Big 6' Energy Companies and is based on a balanced scorecard considering Citizens' Advice, Consumer Futures and Energy Ombudsman referrals and complaints.

(f) Customer numbers are based on the average number of Meter Point Administration Numbers for electricity customers and Meter Point Reference Numbers for gas customers during the year to 31 December.

The movement in complaints handling continues to be influenced by the impact of migrating the Energy Retail customer base to the new billing and customer relationship management system. Despite the movement in industry tables the complaints handling data for the final quarter of 2015 showed a marked improvement on the data from the first three quarters of the year. It is anticipated that this improvement will continue into 2016.

## STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

### RENEWABLES

#### SEGMENT DESCRIPTION AND OUTLOOK

Renewables is responsible for the origination, development, construction and operation of renewable energy generation plants, predominantly onshore wind, with a large and growing presence in offshore wind, and the exploration of emerging renewable technologies such as tidal stream and wave.

Renewables has a successful track record as a developer of onshore wind farms with a conversion rate of MW from planning to consent of over 90%. It is the leading operator of onshore wind farms in the UK with an installed capacity of 1,432 MW at 31 December 2015, and a further 474 MW with final investment approval, all of which are currently under construction.

Renewables is a leading developer of offshore wind. The 389 MW West of Duddon Sands project in the East Irish Sea, as part of a 50/50 joint arrangement with DONG Energy West of Duddon Sands (UK) Limited, is about to complete its first year of full operation with figures of availability and production well ahead of expectations. In 2015 Renewables acquired from its joint venture partner Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd ("Vattenfall") the remaining stake in East Anglia One Limited (refer to Note 36). East Anglia One Limited also signed a CfD for 714 MW after succeeding in the first auction of this kind held in the UK, with a highly competitive price, clearly showing a commitment toward reducing the cost of renewable energy for consumers. Renewables has also finalised an agreement with Vattenfall to split the remainder of the East Anglia Zone, which means Renewables is the sole owner of 2,800 MW of projects under development in the southern part of the East Anglia Zone, with similar characteristics to the East Anglia One project. At 31 December 2015, the group held a 50% interest in the share capital of both East Anglia Three Limited and East Anglia Four Limited. Subsequent to the year end, on 15 February 2016, as part of the above agreement with Vattenfall, East Anglia Three Limited became a wholly owned subsidiary of the group when the group acquired the remaining 50% of the share capital at East Anglia Three Limited. Also on that date, the group disposed of its 50% interest in the share capital of East Anglia Four Limited. The group now holds no interest in East Anglia Four Limited.

Outside of the UK, Renewables is progressing well with the construction of the 350 MW Wikingen wind farm, located off the coast of Germany in the Baltic Sea. After taking the final investment decision and signing all major contracts during 2014, 2015 has seen the beginning of construction of major components of the project such as the foundations, wind turbines and offshore substation. The project is on track to be operational by the end of 2017.

In France, Renewables is developing the 496 MW St. Brieuc project, off the north coast of Brittany, as part of a partnership formed with Renewable Energy Systems Limited ("RES") in 2012. After completing all relevant technical and environmental impact assessment works, the consent application to the French administration was submitted in 2015, confirming the long term strategy of Renewables in the offshore market.

The UK Government announced on 18 June 2015 that they intend to close the Renewables Obligation ("RO") in early 2016, allowing an appropriate grace period for projects which had planning permission on or by 18 June 2015 (in addition to the grid and aviation grace periods previously defined under the RO). It is anticipated that these changes will be introduced to the Energy Bill, which is currently progressing through the parliamentary process, and expected to receive Royal Assent in 2016. The Government's proposal will have very limited impact on Renewable's existing operating sites but will have some impact on the future growth of the business.

Broader implications for established technologies, such as onshore wind, are also being considered under the CfD mechanism, with considerable pressure from the Government to reduce or remove this subsidy. Renewables is working to evaluate how a revenue stabilisation mechanism may sustain investment in onshore wind generation in the future at a cost comparable with the full costs of alternatives.

In March 2016, the Government published a further review of anticipated spend under the Levy Control Framework ("LCF") and estimates that at 2020/21 the cap of £7.6 billion will be exceeded by some £0.9 billion due to lower power prices, higher yields from offshore wind and greater uptake of solar photovoltaic than forecast. This takes account of various cost mitigation measures undertaken by the Government during 2015/16 with regard to 'demand led' schemes such as Small Scale Feed in Tariff ("FIT") and the RO. During the 2016 UK budget, the Chancellor announced that the Government will allocate a further £730 million to support three future CfD allocation rounds for less established technologies with £290 million to be allocated to the next allocation round due to commence in Q4 2016. The administrative strike price for offshore wind has been announced as £105/MWh (based on 2011/12 prices) in 2020/21, reducing to £85/MWh by 2025/26.

On 8 July 2015 the Government announced its intention to remove the Climate Change Levy ("CCL") exemption from renewable generators, effective on 1 August 2015, on the basis that the effectiveness of the CCL to stimulate investment in renewable generation had been superseded by other mechanisms i.e. RO and CfD.

With regards to the Electricity Market Reform ("EMR"), specifically CfD, Renewables continues to engage with the Government. Following the conclusion of the first CfD allocation round in early 2015, some 2 GW (gigawatts) of CfDs were issued to 27 projects across the UK with ScottishPower's East Anglia One project awarded a CfD for 714 MW. Renewables continues to work with the Government regarding future CfD allocation rounds, with the timing of the next allocation round likely to be towards the end of 2016.

#### 2015 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Financial key performance indicators ("KPIs")	Revenue *		Profit from operations **		Capital investment ***	
	2015 £m	2014 £m	2015 £m	2014 £m	2015 £m	2014 £m
Renewables	579.4	334.1	180.2	87.0	382.5	432.3

\* Segment total revenue as presented in Note 6(b) on page 38.

\*\* Segment profit from operations as presented in Note 6(c) on page 39

\*\*\* Segment capital investment as presented in Note 6(d) on page 41.

Renewables revenue increased by £245 million to £579 million in 2015 due to electricity output which increased by 616 GWh to 3,726 GWh and the £134 million sale of the West of Duddon Sands offshore transmission asset (which has an equal and opposite effect on procurement costs). Growth in output was driven by a 6% increase in average operating capacity.

Increased revenues have been partly offset by higher wind farm operating and maintenance costs (from both increased capacity and the end of turbine warranty periods) and increased depreciation from a larger operational asset base. As a result, profit from operations increased by £93 million to £180 million in 2015.



## STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

### RENEWABLES *continued*

#### OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE *continued*

Capital investment decreased by £50 million to £383 million in 2015. UK based capital investment reduced as construction at the West of Duddon Sands offshore wind farm reached completion in 2014. Offsetting this, investment spend increased following the acquisition of the Wiking project in May 2014.

Non-financial key performance indicators	Notes	2015	2014
Plant output (GWh)	(a)	3,726	3,110
Installed capacity (MW)	(b)	1,631	1,627
Availability	(c)	95%	96%

(a) Plant output is a measure of the electrical output generated in the year, which in turn drives the revenues of the business.

(b) Installed capacity represents the total number of MW fully installed within the wind farm sites. This includes all turbines erected irrespective of whether they are generating or not.

(c) Availability is a measure of how effective the business is at ensuring wind generating plant is available and ready to generate.

Following the introduction of West of Duddon Sands offshore operations, plant output has increased.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CASH MANAGEMENT

##### Cash and net debt

Net cash flows from operating activities increased by £68 million to £1,272 million for the year. As detailed in the table below, net debt increased by £227 million to £5,027 million. Group loans payable decreased by £20 million offset by an increase in external loans payable of £10 million. Group loans receivable decreased by £231 million and cash reduced by £7 million.

Analysis of net debt	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
Cash	(a)	23.7	30.4
Group loans receivable	(b)	766.7	997.5
Group loans payable	(c)	(3,839.4)	(3,859.7)
External loans payable	(d)	(1,977.8)	(1,967.6)
Net debt		(5,026.8)	(4,799.4)

(a) As detailed on the consolidated balance sheet, refer to pages 18 and 19.

(b) As detailed in Note 12 on page 52.

(c) Loans with Iberdrola, S.A. and other related Iberdrola group companies, refer to Note 20 on page 60.

(d) External loans payable comprises external debt, as detailed in Note 20 on page 60.

##### Capital and debt structure

The company is funded by a combination of debt and equity. All equity is held by ScottishPower UK Holdings Limited ("SPUKH"). The group's cash management and short-term financing activity is integrated with Iberdrola's. The group's financing structure is determined by its position in the wider Iberdrola group. The Iberdrola group objective is to retain sufficient liquid resources and facilities to cover anticipated cash flow requirements for a period in excess of twelve months; current liquidity in the Iberdrola group is in excess of €8 billion, which can be utilised, if required, to fund ScottishPower activities. The company holds investment grade ratings with Moody's Investor Services (Baa1), Standard & Poor's Rating Services (BBB+) and Fitch Ratings (BBB+). Details of the group's financial risk management policy are set out at Note 4.

#### TAXES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS

To help give an understanding of the group's contribution to UK taxes and other government obligations, the following table has been provided, highlighting the key taxes and other obligations in the financial year, on an accruals and cash basis.

Analysis of taxes and other government obligations	Notes	Income statement expense		Cash tax paid in the year	
		2015 £m	2014 £m	2015 £m	2014 £m
Carbon tax	(a)	133.7	84.5	112.6	87.0
Social security costs	(b)	26.4	27.5	27.1	28.2
Taxes other than income taxes	(c)	200.4	255.0	200.3	259.5
UK Corporation Tax	(d)	122.6	115.0	108.3	113.8
		483.1	482.0	448.3	488.5

(a) Carbon tax is a tax levied by the UK Government on the fossil fuels used to generate electricity. This is included within 'Procurements' in the income statement.

(b) Social security costs as presented in Note 25 on page 62.

(c) Taxes other than income taxes as presented in Note 26 on page 63.

(d) UK Corporation Tax as presented in Note 30 on page 64.

## STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

The prevention of harm to employees, contractors and members of the public, and the protection of business assets and operational capability, is a top priority for the group. The organisation has continued to strive for improved performance and both internal and external assessments have again returned positive findings. The main business areas within the group maintained OHSAS 18001 Health and Safety Management System accreditation. The group's annual employee accident and incident statistics showed a slight increase in 2015, however, the incident severity remained low. Seven of the nine employee lost time accidents were required to be reported to the Health and Safety Executive ("HSE") under The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations ("RIDDOR"). The commitment to investigate accidents and incidents to address root causes remains steadfast and is given the highest priority with panels of inquiry being established whenever there is a significant incident. The table below provides the occurrence of lost time accidents in each business.

Loss time accidents*	2015	2014
Energy Networks	5	3
Energy Wholesale and Retail	4	3
Renewables	—	—
	9	6

\* Number of accidents on the job resulting in the loss of at least a day's work

Provision of public safety information and education about electricity safety has continued through delivery of a mixture of internet, community and school teaching programmes. As well as delivering safety education in schools, the group provides electrical safety information advice to groups that are at a high risk of coming into contact with apparatus on the electricity network, including agricultural and construction workers.

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

ScottishPower's strategy, and so that of the group, is to conduct business in a manner benefiting customers through balancing cost and risk while delivering shareholder value and protecting ScottishPower's performance and reputation by prudently managing the risks inherent in the business. To maintain this strategic direction ScottishPower develops and implements risk management policies and procedures, and promotes a robust control environment at all levels of the organisation.

During 2015, the governance structure was supported by risk policies approved by the Board of Directors of Iberdrola and adopted by the Board of Directors of Scottish Power Limited ("the Board"). ScottishPower's business risk assessment team and independent group Risk Management function supported the Board in the execution of due diligence and risk management. In addition, ScottishPower is represented at the Iberdrola Risk Management Committee to ensure that the business risks are adequately assessed, monitored, mitigated and managed. Further details of ScottishPower's governance structure and risk management are provided in Note 4 to the Accounts.

The principal risks and uncertainties of the ScottishPower, and so that of the group, that may impact current and future operational and financial performance and the management of these risks are described below:

SCOTTISHPOWER – GLOBAL	
RISK	RESPONSE
Material deterioration in the relatively stable and predictable UK regulatory and political environment.	Positive and transparent engagement with all appropriate stakeholders to ensure that long-term regulatory stability and political consensus is maintained and public backing is secured for the necessary investment in the UK energy system.
Adverse findings and/or remedies from CMA market investigation.	Proactive and positive engagement in the process with business, legal and regulatory experts and advisers aimed at seeking outcomes that are well founded and positive for competition.
A major health and safety incident in the course of operations could impact staff, contractors, communities or the environment.	ScottishPower's Health and Safety function provides specialist services and support for the businesses in relation to health and safety. A comprehensive framework of health and safety policy and procedures, alongside audit programmes, is established throughout ScottishPower, which aim to ensure not only continuing legal compliance but also drive towards best practice in all levels of its health and safety operations.
Breach in cyber security and unwanted infiltration of the ScottishPower IT infrastructure by external parties.	Implementation of a cyber risk policy which provides the framework for mitigation. Proactive approach to identifying where ScottishPower is vulnerable and addressing these points through technical solutions. Educating company employees as to how behaviour can reduce this risk. Embedding cyber security in IT related projects where appropriate.

## STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES *continued*

ENERGY NETWORKS	
RISK	RESPONSE
Failure to deliver the Distribution and Transmission outputs agreed with the Regulator in their respective price controls.	Mitigating actions include formulating detailed investment, resource, outage and contingency plans supported by an extensive procurement strategy. Good communication and co-ordination of activities across the business is integral to success, complemented by a comprehensive monitoring regime that provides early warning of potential issues.
Security of Supply due to potential asset failures alongside reduced generation capacity.	Risk based asset investment programme in place, business continuity and emergency planning well established including BlackStart. "Strategic Spares" policy in place.
Failure to protect customer service performance.	Well-established customer service processes to respond to power loss, including storm readiness. Priority Service Register to protect vulnerable customers in the event of power loss. Implementation of a single emergency number to route customer queries.
Inability to recruit or retain an appropriately skilled workforce.	A Strategic Work Force Planning and Implementation plan that incorporates; a) retirement profiles with demographics; b) one year ahead Strategic Recruitment; and c) ten year Strategic Recruitment plan. Identification of business critical roles and succession planning.

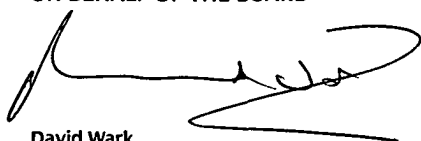
ENERGY WHOLESALE AND RETAIL	
RISK	RESPONSE
Risk of unfavourable result from capacity auctions, adversely affecting the returns from generation assets.	Optimising returns from the energy market and efficient control of costs, to maximise the chance of success in the auctions.
Adverse wholesale price movements and reduced energy market liquidity, adversely affecting the returns from generation assets.	Trading activity to secure value of assets and deliver return based on expected price movements, and providing support to Ofgem initiatives to stimulate liquidity.
The potential for plant performance issues reducing availability.	Technical assessments of key risk areas of operational performance, an optimised approach to repairs and maintenance and plans specific to each plant.
Reduction in retail margins as a result of reduced market share, unfavourable wholesale energy costs and increasing non-energy costs.	Mitigating actions include the continued focus on improving customer service to enhance customers' experience; creating innovative, competitive products that compliment current offerings; increasing customer awareness of our brand; and improve efficiencies across the business through the new billing system.
The potential for non-compliance with the UK Government's mandate to complete the roll-out of smart metering to customers in accordance with prescribed timescales.	Dedicated project team focussed on ensuring adequate business processes and systems are developed. The team is responsible for ensuring the roll-out capability is secured to enable deployment of meters. Energy Retail is an active participant in industry bodies responsible for developing smart metering technology and capability across the UK.
Reputational risk from customer service performance.	Additional resource in place to handle customer queries and respond to complaints.

## STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES *continued*

RENEWABLES	
RISK	RESPONSE
Renewables energy policy and new allocation risk resulting from the EMR and Government's policy to adhere to the parameters of the LCF.	<p>The UK Government intends to meet EU renewables targets at 2020 in the most cost effective manner possible and the Renewables business has implemented mitigating actions to reduce allocation risk, including engagement with Government regarding access and parameters of the enduring CfD mechanism and overarching LCF.</p> <p>The Renewables business is therefore working to optimise its existing portfolio of assets and its approach to development assets. The Renewables business has reviewed its portfolio to ensure high performing and competitive assets will be able to participate in future auctions as and when they are defined by Government.</p>
The potential for plant performance issues reducing availability.	Technical assessments of key trade risk areas of operational performance, an optimised approach to repairs and maintenance and plans specific to each wind farm. Co-ordination with procurement team in negotiating terms and conditions with turbine suppliers and independent operations and maintenance service providers to ensure plant performance is optimised.
Delivery of large and complex offshore projects on time and on budget.	Delivery experience from large and complex construction programmes across the business, including West of Duddon Sands, as well as ongoing dialogue with stakeholders and significant resources placed at key stages within projects.
Identification and optimisation of future onshore development pipeline.	<p>Renewables refreshed its approach to development given the context of increased competition and the need to reduce costs whilst achieving required rates of return. Greater consideration of site layout and turbine height in order to optimise yield.</p> <p>Engagement with national and local Government to influence and inform them of the role of onshore wind (including life extension and repowering), particularly in Scotland, in the future generation mix to ensure optimal levels of deployment.</p> <p>Renewables continues to engage and work with local community groups and stakeholders close to or neighbouring our onshore wind stations to support the above.</p>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



David Wark  
Director  
28 April 2016

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015. References to 'ScottishPower' below apply fully to 'the group'.

### INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THE STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors have chosen to disclose information on the following, required by the Companies Act 2006 to be included in the Directors' Report, within the Strategic Report, found on pages 1 to 10:

- information on financial risk management and policies; and
- information regarding future developments of the business.

### RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The net profit for the year attributable to the equity holders of the parent amounted to £486.6 million (2014 £518.0 million). A dividend of £230.0 million was paid during the year (2014 £400.0 million). On 30 March 2016 an interim dividend payment of £280.0 million was approved by the board and subsequently paid.

### TAXATION

In 2011, the Board of Directors of Iberdrola, S.A., approved a 'Good Tax Practices Policy', part of the company's corporate governance system, to be implemented worldwide in companies that are part of Iberdrola.

ScottishPower is a responsible tax payer and seeks to be open, honest and transparent in dealings with the tax authorities and to comply with both the letter and the spirit of tax laws set by the Government. ScottishPower remits taxes due on a timely basis, and has a relationship with HM Revenue and Customs ("HMRC") based on mutual trust and cooperation.

*In common with other businesses, companies in the group take advantage of available reliefs and concessions, many of which are designed to encourage activities or practices that the Government believes are beneficial to the national economy. Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity require significant investment in property, plant and equipment and the group benefits from reliefs that allow a greater proportion of the capital costs of these items to be expensed in the calculation of taxable profit in earlier years of operation. This has no effect on the total amount of Corporation Tax payable during the life of the asset, but it results in lower tax payments initially.*

Further details on taxes and other government obligations can be found in the Strategic Report on page 7.

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

ScottishPower is aware of the importance of innovation to develop an industrial project at the vanguard of the sector. ScottishPower's research and development ("R&D") efforts are aimed at the optimisation of operational performance, improving security and reducing the environmental impact of its activities. All R&D is developed as part of Iberdrola's global open and decentralised R&D model.

ScottishPower's main areas of development during the past year have been focused on the renewables offshore development, smart grids and smart meter roll-outs, improving customer engagement and service, and the increase in network performance and availability. During the year ended 31 December 2015 R&D effort (expenditure and investment) was £15 million. Detailed information in relation to ScottishPower's wider R&D activities can be found in the Iberdrola Innovation Report. The most recent report can be accessed via the 'Innovation' section of [www.iberdrola.com](http://www.iberdrola.com).

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION

Throughout its operations, ScottishPower strives to meet, or exceed, relevant legislative and regulatory environmental requirements and codes of practice. ScottishPower has developed an Integrated Environmental Management System (certified in accordance with ISO 14001:2004) that covers its operating business activities (thermal, hydro and renewable generation, transmission and distribution of electricity and assets management). The environmental activities of ScottishPower are governed within the Iberdrola Global Environmental Management Model.

Detailed information on ScottishPower's approach to environmental management and performance for 2015 can be found in the Iberdrola Sustainability Report that can be accessed via the 'Shareholders and Investors' section of [www.iberdrola.com](http://www.iberdrola.com).

Further information on applicable environmental regulations is available on request from the Company Secretary.

### EMPLOYEES

The group had 6,439 employees at 31 December 2015. Of these, 2,972 were employed in Energy Networks, 2,649 in Energy Wholesale and Retail and 279 in Renewables, with the remaining 539 employed in Corporate services. Refer to Note 25(b) for further details on employees.

#### *Employment regulation*

ScottishPower has well-defined policies in place throughout its businesses to ensure compliance with applicable laws and related codes of practice. These policies cover a wide range of employment issues such as disciplinary, grievance, harassment, discrimination, stress, anti-bribery and 'whistleblowing' and have been brought together in the Code of Ethics of Iberdrola and its group of companies (which also outlines expectations for employees' conduct).

#### *Training*

ScottishPower has a continuing commitment to training and personal development for its employees with over 14,300 training events (over 169,000 hours) undertaken in 2015. Much of the training is focused on health and safety and technical training ensuring field staff are safe and competent. In addition ScottishPower recruits over 100 craft and engineering trainees annually who undertake a concentrated training period as part of their induction and development programme, leading toward a recognised apprenticeship or formal engineering qualification. Team leaders and managers also participate in core management skills training and there are management development programmes and modules aimed at increasing our leadership capability.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

### **EMPLOYEES** *continued*

#### **Employee feedback and consultation**

ScottishPower believes that it is important that all employees have the opportunity to get involved and share their views. In 2015, 70% of employees took part in the annual internal employee engagement survey 'The LOOP' and the overall engagement score remained high at 74%. Following the LOOP Survey in 2014, the group focussed on a number of actions in response to employee feedback which included the launch of an online development toolkit for employees, a focus on internal communications to keep employees more informed about what is happening in the organisation and a review of how to best recognise the efforts of employees. Regular consultation takes place with employees using a variety of channels, including monthly team meetings, team managers' conferences, business road shows, safety committees, employee relations mechanisms and presentations.

#### **Equality and diversity**

ScottishPower recognises the importance of difference and respects individuality as part of its ongoing commitment to promoting equality and diversity. ScottishPower also understands that diversity goes beyond legally compliant policies and practices. It also includes a focus on creating an innovative, integrated organisation where people feel valued, inspiring them to perform at their best. During 2014 Employers Network for Equality & Inclusion ("ENEI") conducted an external diversity and inclusion audit across ScottishPower and support development of a clear, specific and practical action plan. This action plan will continue to be progressed throughout 2016.

#### **Employment of disabled persons**

In support of the policy on Equality and Diversity (above), ScottishPower expects all employees to be treated with respect and has supporting policy guidance on People with Disabilities and Reasonable Adjustments to help ensure equality of employment opportunity for people with disabilities. The aim of these guidelines is to establish working conditions that encourage the full participation of people with disabilities, which may be achieved through activities such as: making adjustments and/or adaptations to premises; enabling access to the full range of recruitment and career opportunities including the provision of specialist training; and the retention of existing staff who are affected by disability, through rehabilitation, training and reassignment. ScottishPower also works with support organisations, such as Business Disability Forum, which provide support, guidance and sharing of best practice to enable companies to become disability confident.

#### **Employee health and wellbeing**

ScottishPower promotes and supports the physical and mental health and wellbeing of its employees through a programme of health promotion and information run by its occupational health department.

#### **Employee volunteering**

ScottishPower prides itself in being a good corporate neighbour, providing support to the communities it serves in each of its businesses. Volunteering is central to community involvement and ScottishPower has an excellent track record in this area. In 2014 ScottishPower introduced a new company-wide Volunteering Policy which has been actively utilised by employees during 2015. This policy gives all registered volunteers, on an annual basis, an opportunity to take an additional one day's paid leave, to be used as a volunteering day.

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS**

#### **Community relationships**

Building the trust of communities has been part of ScottishPower's core values for many years. ScottishPower has a significant presence in many communities and aims to conduct its activities responsibly, in a way that is considerate to local communities and makes a positive contribution to society.

#### **Community consultation**

ScottishPower engages with communities across its operations, where new and modernising developments are planned. The key areas where ScottishPower's business interacts with the community include the siting of new facilities, the presence of distribution and transmission lines and routine maintenance and upkeep work. ScottishPower takes a proactive approach to providing good information from pre-planning through to construction.

ScottishPower maintains strong relationships with local communities by working with community groups, elected representatives, interest groups and individuals ensuring that those affected by the work are aware of what is happening in their area in advance, allowing communities to have their say. This is of particular importance to the business as a developer, owner and operator with longstanding relationships in many of the communities in which it works.

A variety of methods of consultation are used to keep in touch with the needs and concerns of the communities potentially affected. ScottishPower's community consultation processes include representation at community meetings, presentations and forums. ScottishPower's facilities host visits from community groups, maintain a number of visitor centres and run Local Liaison Committees which provide a forum for discussion between local management teams and community representatives.

Many of ScottishPower's assets, such as wind farms and pylons, are situated on land not owned by ScottishPower, therefore it is important that effective policies are in place to ensure that the safety and integrity of the plant is maintained, while respecting the needs of the landowner, the local community and the general public. Energy Networks and those working on its behalf adhere to a Grantor's Charter which sets out guidance of commitment to grantors and has been prepared in consultation with key stakeholders.

Energy Networks has reorganised its business around geographical districts to get closer to its customers, communities and stakeholders; focussing on customer service, winning the trust of communities and engaging with its stakeholders.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

### COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS *continued*

#### *Investing in the community*

ScottishPower has a long track record of supporting communities not only financially, but also by sharing its resources and the skills of its employees. ScottishPower promotes payroll giving and encourages employee development through volunteering and community based programmes.

Opportunities are created for local employment during construction and operations through events such as "Meet the Developer" days where local contractors are invited to find out about opportunities at the group's wind farms. The group works closely with the UK and devolved administrations to develop policy on community engagement and benefit and adhere to all voluntary codes of good practice.

ScottishPower uses the London Benchmarking Group ("LBG") model to evaluate its community investment activity. The model is used by hundreds of leading businesses around the world and provides a comprehensive and consistent set of measures for companies to determine their contributions to the community.

During the year ended 31 December 2015, ScottishPower voluntarily contributed £9.2 million in community support activity of which £4.5 million was contributed to registered charitable organisations. The £9.2 million total incorporated £0.5 million in management costs, £0.1 million categorised as charitable gifts, £6.1 million categorised as community investment and £2.5 million categorised as commercial initiatives; given in cash, through staff time and in-kind donations. Included within these figures, Renewables made £3.7 million in voluntary community benefit payments to the communities neighbouring its wind farms.

These figures are compiled from ScottishPower's Community Investment Database, and are submitted annually in a return to LBG. The figures provided above will form part of the company's return in 2016 and have not yet been audited by LBG.

#### *ScottishPower Foundation*

ScottishPower established the ScottishPower Foundation to reinforce ScottishPower's commitment to charitable work throughout the UK. The ScottishPower Foundation is a registered Scottish charity (SC043862) and a company limited by guarantee (SC445116). Registered Office: 1 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow G2 8SP. It provides funds to support charitable initiatives that promote the advancement of education, environmental protection, citizenship and community development, arts, culture and science as well as the prevention of poverty or disadvantage.

### POLITICAL DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE

The group is a politically neutral organisation. It is subject to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, which defines political "donations" and "expenditure" in wider terms than would be commonly understood by these phrases. During the year ended 31 December 2015, The group paid a total of £20,000 for the sponsorship of conferences and events – activities that may be regarded as falling within the terms of the Act.

The recipients of these payments were:

- |                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| • The Conservative Party      | £6,000 |
| • The Labour Party            | £7,000 |
| • The Scottish National Party | £7,000 |

The group was represented at all the major UK political party conferences in 2015, and sponsored receptions at the conferences of the above parties. These occasions provide an important opportunity for the group to represent its views on a non-partisan basis to politicians from across the political spectrum. The payments do not indicate support for any particular party.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The ultimate parent of the company is Iberdrola, S.A., which is listed on the Madrid stock exchange.

As a general guiding principle, the group adopts the principles and rules contained in the most widely recognised good governance recommendations and, in particular, has taken as a reference the Uniform Good Governance Code for Listed Companies approved by the National Securities Market Commission of Spain.

#### **Administrative, management and supervisory bodies**

##### *Board and management meetings*

The company is governed by a Board, consisting of three directors who bring a broad range of skills and experience to the company. All are full-time employees of the Iberdrola group.

The directors of the company are subject to annual evaluation of their performance in respect of their executive responsibilities as part of the performance management system which is in place throughout ScottishPower.

The Co-ordination Committee ensures executive focus on coordinating the activities of ScottishPower. The Co-ordination Committee meets fortnightly and receives regular information on the activities of ScottishPower in order to support the corporate functions and lines of business in understanding the local, legal, regulatory and market specifics in the UK and assist the Chief Corporate Officer ("CCO") in the performance of his duties. The Co-ordination Committee reports to the ScottishPower Board and currently comprises the following executives: the CCO (who is also Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Renewables business), the directors of Finance, Regulation, Human Resources ("HR"), Communications, the CEO of the Liberalised Business, the CEO of the Regulated Business, the CEO of the Renewables business and the Head of Legal.

The Boards of Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited ("SPENH"), Scottish Power Generation Holdings Limited ("SPGH") and Scottish Power Renewable Energy Limited ("SPREL") are responsible for the effective management of the Regulated (Energy Networks), Liberalised (Energy Wholesale and Retail) and Renewables businesses respectively, in accordance with the strategy set by the ScottishPower Board. These Boards meet regularly and review strategy, operational performance and risk issues on behalf of the respective business.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE *continued*

#### SPENH Board

The SPENH Board comprised the Chairman Javier Villalba Sánchez and seven other directors as at 31 December 2015. The directors and their attendance at SPENH Board meetings held during the period under review (six meetings) are shown in the table below:

Javier Villalba Sánchez (Chairman)	Attended all meetings
Frank Mitchell (Chief Executive Officer)	Attended all meetings
Nicola Connelly	Attended all meetings
Antonio Espinosa de los Monteros	Attended all meetings
José Izaguirre Nazar	Attended all meetings
Scott Mathieson	Attended all meetings
Professor Sir James McDonald (Independent non-executive director)	Attended four meetings (resigned 18 November 2015)
Wendy Barnes (Independent non-executive director)	Attended all meetings (appointed 1 January 2015)
Elizabeth Haywood (Independent non-executive director)	Attended five meetings (appointed 1 January 2015)

Javier Villalba Sánchez resigned from the SPENH Board on 1 February 2016. Armando Martínez Martínez was appointed to the SPENH Board on 3 February 2016.

#### SPGH Board

The SPGH Board comprised the Chairman Armando Martínez Martínez and seven other directors as at 31 December 2015. The directors and their attendance at SPGH Board meetings held during the period under review (five meetings) are shown in the table below:

Armando Martínez Martínez (Chairman)	Attended all meetings
Neil Clitheroe (Chief Executive Officer)	Attended four meetings
Heather Chalmers	Attended all meetings
Ángel Chiarri Toscano	Attended four meetings
Hugh Finlay	Attended all meetings
Oscar Fortis Pita	Attended all meetings
Aitor Moso Raigoso	Attended all meetings
Félix Rojo Sevillano	Attended all meetings

Armando Martínez Martínez and Hugh Finlay resigned from the SPGH Board on 1 February 2016.

#### SPREL Board

The SPREL Board comprised the Chairman Xabier Viteri and four other directors as at 31 December 2015. The directors and their attendance at SPREL board meetings held during the period under review (five meetings) are shown in the table below:

Xabier Viteri (Chairman)	Attended all meetings
Keith Anderson (Chief Executive Officer)	Attended all meetings
Jonathan Cole	Attended all meetings
Javier García de Fuentes	Attended all meetings
Unai Astiz	Attended all meetings.

#### ScottishPower Board

The ScottishPower Board comprised the Chairman José Ignacio Sánchez Galán and eight other directors as at 31 December 2015. José Ignacio Sánchez Galán is also the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Iberdrola.

The directors of Scottish Power Limited are shown in the table below:

José Ignacio Sánchez Galán	Chairman
Lord Kerr of Kinlochard GCMG	Vice Chairman, Independent non-executive director
José Miguel Alcolea Cantos	
Juan Carlos Rebollo Liceaga	
José Sainz Armada	
Keith Anderson	
Professor Susan Deacon	Independent non-executive director
Sir Tom Farmer CVO CBE KCSG	Independent non-executive director
Rt Hon Lord Macdonald of Tradeston CBE	Independent non-executive director (resigned 8 October 2015)
Professor Sir James McDonald	Independent non-executive director (appointed 10 December 2015)

ScottishPower Board meetings were held on five occasions during the year under review. Attendance by the directors was as follows:

José Ignacio Sánchez Galán	Attended all meetings
Lord Kerr of Kinlochard GCMG	Attended all meetings
José Miguel Alcolea Cantos	Attended all meetings
Juan Carlos Rebollo Liceaga	Attended all meetings
José Sainz Armada	Attended all meetings
Keith Anderson	Attended all meeting
Professor Susan Deacon	Attended all meetings
Sir Tom Farmer CVO CBE KCSG	Attended all meetings
Rt Hon Lord Macdonald of Tradeston CBE	Attended four meetings
Professor Sir James McDonald	Attended one meeting



## DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE *continued*

#### **ScottishPower Audit and Compliance Committee ("ACC")**

The ACC, a permanent internal body, has an informative and consultative role, without executive functions, with powers of information, assessment and presentation of proposals to the ScottishPower Board within its scope of action, which is governed by the Articles of Association of Scottish Power Limited and by the Terms of Reference of the ACC. The ACC's responsibilities include:

- monitoring the financial reporting process for ScottishPower;
- monitoring the effectiveness of the ScottishPower's internal control, internal audit, compliance and risk management systems; and
- monitoring the statutory audit of the annual and consolidated Accounts of ScottishPower.

The ACC comprises three members, including two independents, as indicated in the table below.

The ACC met five times during the year under review. The members of the ACC and their attendance record are shown in the table below:

Rt Hon Lord Macdonald of Tradeston CBE (Chairman)	External independent, attended four meetings (resigned 8 October 2015)
Professor Susan Deacon	External independent, attended all meetings
Juan Carlos Rebollo Liceaga	Attended all meetings

Subsequent to the final meeting of the year, Professor Sir James McDonald was appointed to the ACC on 10 December 2015, as Chairman.

#### **Iberdrola Appointments and Remuneration Committees**

There is no separate Appointments or Remuneration Committee within ScottishPower. Instead appointments and remuneration matters relevant to ScottishPower and the company are dealt with by the Iberdrola Appointments Committee ("IAC") and the Iberdrola Remuneration Committee ("IRC"). The members of the IAC are:

María Helena Antolin Raybaud (Chairperson)	External independent
Iñigo Victor de Oriol Ibarra	Other external
Ángel Jesús Acebas Paniagua	External independent

The members of the IRC are:

Inés Macho Stadler (Chairperson)	External independent
Iñigo Victor de Oriol Ibarra	Other external
Santiago Martínez Lage	External independent

The IAC has the power to supervise the process of selection of directors and senior managers of the Iberdrola group companies. The IRC has the power to assist the Boards of Directors in the determination and supervision of the compensation policy for the above-mentioned persons.

#### **Internal control**

During the year under review, the directors of the company had overall responsibility for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls within the group and they participated in the review of internal controls over financial reporting, the preparation of consolidated Accounts and the certification process which took place on a ScottishPower group-wide basis. The effectiveness of the system within ScottishPower was kept under review through the work of the ACC. The system of internal control is designed to manage rather than eliminate risk. In pursuing these objectives, internal control can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

A risk and control governance framework is in place across ScottishPower. The risk management framework and internal control system is subject to continuous review and development. The company is committed to ensuring that a proper control environment is maintained. There is a commitment to competence and integrity and to the communication of ethical values and control consciousness to managers and employees. HR policies underpin that commitment by a focus on enhancing job skills and promoting high standards of probity among staff. In addition, the appropriate organisational structure has been developed within which to control the businesses and to delegate authority and accountability, having regard to acceptable levels of risk. The company's expectations in this regard are set out in 'ScottishPower Code of Ethics', a policy document which aims to summarise some of the main legal, regulatory, cultural and business standards applicable to all employees. This document has been distributed to all employees of the company.

ScottishPower has fraud and anti-bribery policies and procedures in place to ensure that all incidences of fraud and bribery are appropriately investigated and reported. Further, ScottishPower has adopted a revised Speaking Out and Whistleblower Protection Policy, incorporating a confidential external reporting service operated by an independent provider. This policy, which is applicable to employees of the company, covers the reporting and investigation of suspected fraud, bribery, and misappropriation, questionable accounting, financial reporting or auditing matters, breaches of internal financial control procedures, and serious breaches of behaviour and ethical principles. There is also a process in existence within ScottishPower whereby all members of staff may report any financial irregularities to the Audit and Risk Supervision Committee of Iberdrola.

#### **Identification and evaluation of risks and control objectives**

During the year under review the ScottishPower governance structure was supported by risk policies adopted by the ScottishPower Board. These risk policies are adopted by the ScottishPower Board on an annual basis. ScottishPower business risk assessment teams and the independent group risk management function support the ScottishPower Board in the execution of due diligence and risk management. In addition, the SPENH, SPGH and SPREL Boards are responsible for ensuring that their respective businesses' risks are adequately assessed, monitored, mitigated and managed.

ScottishPower's strategy, which is adopted by the company, is to conduct business in a manner benefiting customers through balancing cost and risk while delivering shareholder value and protecting ScottishPower's performance and reputation by prudently managing the risks inherent in the business. ScottishPower develops and implements risk management policies and procedures, and promotes a robust control environment at all levels of the organisation.

The company identifies and assesses the key business risks associated with the achievement of its strategic objectives. Any key actions needed to further enhance the control environment are identified, along with the person responsible for the management of the specific risk.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE *continued*

#### Auditor Independence

The Audit, Risk and Supervision Committee of Iberdrola, which comprises non-executive directors, is responsible for the nomination of the external auditors. This committee and the firm of external auditors have safeguards to avoid the possibility that the auditors' objectivity and independence could be compromised.

Where the work to be undertaken is of a nature that is generally considered reasonable to be completed by the external auditors for sound commercial and practical reasons, including confidentiality, the conduct of such work is permissible provided that all necessary internal governance has been met.

#### Social, environmental and ethical matters

Social, environmental and ethical ("SEE") matters are included in the overall risk and control framework and in the Risk Report which is reviewed at the monthly management meetings. As such, regular account is taken of the strategic significance of SEE matters to the group, and the risks and opportunities arising from these issues that may have an impact on the group's short-term and long-term values are considered.

Further information regarding the SEE matters can be found in the 'Corporate Social Responsibility' section of the ScottishPower website [www.scottishpower.com](http://www.scottishpower.com).

### DIRECTORS

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Daniel Alcaín López  
Marion S Venman  
Donald Wright

Daniel Alcaín López resigned on 4 February 2016. David Wark was appointed to the Scottish Power UK plc Board on 4 February 2016.

### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACCOUNTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Accounts in accordance with applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted by the EU.

The directors are responsible for preparing Accounts for each financial period that give a true and fair view, in accordance with IFRSs, of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those Accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the parent company and the group Accounts comply with IFRSs, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Accounts; and
- prepare the Accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and to enable them to ensure that the parent company Accounts and the group Accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the directors in office as at the date of this Annual Report and Accounts confirms that:

- so far as he or she is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- he or she has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

### AUDITOR

Ernst & Young LLP were re-appointed as auditor of the company for the year ended 31 December 2015.

### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

  
David Wark  
Director  
28 April 2016

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the member of Scottish Power UK plc

We have audited the Accounts of Scottish Power UK plc for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the Consolidated and Company Balance Sheets, the Consolidated Income Statement, the Consolidated and Company Statements of Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated and Company Statements of Changes in Equity, the Consolidated and Company Cash Flow Statements, and the related Notes 1 to 56. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union and as regards the parent company financial statements, as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the company's member as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's member those matters we are required to state to it in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's member, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 16, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the Accounts in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Accounts sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the Accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the parent company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the Accounts. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report and Accounts to identify material inconsistencies with the audited Accounts, and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

## OPINION ON ACCOUNTS

In our opinion:

- the Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- the group Accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union;
- the parent company Accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs, as adopted by the European Union and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006; and
- the Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

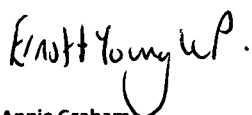
## OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the Accounts are prepared is consistent with the Accounts.

## MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company Accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



Annie Graham  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP,  
Statutory Auditor  
Glasgow  
28 April 2016

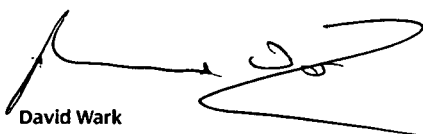
SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
at 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>Intangible assets</b>		<b>850.8</b>	<b>975.5</b>
Goodwill	8	364.6	364.6
Other intangible assets	8	486.2	610.9
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>		<b>11,246.8</b>	<b>10,556.8</b>
Property, plant and equipment in use	9	9,501.2	9,580.8
Property, plant and equipment in the course of construction	9	1,745.6	976.0
<b>Financial assets</b>		<b>69.9</b>	<b>103.4</b>
Investments in joint ventures	10	31.1	59.2
Other investments	11	1.2	3.6
Finance lease receivables	11	1.0	1.4
Derivative financial instruments	11, 21	36.6	39.2
<b>Trade and other receivables</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>12,215.4</b>	<b>11,647.5</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>Inventories</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>126.0</b>	<b>297.1</b>
<b>Trade and other receivables</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,608.4</b>	<b>1,887.0</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>		<b>139.1</b>	<b>121.1</b>
Finance lease receivables	11	0.3	0.3
Derivative financial instruments	11, 21	138.8	120.8
<b>Cash</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>30.4</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,897.2</b>	<b>2,335.6</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>14,112.6</b>	<b>13,983.1</b>

SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS *continued*  
at 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>Of shareholders of the parent</b>	15	4,176.8	3,910.3
Share capital	14, 15	872.0	872.0
Share premium	15	398.2	398.2
Hedge reserve	15	(48.7)	(67.5)
Translation reserve	15	(0.6)	(0.1)
Other reserves	15	14.0	14.0
Retained earnings	15	2,941.9	2,693.7
<b>Of non-controlling interests</b>	16	0.5	0.4
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>4,177.3</b>	<b>3,910.7</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Deferred income</b>	17	<b>1,007.6</b>	<b>925.4</b>
<b>Provisions</b>		<b>473.2</b>	<b>503.5</b>
Provisions for retirement benefit obligations	18	264.4	308.4
Other provisions	19	208.8	195.1
<b>Bank borrowings and other financial liabilities</b>		<b>2,509.9</b>	<b>2,424.3</b>
Loans and other borrowings	20	2,496.0	2,392.2
Derivative financial instruments	11, 21	13.9	32.1
<b>Trade and other payables</b>	23	<b>7.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>	24	<b>690.0</b>	<b>774.7</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>4,688.5</b>	<b>4,633.9</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Provisions</b>	19	<b>93.7</b>	<b>84.0</b>
<b>Bank borrowings and other financial liabilities</b>		<b>3,521.1</b>	<b>3,645.5</b>
Loans and other borrowings	20	3,321.2	3,435.1
Derivative financial instruments	11, 21	199.9	210.4
<b>Trade and other payables</b>	23	<b>1,549.4</b>	<b>1,630.4</b>
<b>Current tax liabilities</b>		<b>82.6</b>	<b>78.6</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>5,246.8</b>	<b>5,438.5</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>9,935.3</b>	<b>10,072.4</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>14,112.6</b>	<b>13,983.1</b>

Approved by the Board on 28 April 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

  
David Wark  
Director

The accompanying Notes 1 to 37 are an integral part of the consolidated balance sheets as at 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014.

SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS  
for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
Revenue	6	6,590.4	7,107.4
Procurements		(4,149.0)	(4,823.1)
		<b>2,441.4</b>	<b>2,284.3</b>
Staff costs	25	(416.8)	(383.2)
Capitalised staff costs	25	129.1	124.1
Outside services		(554.7)	(509.2)
Other operating income		120.7	127.3
		<b>(721.7)</b>	<b>(641.0)</b>
Taxes other than income tax	26	(200.4)	(255.0)
		<b>1,519.3</b>	<b>1,388.3</b>
Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions	27	(854.2)	(623.3)
<b>PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>665.1</b>	<b>765.0</b>
Result of companies accounted for using the equity method		(4.3)	1.5
Gains on disposal of non-current assets		6.5	2.4
Losses on disposal of non-current assets		(0.4)	-
Finance income	28	43.1	74.4
Finance costs	29	(198.0)	(193.9)
<b>PROFIT BEFORE TAX</b>		<b>512.0</b>	<b>649.4</b>
Income tax	30	(25.3)	(131.3)
<b>NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>486.7</b>	<b>518.1</b>
Non-controlling interests	16	(0.1)	(0.1)
<b>NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PARENT</b>		<b>486.6</b>	<b>518.0</b>

All results relate to continuing operations.

The accompanying Notes 1 to 37 are an integral part of the consolidated income statements for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014.

SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	Note	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>486.7</b>	<b>518.1</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>			
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to the income statement:			
Cash flow hedges:			
Change in the value of cash flow hedges	15	19.9	(10.6)
Tax relating to cash flow hedges	15	(4.0)	1.5
		<b>15.9</b>	<b>(9.1)</b>
Items that will not be reclassified to the income statement:			
Actuarial losses on retirement benefits:			
Actuarial losses on retirement benefits	15	(10.5)	(71.4)
Tax relating to actuarial losses on retirement benefits	15	2.1	14.3
Cash flow hedges:			
Change in the value of cash flow hedges	15	3.6	(1.2)
Tax relating to cash flow hedges	15	(0.7)	0.1
		<b>(5.5)</b>	<b>(58.2)</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>10.4</b>	<b>(67.3)</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>497.1</b>	<b>450.8</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to equity holders of the parent		<b>497.0</b>	<b>450.7</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to non-controlling interests		<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>497.1</b>	<b>450.8</b>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	Attributable to equity holders of the parent							Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Ordinary share capital £m	Share premium £m	Hedge reserve £m	Translation reserve £m	Other reserves £m	Retained earnings £m	Total £m	£m	£m
At 1 January 2014	872.0	398.2	(57.3)	–	14.0	2,644.0	3,870.9	0.3	3,871.2
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	(10.2)	–	–	460.9	450.7	0.1	450.8
Business combinations (net of tax)	–	–	–	–	–	(11.2)	(11.2)	–	(11.2)
Exchange movement on translation of overseas results and net assets	–	–	–	(0.1)	–	–	(0.1)	–	(0.1)
Dividends	–	–	–	–	–	(400.0)	(400.0)	–	(400.0)
At 1 January 2015	872.0	398.2	(67.5)	(0.1)	14.0	2,693.7	3,910.3	0.4	3,910.7
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	18.8	–	–	478.2	497.0	0.1	497.1
Exchange movement on translation of overseas results and net assets	–	–	–	(0.5)	–	–	(0.5)	–	(0.5)
Dividends	–	–	–	–	–	(230.0)	(230.0)	–	(230.0)
At 31 December 2015	872.0	398.2	(48.7)	(0.6)	14.0	2,941.9	4,176.8	0.5	4,177.3

The accompanying Notes 1 to 37 are an integral part of the consolidated statements of comprehensive income and the consolidated statements of changes in equity for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014.

SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS  
for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	512.0	649.4
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	798.8	561.1
Impairment of inventories	–	8.6
Research and development expenditure credit	(0.5)	–
Change in provisions	56.7	61.6
Result of companies accounted for using the equity method	4.3	(1.5)
Capital grants and transfer of assets from customers	(31.5)	(30.6)
Finance income and costs	154.9	119.5
Net (gains)/losses on disposal/write-off non-current assets	(3.3)	4.6
Movement in retirement benefits	(63.8)	(108.4)
Net fair value losses on operating derivatives	12.4	83.7
Movement in deferred income	(0.1)	(0.1)
Movement in plant maintenance stocks	3.4	(3.9)
Changes in working capital:		
Change in trade and other receivables	9.8	(137.9)
Change in inventories	184.1	(19.4)
Change in trade and other payables	(310.6)	80.6
Provisions paid	(12.5)	(22.7)
Emissions allowances acquired	(58.3)	(50.6)
Assets received from customers	105.7	87.3
Income taxes paid	(108.3)	(113.8)
Interest received	18.7	36.0
Dividends received	0.1	0.1
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities (i)</b>	<b>1,272.0</b>	<b>1,203.6</b>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investments in intangible assets	(44.6)	(39.9)
Investments in property, plant and equipment (net of capital grants)	(1,063.7)	(1,127.9)
Investments in/disposal of jointly controlled entities	23.8	(13.0)
Investments in other non-current investments	(0.6)	(0.4)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	3.0	5.2
Net proceeds from disposal of subsidiary	(6.3)	–
Acquisition cost of subsidiaries	–	(20.0)
Net cash and cash equivalents acquired	–	(25.3)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities (ii)</b>	<b>(1,088.4)</b>	<b>(1,221.3)</b>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Increase in amounts due to Iberdrola group companies (net of impairment)	100.7	38.3
Cash inflows from borrowings	7.1	3.6
Dividends paid to company's equity holders	(230.0)	(400.0)
Interest paid	(182.5)	(172.5)
Repayments of borrowing	(4.7)	(1.7)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities (iii)</b>	<b>(309.4)</b>	<b>(532.3)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents (i)+(ii)+(iii)</b>	<b>(125.8)</b>	<b>(550.0)</b>
<b>Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>(2,366.0)</b>	<b>(1,818.4)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>(2,489.1)</b>	<b>(2,366.0)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year comprises:		
Consolidated balance sheet cash and cash equivalents and term deposits	23.7	30.4
Bank overdraft	–	(0.2)
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies – loans	766.7	997.5
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies – loans	(3,279.5)	(3,393.7)
<b>Consolidated cash flow statement cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(2,489.1)</b>	<b>(2,366.0)</b>

The accompanying Notes 1 to 37 are an integral part of the consolidated cash flow statements for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014.



# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

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## 1 GROUP ACTIVITIES

The group provides electricity transmission and distribution services in the UK, supplies gas and electricity services to homes and businesses across the UK, operates electricity generation and gas storage facilities and provides associated energy management activities in the UK. It also conducts renewable energy activities across the UK and Republic of Ireland and from mid-2014 in France and Germany.

As described in Note 6, in line with IFRS 8 'Operating Segments', the group defines operating segments based on a combination of factors, principally differences in products and services and the regulatory environment in which the business operates.

The group operated and reported three segments during the year: Energy Networks, Energy Wholesale and Retail and Renewables.

### Energy Networks

The transmission and distribution businesses within the group's authorised area in the South of Scotland and the distribution business of Manweb operating in Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales.

### Energy Wholesale and Retail

The generation of electricity from the group's own power stations, the purchase of external supplies of coal and gas for the generation of electricity, the purchase of external supplies of electricity and gas for onward sale to customers, the optimisation of gas storage and the sale of electricity to market participants in the UK and the sale of electricity and gas to industrial and domestic customers, together with related billing and collection activities.

### Renewables

The construction and the development of renewable energy generation assets and the generation and sale of electricity from those assets.

## 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

### A. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The company is required by law to prepare Accounts for both the company and the group and to deliver them to the Registrar of Companies. Both the group (being these consolidated Accounts) and the company's individual Accounts, have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IAS"), International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") Interpretations (collectively referred to as IFRS), as adopted by the EU as at the date of approval of these Accounts and which are mandatory for the financial year ended 31 December 2015. Both the group and company Accounts are prepared in accordance with the Accounting Policies set out in Note 3.

### B. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In preparing these Accounts, the group has applied all relevant IAS, IFRS and IFRIC Interpretations which have been adopted by the EU as of the date of approval of these Accounts and which are mandatory for the financial year ended 31 December 2015.

For the year ended 31 December 2015, the group has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time:

Standard	Note
• Amendments to IAS 19 'Employee Benefits: Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions'	(a)
• Annual Improvements to IFRSs (2010-2012)	(a)
• Annual Improvements to IFRSs (2011-2013)	(a)
• IFRIC 21 'Levies'	(a)

(a) The application of these pronouncements has not had a material impact on the group's accounting policies, financial position or performance.

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS *continued*

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### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION *continued*

#### B. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS *continued*

The following new standards and amendments to standards have been issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") but have an effective date after the date of these financial statements thus have not been implemented by the group.

Standard	Notes	IASB effective date (for periods commencing on or after)	Planned date of application by the group
• Amendments to IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements: Disclosure Initiative'	(b)	1 January 2016	1 January 2016
• Amendments to IAS 16 'Property, Plant and Equipment' and IAS 38 'Intangible Assets' – 'Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation'	(b)	1 January 2016	1 January 2016
• Amendments to IAS 16 'Property, Plant and Equipment' and IAS 41 'Agriculture' – 'Bearer Plants'	(b)	1 January 2016	1 January 2016
• Amendments to IAS 27 'Separate Financial Statements: Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements'	(b)	1 January 2016	1 January 2016
• Amendments to IFRS 11 'Joint Arrangements: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations'	(b)	1 January 2016	1 January 2016
• Annual Improvements to IFRSs (2012-2014)	(b)	1 January 2016	1 January 2016
• Amendments to IFRS 10 'Consolidated Financial Statements', IFRS 12 'Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities' and IAS 28 'Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures' 'Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidated Exception'	(b), (c), (d)	1 January 2016	1 January 2017
• IFRS 14 'Regulatory Deferral Accounts'	(b), (e)	1 January 2016	To be decided
• Amendments to IAS 12 'Income Taxes: Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses'	(b), (c)	1 January 2017	1 January 2017
• Amendments to IAS 7 'Statement of Cash Flows: Disclosure Initiative'	(b), (c)	1 January 2017	1 January 2017
• IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments'	(c), (f)	1 January 2018	1 January 2018
• IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' (including Amendments to IFRS 15 'Effective date of IFRS 15')	(c), (f)	1 January 2018	1 January 2018
• IFRS 16 'Leases'	(c), (f)	1 January 2019	1 January 2019
• Amendments to IFRS 10 'Consolidated Financial Statements' and IAS 28 'Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures' – 'Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture'	(b), (c), (g)	Deferred indefinitely	To be decided

(b) The future application of these pronouncements is not expected to have a material impact on the group's accounting policies, financial position or performance.

(c) These pronouncements have not yet been adopted by the EU.

(d) The group applies all relevant standards/amendments which have been adopted by the EU as at the date of approval of these Accounts. Despite the IASB effective date of 1 January 2016, the amendment has yet to be endorsed by the EU. The endorsement notice will be reviewed but it is anticipated that the group will apply this amendment for the accounting period following adoption, i.e. 1 January 2017.

(e) The endorsement process of this interim standard has not been launched as the EU has decided to wait for the final standard to be issued.

(f) The directors are currently in the process of assessing the impact of this standard in relation to the group's accounting policies, financial position and performance.

(g) The IASB set the effective date of this amendment as for periods commencing on or after 1 January 2016. However, in December 2015, the IASB postponed the effective date indefinitely pending the outcome of its research project on the equity method of accounting. The EU endorsement process for this amendment has been postponed, awaiting a revised exposure draft from the IASB. The effective date will be amended in due course.

(h) The group has chosen not to early adopt any of these standards/amendments for year ended 31 December 2015.

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS *continued*

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### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION *continued*

#### B. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS *continued*

The Energy Companies Obligation ("ECO") was established on 4 December 2012 by The Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2012 ("the Order"). It imposes a legal obligation on larger energy suppliers to deliver energy efficiency measures to domestic energy users.

Once a supplier has been considered eligible for the ECO obligation, based on their domestic customer numbers, the amount of the obligation is established based on the amount of energy supplied to such domestic customers. The overall obligation period is multiannual and commenced on 1 January 2013. The overall obligation period is broken down into different phases. For each phase, Ofgem determines the amount of each supplier's obligation based on the domestic energy supplied by each energy supplier as a proportion of the total domestic energy supplied by all suppliers during the relevant notification period.

The group considers that the appropriate accounting treatment is prescribed by IAS 37 'Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets', as this obligation complies with the three features to be considered for a provision (present obligation, probable out-flow of resources and a reliable estimate can be made). In accordance with a legal opinion obtained by the group, it is considered that an obligation arises for each phase of the overall obligation period. For this reason, it is appropriate to consider this obligation as an additional cost of supply to domestic customers, as this activity constitutes the obligating event, as defined under IAS 37.

In his Autumn Statement on 5 December 2013, with the goal of reducing the energy tariffs of domestic customers, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced an extension of the end of the overall obligation period from 31 March 2015 to 31 March 2017. Under the described accounting treatment, as a result of this extension, there would be an immediate and corresponding impact of decreasing the cost of supply to the affected customers in the financial statements in the relevant accounting periods.

The Financial Reporting Council ("FRC") staff paper 'Accounting for the Energy Company Obligation', dated 27 September 2013, indicates that the expenditure should be recognised as the assigned measures are being implemented, regardless of the rate at which energy is supplied to the domestic customers. The external auditor has determined that this is the only accounting treatment which is acceptable.

Based on the FRC staff paper and the opinion of the external auditor, the group has recorded the expense in its financial statements as the measures were actually implemented during the year. This accounting treatment involves recording £21.6 million less than (2014 £16.5 million in addition to) the amount that would have resulted from following a recognition rate of the obligation consistent with the rate of energy supplied to domestic customers during the accounting period.

#### C. BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated Accounts incorporate the Accounts of the company and its subsidiaries to 31 December each year.

Subsidiaries are those entities over which the group has the right to control, generally where a shareholding confers more than half of the voting rights.

On acquisition, the assets and liabilities of a subsidiary are measured at their fair values at the date of acquisition. The cost of an acquisition is measured at the fair value of any assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange. Any excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired is recognised as goodwill. If the fair value of the net assets acquired is in the excess of the cost of the acquisition, the group reassess whether it has correctly identified all the assets acquired and all the liabilities assumed, and reviews the procedures used to measure the amounts to be recognised at the acquisition date. If the reassessment still results in an excess of the fair value of the net assets acquired over the cost of acquisition, then no gain is recorded in the profit or loss.

The interest of non-controlling shareholders is initially stated at the non-controlling party's proportion of the fair values of the assets and liabilities recognised. In a business combination achieved in stages, the previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured at its acquisition date fair value and resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

In accordance with the exemption permitted by IFRS 1 'First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards', business combinations accounted for prior to the group's date of transition to IFRS on 1 April 2004 have not been restated to comply with IFRS 3 'Business Combinations'.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

For the consolidated group, intra-group transfers of subsidiaries within the Iberdrola group, but outwith the Scottish Power UK plc group, are deemed to be business combinations under common control. These transactions are accounted for using the pooling of interests method. The results for the subsidiaries transferred are included in the income statement from the effective date of acquisition. The net assets incorporated at the date of acquisition reflect the book value of each of the subsidiaries included in the Iberdrola, S.A., Consolidated Accounts, the highest entity that has common control for which consolidated IFRS financial statements are prepared.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS *continued*

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## 3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in preparing the group's consolidated Accounts and, where applicable, the company's Accounts, are set out below. The 'group' is defined as Scottish Power UK plc and its consolidated subsidiaries. The 'company' or 'SPUK' refers to Scottish Power UK plc.

- A. REVENUE
- B. GOODWILL
- C. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (EXCLUDING GOODWILL)
- D. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT
- E. LEASED ASSETS
- F. IMPAIRMENT OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS (EXCLUDING GOODWILL)
- G. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
- H. INVENTORIES (EXCLUDING EMISSIONS ALLOWANCES)
- I. EMISSIONS ALLOWANCES
- J. GRANTS AND TRANSFERS OF ASSETS FROM CUSTOMERS
- K. RETIREMENT BENEFITS
- L. DECOMMISSIONING COSTS
- M. FOREIGN CURRENCIES
- N. TAXATION
- O. INVESTMENTS

### A. REVENUE

Revenue comprises the sales value of electricity and gas and other related energy services supplied to customers during the year and excludes Value Added Tax and intra-group sales. The group recognises revenue in respect of its principal revenue-generating operations as follows:

**Transmission and distribution** – revenue comprises charges made to the Great Britain system operator for the use of the transmission network and charges made to customers for use of the distribution network. Distribution revenue includes accruals in respect of unbilled income relating to units transferred over the network established from data flows, and for other rechargeable work completed but not yet billed.

**Generation** – revenue comprises the value of units supplied during the year. Units are based on energy volumes that can actually be sold on the wholesale market and are recorded on wind farm and power station meters and industry-wide trading and settlement systems. Revenue from wind farms also includes the value of Renewables Obligation Certificates ("ROCs") and Levy Exemption Certificates ("LECs") sold during the year.

**Wholesale** – revenue comprises the value of units of wholesale energy supplied to customers during the year. Units are based on energy volumes that can actually be sold on the wholesale market and are recorded using industry-wide trading and settlement systems. Purchases of wholesale energy are reported within "Procurements".

**Retail** – revenue from the sale of energy to retail customers is the value of units supplied during the year and includes an estimate of the value of units supplied to customers between the date of their last meter reading and the year end, based on external data supplied by the electricity and gas market settlement process.

**Gas storage** – natural gas storage revenues are recognised over the contract period and hub service revenues are recognised at the point of gas flowing into or out of the storage facilities.

Interest income is accrued on a time proportional basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate which exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the asset to that asset's carrying amount.

### B. GOODWILL

Goodwill represents the excess of the fair value of the purchase consideration over the group's share of the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of an acquired subsidiary or business at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill is recognised as an asset and reviewed for impairment at least annually and whenever there is an indication of impairment. Any impairment is recognised in the income statement in the period in which it is identified.

On disposal of a subsidiary, associate, jointly controlled entity or business, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

Goodwill arising on acquisitions after 31 March 1998 but prior to the group's date of transition to IFRS, 1 April 2004, has been retained as an asset at the previous UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles amounts as at 1 April 2004.

Goodwill arising on acquisitions prior to 1 April 1998 was written off against reserves and will not be included in determining any subsequent profit or loss on disposal.

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS *continued*

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### 3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

#### C. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (EXCLUDING GOODWILL)

##### C1. COMPUTER SOFTWARE COSTS

The costs of acquired computer software are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software and are amortised on a straight-line basis over their operational lives. Costs directly associated with the development of computer software programmes that will probably generate economic benefits over a period in excess of one year are capitalised and amortised, on a straight-line basis, over their estimated operational lives. Costs include employee costs relating to software development and an appropriate proportion of relevant overheads directly attributable to bringing the software into use. Amortisation of computer software costs is over periods of up to eight years.

##### C2. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Value was attributed to future Renewables projects recognised by Iberdrola, S.A. on the acquisition of ScottishPower Renewable Energy Limited ("SPREL") and are carried at acquisition cost. These assets are transferred to 'Property, plant and equipment' when the construction of each wind farm commences.

#### D. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The group and company property, plant and equipment is stated at cost and is generally depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated operational lives of the assets. Property, plant and equipment includes capitalised employee costs, interest and other directly attributable costs. Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of major qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use. Reviews are undertaken annually of the estimated remaining lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment. Residual values are assessed based on prices prevailing at each balance sheet date.

Land is not depreciated. The main depreciation periods used by the group and the company are as set out below.

	Years
Hydro-electric plants	5-105
Fossil fuel plants	2-46
Combined cycle plants	2-37
Gas storage facilities	10-35
Wind farms	24
Transmission facilities	40
Distribution facilities	23-40
Meters and measuring devices	2-15
Other facilities and other items of property, plant and equipment	1-50

#### E. LEASED ASSETS

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement at inception date; whether fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset(s) or the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset(s), even if that right is not explicitly specified in the arrangement. For arrangements entered into prior to 1 April 2004, the date of inception is deemed to be 1 April 2004 in accordance with the transitional requirements of IFRIC 4 'Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease'.

The group classifies leases as finance leases whenever the lessor transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Finance lease receivables are initially recognised at the lower of the fair value of the leased asset and the present value of future payments. Finance income is subsequently recognised over the useful life of the leased asset using the effective interest method.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

#### F. IMPAIRMENT OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS (EXCLUDING GOODWILL)

At each balance sheet date, the group reviews the carrying amount of its property, plant and equipment and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS *continued*

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### 3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

#### G. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

This policy is applicable to both the group's consolidated Accounts and the company's individual Accounts.

##### G1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES UNDER IAS 39

- (a) Financial assets categorised as trade and other receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for impairment of doubtful debts. Allowance for doubtful debts has been estimated by management, taking into account future cash flows, based on past experience and assessment of the current economic environment within which the group operates.
- (b) The carrying amount of finance lease receivables is calculated as set out in Note 3E.
- (c) Cash and cash equivalents and term deposits in the balance sheet comprise cash on hand and term deposits which are readily convertible into a known amount of cash without a significant risk of changes in value. In the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents exclude term deposits which have a maturity of more than 90 days at the date of acquisition and include bank overdrafts repayable on demand the next business day and the net of current loans receivable and payable from group companies.
- (d) Financial liabilities categorised as trade and other payables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount.
- (e) All interest bearing loans and borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of directly attributable transaction costs. Interest bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, except where the loan or borrowing is a hedged item in an effective fair value hedging relationship (see G3. Hedge Accounting).
- (f) Other investments are valued at fair value at the balance sheet date except where it is not possible to obtain a fair value for unquoted investments. Revaluation surpluses and deficits are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.
- (g) The group enters into sale and purchase transactions for gas, electricity, oil and coal in the normal course of its energy business. Most of these contracts are entered into for the purposes of the group's expected business requirements. These 'own use' contracts are outside the scope of IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement', and are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Certain physical commodity purchase and sale contracts are within the scope of IAS 39 because they are net settled or are capable of net settlement. All such contracts are classified as derivative financial instruments in accordance with IAS 39. The group also enters into treasury-related derivatives to manage its financial risk. The group's policies and management with respect to risks are discussed in Note 4.

IAS 39 requires all derivatives to be recognised on the balance sheet at fair value. Embedded derivatives in other financial instruments or other host contracts are treated as separate derivatives when their risks and characteristics are not closely related to those of the host contracts and the host contracts are not carried at fair value through the income statement.

Unrealised gains or losses on remeasurement of derivatives and embedded derivatives are reported in the income statement except when hedge accounting is applied (see G3 below). Fair value gains and losses on derivatives used in the group's energy management activities are recognised in the income statement within procurements and fair value gains and losses on derivatives used in the group's treasury activities are recognised in the income statement as finance income or finance costs as appropriate.

##### G2. RISK CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

The group's strategy is to conduct business in a manner benefiting customers through balancing cost and risk while delivering shareholder value and protecting the group's performance and reputation by prudently managing the risks inherent in the business. To maintain this strategic direction the group develops and implements risk management policies and procedures, and promotes a rigid control environment at all levels of the organisation. Further details of the group's strategy and management of risks are discussed in detail in Note 4.

##### G3. HEDGE ACCOUNTING

Hedge accounting is applied when certain conditions required by IAS 39 are met. Hedge accounting falls into the following categories:

###### G3.1 CASH FLOW HEDGES

The portion of gain or loss of the hedging instrument that was determined to be an effective hedge is recognised directly in equity and forms part of the hedge reserve. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value of the hedging instruments is recognised in the income statement within 'Procurements' for hedges of underlying operations. For hedges of financing activities, any ineffectiveness is recognised within 'Finance income' or 'Finance costs', as appropriate, in the income statement. If the cash flow hedge relates to an underlying transaction which results in the recognition of a non-financial asset, the associated gains or losses on the derivative that had previously been recognised in equity are recognised in the initial measurement of the asset arising from the hedged transaction. For hedges that relate to an underlying transaction which results in recognition of a financial asset or a liability, amounts deferred in equity are recognised in the income statement in the same period in which the hedged item affects the income statement.

###### G3.2 FAIR VALUE HEDGES

The gain or loss from remeasuring the hedging instrument at fair value is recognised directly in the income statement in the same location as the gain or loss from remeasuring the hedged item. The gain or loss on the hedged item adjusts the carrying amount of the hedged item (when the item would otherwise have been measured at amortised cost) and is recognised in the income statement. The group starts amortisation of any such adjustments to the carrying value of the hedged item when the hedging relationship ends.

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS *continued*

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### 3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

#### G. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *continued*

##### G3.3 HEDGE EFFECTIVENESS

Hedge effectiveness is measured and respective entries recorded in the balance sheet, reserves and income statement on a monthly basis in respect of commodities and on a half-yearly basis in respect of treasury hedging relationships. Hedge effectiveness is achieved where the correlation between the changes in value of the hedging instrument and the hedged item is between 80% and 125%.

##### G3.4 DISCONTINUING HEDGE ACCOUNTING

The group discontinues prospectively hedge accounting when the hedge instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, when the hedge relationship no longer qualifies for hedge accounting or when the designation is revoked. In the case of cash flow hedging, any gain or loss that has been recognised in equity until that time remains separately recognised in equity until the forecast transaction occurs. If the transaction is no longer expected to occur, related cumulative gains and losses which have been previously deferred in equity are recognised in the income statement.

#### G4. VALUATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In those circumstances where IAS 39 requires financial instruments to be recognised in the balance sheet at fair value, The group's valuation strategies for derivative and other financial instruments utilise as far as possible quoted prices in an active trading market.

In the absence of quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities, it is sometimes necessary to apply valuation techniques where contracts are marked using approved models. Models are used for developing both the forward curves and the valuation metrics of the instruments themselves where the instruments are complex combinations of standard or non-standard products. All models are subject to rigorous testing prior to being approved for valuation and subsequent continuous testing and approval procedures designed to ensure the validity and accuracy of the model assumptions and inputs.

#### G5. OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

The group offsets a financial asset and a financial liability and reports the net amount only when the group has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### H. INVENTORIES (EXCLUDING EMISSIONS ALLOWANCES)

Inventories are valued at the lower of average cost and net realisable value.

#### I. EMISSIONS ALLOWANCES

The group participates in the EU Emissions Trading Scheme ("EU ETS"). In line with the commencement of Phase III of the EU ETS on 1 January 2013, and as there are no specific rules under IFRS dealing with the treatment of emissions allowances, the group, in alignment with Iberdrola group accounting policy, classify purchased emissions allowances as inventories as they are consumed in the production process. Such allowances are recognised at their acquisition cost. Emissions allowances are charged to the income statement as the emissions arise.

The group recognises liabilities in respect of its obligations to deliver emissions allowances at the value at which these allowances were initially recognised on the balance sheet. If it is estimated that it will be necessary to deliver more emissions allowances than recorded on the balance sheet, the liability for this shortfall is calculated based on the market price of the allowances at the balance sheet date.

#### J. GRANTS AND TRANSFERS OF ASSETS FROM CUSTOMERS

Capital and revenue grants and transfers of assets from customers are credited to 'Deferred Income' within non-current liabilities.

Pursuant to the applicable industry regulations, the group occasionally receives contributions from its customers for the construction of grid connection facilities, or is assigned such assets that must be used to connect those customers to a network and provide them with ongoing access to a supply of goods or services, or both. As the installation received is considered to be payment for ongoing access to the supply of the goods and services, it is credited to deferred income and released to the income statement over the estimated operational lives of the related assets.

Revenue grants and transfers of assets from customers are released to the income statement over the period in which they are intended to contribute to expenditure incurred.

#### K. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The group and the company provides pensions through defined benefit schemes and one defined contribution scheme.

The cost of providing benefits under the defined benefit schemes is determined using the projected unit credit method, with actuarial valuations being carried out at each balance sheet date. Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability are recognised, directly in retained earnings, in the period in which they occur and are shown in the statement of comprehensive income. The current service cost element of the pension charge is recognised within 'Staff costs' in the consolidated income statement. Interest on the net defined benefit liability is defined by changes in the net defined benefit liability or asset during the reporting period that arises from the passage of the time and is determined by multiplying the net defined benefit liability or asset by the discount rate (market yields on high quality corporate bonds). Net interest on the net defined benefit liability or asset is included within 'Finance costs' and 'Finance income', respectively, in the consolidated income statement. The retirement benefits asset and liability recognised in the balance sheet represent the net surpluses and deficits respectively in the group's defined benefit pension schemes.

Payments to the defined contribution scheme are charged as an expense as they fall due.

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS *continued*

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### 3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

#### L. DECOMMISSIONING COSTS

Provision is made, on a discounted basis, for the estimated decommissioning costs at the end of the producing lives of the group's power stations and wind farms. Capitalised decommissioning costs are depreciated over the useful lives of the related assets. The unwinding of the discount is included within 'Finance costs'.

#### M. FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the spot rate at the date of the transaction. At the year end, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date, with exchange gains and losses recognised in the consolidated income statement.

The results and cash flows of overseas subsidiaries are translated to sterling at average rates of exchange. The net assets of such subsidiaries, including fair value adjustments and the goodwill arising on their acquisition, are translated to sterling at the closing rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

#### N. TAXATION

The group's and the company's liability for current tax is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on the difference between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the balance sheet and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profits (temporary differences), and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses or credits can be utilised.

Deferred tax is calculated on a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is charged in the income statement, except where it relates to items charged or credited to equity (via the statement of comprehensive income), in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity and is shown in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### O. INVESTMENTS

The company's investments in subsidiaries are stated in the balance sheet at cost, or fair value of shares issued as consideration where applicable. Dividends from subsidiaries are recognised when the right to receive the dividend is established.

### 4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

The group's principal financial liabilities, other than derivatives, comprise loans and borrowings and trade and other payables. The main purpose of these financial liabilities is to finance the group's operations. The group has loans and other receivables, trade and other receivables, and cash and short-term deposits that arise directly from its operations. The group also holds other investments, finance lease receivables and enters into derivative contracts.

During the year ended 31 December 2015, the group has been exposed to energy market risk, credit risk and treasury risk. The group's senior management oversees the management of these risks. Details of the governance structure in place are summarised below.

During the year under review, the ScottishPower governance structure, and so that of the group, was supported by risk policies adopted by the ScottishPower Board. These risk policies are adopted and the risk limits and indicators are approved by the Boards of the group's businesses on an annual basis. ScottishPower's business risk assessment teams and the independent group risk management function support the ScottishPower Board in the execution of due diligence and risk management. In addition, the Boards of the group's businesses are responsible for ensuring that their respective business risks are adequately assessed, monitored, mitigated and managed. The UK Risk Director reports on risks for ScottishPower to the ScottishPower Audit and Compliance Committee and such reports are then presented to the ScottishPower Board.

The governance structure ensured that the risk management policies established for each business to identify, assess, monitor, report, manage and mitigate each of the various types of risk involved in its business were adequately designed and implemented and that an effective and efficient system of internal controls was maintained. The businesses adhered to their specific business risk limits and guidelines which were approved by the ScottishPower Board.

The position on risk and strategy for risk management were contained in the Risk Policy for Iberdrola's businesses in the UK (ScottishPower). The ScottishPower Board adopted these policies and they were implemented through a rigid risk governance structure, whereby responsibilities were vested with groups, committees and individuals on a global as well as business level. Generally, the risk management policy and control environment ensured that transactions undertaken and instruments used fall into the types of transactions approved by the ScottishPower Board and are properly validated within the appropriate levels of authority. Transactions included instruments such as physically settled instruments, financially-settled instruments, other contractual obligations, regulatory requirements and other obligations. The types of instruments which can be used are approved for each business. Subject to the limit requirements discussed above, no transaction was executed unless it was an approved instrument. Authorised personnel were permitted to engage only in those activities specified in the business operational policies and procedures.



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### 4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY *continued*

A clear reporting structure was implemented within the group. It ensured that the portfolios were monitored on a timely basis and sufficient information was made available to management to enable quick response of the business to the dynamic characteristics of its market environment. Those reports included daily position, mark-to-market, Value at Risk ("VaR") reports as well as periodical fundamentals reports, credit watch, credit exposure, accounting and insurance reports.

Further details of the policies in place to manage exposure to the key risks are detailed below:

#### (a) Energy market risk

The group is exposed to market risk associated with fluctuations in the market price of electricity and generation fuel compounded by volumetric risk caused by unplanned changes in the load and output of its portfolio of generation assets. The risk management policies are implemented at the business level with the oversight of the businesses' Boards, management teams and the independent risk management function. The group uses a number of risk measurement procedures and techniques to ensure that risk is kept within pre-approved limits. The key measures are stop loss limits and volume exposure by tenor limits. All valuation models are reviewed and approved by the independent group Risk Management function on an ongoing basis, including changes to assumptions and model inputs. Changes that could have had significant impact on the Accounts required additional review and approval by the appropriate Boards.

The Risk Management function employs additional techniques such as VaR, to assist in measuring risk within the volume exposure by tenor limits. VaR is a key measure of the potential financial loss on a price exposure position over a defined period to a given level of confidence. VaR computations for the group's energy commodity portfolios are based on a historical simulation technique, which utilises historical energy market forward price curve changes to estimate the potential unfavourable impact of price changes in the portfolio positions. The quantification of market risk using VaR provides a consistent measure of risk and sensitivity across the group's continually changing portfolio, however, VaR is not necessarily indicative of actual results that may occur. Future changes in markets inconsistent with historical data or assumptions used could cause variation in actual results to exceed predicted ranges. The group's VaR computations for its energy commodity portfolio utilise several key assumptions, including a 99% confidence level for the resultant price changes and a holding period of five business days. VaR, while sensitive to changes in portfolio volume, does not account for commodity volume risk. Commodity volume risk is defined as the possibility that a change in the supply of, or demand for, the commodity will create an unexpected imbalance and change the requirements for the commodity.

The application of the VaR methodology has evolved to include the total forecasted volumes for the generation assets and retail contracts to provide a more accurate measure of the risk associated with the volume exposure by tenor limits. The group's VaR measures, at 31 December 2015 and over the prior year, are shown in the table below.

	2015 £m	2014 £m
VaR	20.9	15.7
Average VaR over prior year	23.6	12.2
Maximum VaR over prior year	30.0	15.7
Minimum VaR over prior year	13.9	8.0

Hedging activities associated with energy market risk are undertaken within the energy management functions. The strategy of the business is to mitigate the economic risks associated with electricity generation, purchase of fuel and supply of electricity and natural gas to end users in both the wholesale and retail markets and also to optimise the value of the asset portfolio. From a reporting perspective the objective is to report earnings results that are consistent with its operational strategies and hence recognise the earnings effect of financial and non-financial derivative transactions executed to hedge economic business risks in the same period in which the hedged operational activity impacts earnings. The aim is to minimise earnings volatility, which would otherwise be present as a result of fair valuing all derivative contracts under IAS 39. To achieve this objective, where effectiveness documentation and reporting requirements are met, cash flow hedge accounting is applied by designation of a series of derivative trades and deferring in equity the fair value changes of open derivative positions until the period in which forecast transactions occur. A number of contracts do not qualify for own use or hedge accounting under IAS 39 and are therefore wholly or partially fair valued through the income statement.

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### 4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY *continued*

#### (a) Energy market risk *continued*

Cash flow hedging strategies are developed for each of the electricity, natural gas, coal and carbon allowances portfolios to hedge the variability in cash flows associated with changes in the market price of each commodity. Forward (fixed price/fixed volume) contracts are designated as hedging instruments in the electricity, gas, and carbon hedges, and financial swaps are designated in the coal hedge.

The electricity, gas, coal and carbon hedges relate to the cash flow variability associated with sales of electricity and purchases of electricity, natural gas, coal and carbon allowances at floating prices that are required to meet forecast demand for each commodity. Forecast demand is based on the existing level of and predicted changes in customer numbers and historic profiles of demand, plus the existing level of predicted changes in generating activity, all of which are highly probable of occurring. The associated cash flows extend until 2019 for electricity, 2018 for gas, 2017 for carbon allowances and 2016 for coal.

The assessment of effectiveness of all hedging relationships currently in place is carried out on a monthly basis as part of the financial reporting cycle. Prospective assessment is carried out at inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis to verify that the forecast is still highly probable of occurring.

Retrospective assessment is also carried out to assess the effectiveness in the period under review. Prospective and retrospective assessment is performed using statistical analysis and the business can apply the hedge accounting rules prescribed by IAS 39 if the hedging relationship passes the criteria of a three-step regression test.

#### (b) Credit risk

The group is exposed to both settlement risk (defined as the risk of a counterparty failing to pay for energy and/or services which have been delivered), as well as replacement risk (defined as the risk of incurring additional costs in order to replace a sale or purchase contract following a counterparty default). Credit risk is mitigated by contracting with multiple counterparties and limiting exposure to individual counterparties to clearly defined limits based upon the risk of counterparty default.

Aggregate portfolio risk is monitored and reported by a Credit Value-at-Risk Monte-Carlo-based simulation model to quantify the total credit risk within the existing portfolio.

The group considers that 100% of its credit risk associated with energy-related derivatives can be considered to be with counterparties in related energy industries, financial institutions operating in energy markets or fellow Iberdrola group companies. At the counterparty level the group employs specific eligibility criteria in determining appropriate limits for each prospective counterparty and supplements this with netting and collateral agreements including margining, guarantees, letters of credit and cash deposits where appropriate.

Exposure to credit risk in the supply of electricity and gas arises from the potential customer defaulting on their invoiced payables. The financial strength and credit-worthiness of business customers is assessed prior to commencing, and for the duration of their contract of supply. Domestic credit worthiness is reviewed from a variety of internal and external information.

At 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014, the group evaluated the concentration of risk with respect to trade receivables as low, with no material concentration of credit risk in the group arising from one particular counterparty.

The table below shows trade receivables that are past due but not considered impaired. These relate primarily to retail customers who have not paid the outstanding balance within agreed payment terms:

	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>Past due but not impaired:</b>		
Less than 3 months	103.6	90.8
Between 3 and 6 months	27.7	20.1
Between 6 and 12 months	30.9	32.6
After more than 12 months	11.5	10.3
	<b>173.7</b>	<b>153.8</b>

The requirement for an impairment is analysed at each reporting date and this is estimated by management taking into account future cash flows, prior experience, ageing analysis and an assessment of the current economic climate within which the group operates.

The maximum exposure to credit risk in respect of trade receivables is the carrying value of the trade receivables at the balance sheet date. The carrying value of trade receivables is stated net of the allowance for impairment.

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## 4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY *continued*

### (c) Treasury risk

Treasury risk is comprised of liquidity risk and market risk. The group's cash management and short-term financing activity is integrated with ScottishPower whose activities are themselves integrated with Iberdrola's. The group's financing structure is determined by its position in the wider Iberdrola group. The company holds investment grade ratings with Moody's Investor Services (Baa1), Standard & Poor's Rating Services (BBB+) and Fitch Ratings (BBB+).

### (i) Treasury liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, the risk that the group will have insufficient funds to meet its liabilities, is managed by Iberdrola Group Treasury, who are responsible for arranging banking facilities on behalf of the group. For the purposes of the group, SPL is the principal counterparty for the loan balances due to and from the subsidiaries of Scottish Power UK plc.

The tables below summarise the maturity profile of the group's financial liabilities as at 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014 based on contractual undiscounted payments.

#### Financial liabilities (excluding commodity derivatives)

	2015						Total £m
	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 £m	2021 and thereafter £m	
Cash outflows							
Derivative financial instruments (excluding commodity derivatives)*	215.8	96.4	7.6	—	—	—	319.8
Loans and other borrowings	3,559.3	339.1	280.9	270.3	209.4	2,382.2	7,041.2
Payables**	1,171.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	—	—	1,179.5
	4,946.8	438.1	291.1	272.9	209.4	2,382.2	8,540.5

	2014						Total £m
	2015 £m	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 and thereafter £m	
Cash outflows							
Derivative financial instruments (excluding commodity derivatives)*	501.7	109.1	—	—	—	—	610.8
Loans and other borrowings	3,598.8	137.8	338.5	279.6	288.5	2,528.9	7,172.1
Payables**	1,330.5	2.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	—	1,336.5
	5,431.0	249.0	339.8	280.9	289.8	2,528.9	9,119.4

\* The above liquidity analysis is stated after the impact of counterparty netting (refer to Note 11 (c)).

\*\* Contractual cash flows exclude accrued interest as these cash flows are included within loans and other borrowings.

### Commodity derivatives

The group believes the liquidity risk associated with commodity derivatives needs to be considered in conjunction with the profile of payments in relation to all derivative contracts rather than only those in a liability position. It should be noted that cash flows associated with future energy sales and commodity contracts which are not IAS 39 financial instruments are not included in this analysis, which is prepared in accordance with IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures'.

	2015						Total £m
	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 £m	2021 and thereafter £m	
Net cash outflows	244.6	102.7	14.6	0.8	—	—	362.7

	2014						Total £m
	2015 £m	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 and thereafter £m	
Net cash outflows	639.3	337.8	85.5	—	—	—	1,062.6

Details of the group's contractual commitments are given in Note 33.

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### 4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY *continued*

#### (c) Treasury risk *continued*

##### (ii) Treasury market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that results from changes in market rates (foreign exchange rates and interest rates). Within the Treasury function the group utilises a number of financial instruments to manage interest rate and foreign currency exposures.

The table below shows the debt structure of the group, after taking hedging derivatives into account.

##### Interest rate analysis of debt

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Fixed rate	1,832.9	1,758.6
Variable rate	3,984.3	4,068.7
	<b>5,817.2</b>	<b>5,827.3</b>

The reference interest rates for the floating rate borrowings are London Inter Bank Offer Rate ("LIBOR"), Euro Bank Offered Rate ("EURIBOR"), Bank of England Base Rate ("Base") and includes borrowings linked to the Retail Price Index ("RPI").

The variable rate debt consists of a £83.0 million Japanese Yen ("JPY") loan, £269.6 million inflation linked bonds, £179.2 million LIBOR debt and £198.1 million EURIBOR debt and £3,254.4 million of loans with Iberdrola group companies linked to Base.

The interest on the £83.0 million JPY debt is fixed, however this is changed to variable by a cross currency swap. Interest is based on the Sterling LIBOR curve. For indicative purposes, a 1% increase in LIBOR would result in a £0.5 million increase in the full year interest charge.

For the inflation linked bonds, if RPI was to increase by 1% the impact on annual interest rate charge would be £0.2 million.

For LIBOR/EURIBOR linked debt, a 1% increase in the rate would result in a £3.8 million increase in the full year interest charge.

The interest rate on the short-term variable rate debt is linked to Base. A 1% increase in the Base rate would result in a £32.5 million increase to the full year interest charge.

##### Cash flow hedges

Hedging of commodity purchases: Where commodities are priced in a currency other than Sterling, the foreign exchange risk is hedged using forward foreign exchange contracts. These are designated as cash flow hedges where they comply with the requirements of IAS 39.

Hedging of asset purchases: the group is subject to cash flow risk resulting from the purchase of various assets which are denominated in foreign currencies. The risk being hedged relates to the fluctuation in the functional currency terms of value of these foreign denominated purchases. the group enters into forward foreign exchange rate contracts to hedge those risks.

Hedging the value of currency denominated intercompany loans: the group has provided funding to or received funding from other Iberdrola companies denominated in currencies other than Sterling. The value of the group's assets or liabilities in relation to this funding is subject to foreign exchange risk. As a result, the group enters into cross currency swaps or foreign exchange rate contracts as hedges and has designated those within a cash flow hedging relationship where they meet required hedging criteria.

##### Fair value hedges

Hedging the value of cross currency debt: the group has issued debt instruments denominated in JPY. The value of the group's liability with respect to those instruments is subject to foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk. As a result the group has entered into cross-currency swaps as hedges and has designated those within a fair value hedging relationship where they meet required hedging criteria.

##### Hedge assessment

Hedge assessment is done prospectively to verify that the forecast transactions are still highly probable of occurring (for cash flow hedges) as well as retrospectively, to assess the effectiveness in the period under review. Prospective assessment is performed using sensitivity analysis and critical terms matching. Retrospective assessment is performed using the dollar offset approach which compares the change in fair value of the hedging instrument with the hedged item, to determine whether a high level of correlation exists between those changes.

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### 5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In determining and applying accounting policies, judgement is often required in respect of items where the choice of specific policy to be followed could materially affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of the group should it later be determined that a different choice would be more appropriate. Such a policy is discussed at (a) below. In addition, in preparing the consolidated Accounts in conformity with IFRS, the company is required to make estimates and assumptions that impact on the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of the group. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These are discussed at (b) to (h) below. These critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty should be read in conjunction with the full statement of Accounting Policies at Note 3.

#### (a) EMISSIONS ALLOWANCES

In accordance with the group accounting policy purchased emissions allowances are recognised at cost within inventories. The group recognises liabilities in respect of its obligations to deliver emissions allowances. Any liabilities recognised are measured based on the value at which these allowances were initially recognised on the balance sheet. If it is estimated that it will be necessary to deliver more emission allowances than recorded on the balance sheet the liability to this shortfall is calculated based on the market price of the allowances at the balance sheet date.

#### (b) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

IAS 39 requires certain financial instruments, in particular derivatives, to be recorded as assets and liabilities in the balance sheet. The group's valuation strategy for these financial instruments is to utilise, as far as possible, quoted prices in an active trading market. In the absence of quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities, it is sometimes necessary to apply valuation techniques where contracts are marked to approved models. Models are used for developing both the forward curves and the valuation metrics of the instruments themselves where the instruments are complex combinations of standard or non-standard products. All models are subject to rigorous testing prior to being approved for valuation and subsequent continuous testing and approval procedures designed to ensure the validity and accuracy of the model assumptions and inputs.

The assumptions within the models used to value financial instruments are critical, since any changes in assumptions could have a significant impact on the fair values and movements which are reflected in the group income statement, group statement of comprehensive income and group balance sheet. As a result, significant judgements must be made in applying IAS 39 to the group's energy contracts in particular. Disclosures relating to the group's VaR measures and derivative financial instruments are set out in Notes 4 and 21 respectively.

At 31 December 2015, the carrying value of derivative financial assets was £175.4 million (2014 £160.0 million) and the carrying value of derivative financial liabilities was £213.8 million (2014 £242.5 million).

#### (c) REVENUE

The nature of the energy industry in the UK in which the group operates is such that the group's revenue recognition is subject to a degree of estimation. The assessment of energy sales to retail customers is based on meter readings, which are carried out on a systematic basis throughout the year. Revenue from the sale of energy to retail customers and from wind farms is the value of units supplied during the year and includes an estimate of the value of the units supplied to customers between the date of their last meter reading and the period end based on external data supplied by the electricity and gas market settlement process. At the end of each accounting period, amounts of energy delivered to customers since the last billing date are estimated and the corresponding unbilled revenue is estimated and recorded in revenue.

Billed revenue not yet received is included in trade receivables and unbilled revenue is included within accrued income in the consolidated balance sheet. Billed and unbilled revenue relating to the group's retail customers included within the consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 2015 amounted to £509.4 million (2014 £492.8 million).

#### (d) IMPAIRMENT OF TRADE RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables are stated net of allowance for impairment of doubtful debts. The group estimates its provision for impairment taking into account future cash flows, based on prior experience, ageing analysis and an assessment of the current economic environment within which the group operates. Such estimates involve a significant degree of judgement.

The provision for impairment of trade receivables at 31 December 2015 amounted to £94.4 million (2014 £88.1 million) and trade receivables and accrued income (net of the provision for impairment) amounted to £772.3 million (2014 £786.3 million).

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### 5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY *continued*

#### (e) IMPAIRMENT OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL

In certain circumstances, property, plant and equipment are required to be reviewed for impairment. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at least annually. When a review for impairment is conducted, the recoverable amount is assessed by reference to the net present value of the expected future cash flows of the relevant Cash Generating Unit ("CGU"), or disposal value if higher. The discount rate applied is based on the group's weighted average cost of capital with appropriate adjustments for the risks associated with the CGU. Estimates of cash flows involve a significant degree of judgement and are consistent with management's plans and forecasts.

At 31 December 2015, the carrying value of property, plant and equipment amounted to £11,246.8 million (2014 £10,556.8 million). The carrying value of goodwill amounted to £364.6 million (2014 £364.6 million). Refer to Note 8(b) for further details on the impairment testing performed on goodwill.

#### (f) CONTINGENCIES

Appropriate recognition and disclosure of contingent liabilities is made regarding litigation, tax matters, and environmental issues, among others. Accounting for contingencies requires significant judgement by management regarding the estimated probabilities and ranges of exposure to potential loss. The evaluation of these contingencies is performed by various specialists inside and outside of the group.

The company's assessment of the group's exposure to contingencies could change as new developments occur or more information becomes available. The outcome of the contingencies could vary significantly and could materially impact the group's results and financial position. The company has used its best judgement in applying IAS 37 'Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets' to these matters.

#### (g) RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The group operates a number of defined benefit schemes for its employees which are accounted for in accordance with IAS 19 'Employee Benefits' ("IAS 19") using the immediate recognition approach.

The expense and balance sheet items relating to the group's accounting for pension schemes under IAS 19 are based on actuarial valuations. Inherent in these valuations are key assumptions, including discount rates, earnings increases, mortality and increases in pensions in payment. These actuarial assumptions are reviewed annually in line with the requirements of IAS 19. The assumptions adopted are based on prior experience, market conditions and the advice of plan actuaries.

At 31 December 2015, the liability in the balance sheet for retirement benefit obligations amounted to £264.4 million (2014 £308.4 million). Sensitivity disclosures relating to the group's retirement benefit obligations are set out in Note 18.

#### (h) DECOMMISSIONING AND ENVIRONMENTAL

The group periodically revises the estimates made concerning the costs to be incurred in the decommissioning of the group's plant (including wind farms) and the obligation to remove asbestos from the power stations over the course of their operational lives. At 31 December 2015, the present value of the aforementioned costs amounted to £209.2 million (2014 £181.7 million).

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### 6 BUSINESS SEGMENT REPORTING

#### (a) Operating segments and business divisions

The group classifies its operating segments based on a combination of factors principally differences in products and services and the regulatory environment in which each business operates. The group is organised into three reportable segments; Energy Networks, Energy Wholesale and Retail and Renewables. Following revised management reporting given the introduction of the new price control mechanisms, the group now identifies SPT, SPD and SPM as individual operating segments. As management deem these operating segments to exhibit similar economic characteristics, they have been aggregated (together with other Energy Networks entities) into a single reporting segment, Energy Networks. In line with IFRS 8 'Operating Segments' the group reports its operating segments on this basis and the measure of profit used for the purpose of reporting to the Chief Operating Decision maker ("CODM") is profit from operations as per the consolidated income statement. All revenue and profit from operations for the reported segments arise from operations within Great Britain and Ireland.

In accordance with the disclosure requirements of IFRS, the Annual Report and Accounts of SPUK reports the relevant financial results of the reported segments as described above. In the interest of improved transparency the group has voluntarily disclosed revenue and profit from operations for the separate business divisions within the Energy Wholesale and Retail and Renewables reported segments, whilst also providing detail in relation to non-recurring items and certain re-measurements arising from IAS 39, consistent with the Supply and Generation regulatory licence conditions. This information has been calculated, where appropriate, in accordance with Standard Licence Condition 16B of the Electricity Generation Licence and Standard Condition 19A of the Electricity and Gas Supply Licences.

The group's reported segments, business functions and business divisions are as follows:

Reported segment	Business function	Business division	Business division description
Energy Networks		Energy Networks	The transmission and distribution business within the group.
Energy Wholesale and Retail	Energy Wholesale	Generation – Licensed business <sup>1</sup>	The licensed activity of the Energy Wholesale business function, which owns and operates coal, gas and hydro-electric generation plant.
		Energy Management <sup>1</sup>	The non-licensed activities of the Energy Wholesale business function, responsible for wholesale market sales and purchases for the Generation and Supply licensed business divisions.
		Other	The other non-licensed activity of the Energy Wholesale business function which includes the results of the group's waste water treatment facility.
	Energy Retail	Supply – Licensed business <sup>1</sup>	The licensed activity of the Energy Retail business function responsible for the supply of electricity and gas to domestic and non-domestic customers.
		Other	The non-licensed activity of the Energy Retail business function which includes the group's Energy Services activities.
Renewables		Renewables – Licensed business <sup>1</sup>	The Great Britain licensed activity of the Renewables reported segment, which develops and operates renewable generation plant, other than hydro-electric generation plant.
		Other	The non-licensed activity of the Renewables reported segment, which includes generation activity outside Great Britain and the impact of the amortisation of the fair value attributed to the Renewables operating segment when purchased by Iberdrola during 2007.

<sup>1</sup> The Generation – Licensed, Supply – Licensed, Renewables – Licensed and the Energy Management businesses are consistent with those disclosed in the Consolidated Segmental Statements for the Supply and Generation licensed businesses presented in accordance with Standard Licence Condition 16B of the Electricity Generation Licence and Standard Condition 19A of the Electricity and Gas Supply Licences. These statements can be found at [www.scottishpower.com/pages/company\\_reporting.asp](http://www.scottishpower.com/pages/company_reporting.asp).

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## 6 BUSINESS SEGMENT REPORTING *continued*

### (b) Revenue by reported segment, business function and business division

#### (i) Revenue by reported segment

##### Revenue by reported segment for the year ended 31 December 2015

Reported segment	External revenue £m	Inter-segment revenue £m	Total revenue reported to the CODM £m
Energy Networks	919.9	193.8*	1,113.7
Energy Wholesale and Retail	5,486.1	5.3	5,491.4
Renewables	184.4	395.0	579.4
Elimination of inter-segment revenue			(594.1)
			6,590.4

\* Inter-segment revenue relating to Energy Networks is predominantly subject to regulation and is based on published tariffs set by the regulator.

##### Revenue by reported segment for the year ended 31 December 2014

Reported segment	External revenue £m	Inter-segment revenue £m	Total revenue reported to the CODM £m
Energy Networks	915.2	198.3*	1,113.5
Energy Wholesale and Retail	6,163.0	6.0	6,169.0
Renewables	29.2	304.9	334.1
Elimination of inter-segment revenue			(509.2)
			7,107.4

\* Inter-segment revenue relating to Energy Networks is predominantly subject to regulation and is based on published tariffs set by the regulator.

#### (ii) Additional information – Revenue by business function and business division

##### Revenue by business function and business division for the year ended 31 December 2015

Reported segment	Business function	Business division	Note	Total revenue £m	Joint venture share of revenue (Note (iii)) £m	Revenue re-allocations as per regulatory licence requirements (Note (iv)) £m	Total revenue as per regulatory licence requirements £m
Energy Networks				1,113.7	–	–	1,113.7
		Generation – Licensed business		1,148.2	–	–	1,148.2
		Energy Management		4,309.8	–	–	4,309.8
		Elimination of intra-function revenue		(1,716.5)	–	–	(1,716.5)
	Energy Wholesale			3,741.5	–	–	3,741.5
		Supply – Licensed business		3,803.4	–	(33.6)	3,769.8
		Other		9.4	–	–	9.4
	Energy Retail			3,812.8	–	(33.6)	3,779.2
		Elimination of intra-segment revenue		(2,062.9)	–	–	(2,062.9)
Energy Wholesale and Retail				5,491.4	–	(33.6)	5,457.8
		Renewables – Licensed business		431.9	3.0	–	434.9
		Other	(v)	147.5	–	–	147.5
Renewables				579.4	3.0	–	582.4
Elimination of inter-segment revenue				(594.1)	–	–	(594.1)
Total				6,590.4	3.0	(33.6)	6,559.8



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## 6 BUSINESS SEGMENT REPORTING *continued*

### (b) Revenue by reported segment, business function and business division *continued*

#### (ii) Additional information – Revenue by business function and business division *continued*

Revenue by business function and business division for the year ended 31 December 2014

Reported segment	Business function	Business division	Total revenue £m	Joint venture share of revenue (Note (iii)) £m	Revenue re-allocations as per regulatory licence requirements (Note (iv)) £m	Total revenue as per regulatory licence requirements £m
Energy Networks			1,113.5	–	–	1,113.5
		Generation – Licensed business	1,148.8	–	–	1,148.8
		Energy Management	5,039.8	–	–	5,039.8
		Elimination of intra-function revenue	(1,718.4)	–	–	(1,718.4)
	Energy Wholesale		4,470.2	–	–	4,470.2
		Supply – Licensed business	3,944.2	–	(31.9)	3,912.3
		Other	11.9	–	–	11.9
	Energy Retail		3,956.1	–	(31.9)	3,924.2
		Elimination of intra-segment revenue	(2,257.3)	–	–	(2,257.3)
Energy Wholesale and Retail			6,169.0	–	(31.9)	6,137.1
		Renewables – Licensed business	321.0	5.1	–	326.1
		Other	13.1	–	–	13.1
Renewables			334.1	5.1	–	339.2
Elimination of inter-segment revenue			(509.2)	–	–	(509.2)
Total			7,107.4	5.1	(31.9)	7,080.6

(iii) All the joint ventures within the group are consolidated using the equity method. The results of the joint ventures are therefore presented within "Results of companies accounted for using the equity method" on the face of the consolidated income statement and so do not form part of "Total Revenue". As per the licence conditions, and so the associated regulatory reporting, the group is required to proportionally consolidate the results of the joint ventures and so present revenues and costs in the appropriate lines of the income statement.

(iv) As disclosed in Note 26 of the financial statements, in line with group accounting policy taxes, other than income tax includes the costs of the Warm Home Discount Scheme. As per the licence conditions these costs are required to be deducted from revenue.

(v) Total revenue includes £134.4 million following the sale of a transmission asset during the year. Refer to Note 13.

### (c) Profit/(loss) from operations by reported segment, business function and business division

#### (i) Profit/(loss) from operations by reported segment

Profit/(loss) from operations by reported segment for the year ended 31 December 2015

Reported segment	Profit/(loss) from operations reported to the CODM £m
Energy Networks	612.2
Energy Wholesale and Retail	(131.1)
Renewables	180.2
Unallocated	3.8
Total	665.1

Profit/(loss) from operations by reported segment for the year ended 31 December 2014

Reported segment	Profit/(loss) from operations reported to the CODM £m
Energy Networks	617.7
Energy Wholesale and Retail	67.3
Renewables	87.0
Unallocated	(7.0)
Total	765.0

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## 6 BUSINESS SEGMENT REPORTING *continued*

(c) Profit/(loss) from operations by reported segment, business function and business division *continued*

(ii) Additional information – Profit/(loss) from operations by business function and business division

Profit/(loss) from operations by business function and business division for the year ended 31 December 2015

Reported segment	Business function	Business division	Profit/(loss) from operations £m	Joint venture share of profit from operations (Note (iii)) £m	Non-recurring items (Note (iv)) £m	Certain remeasurements (Note (v)) £m	Adjusted profit/(loss) from operations as per regulatory licence requirements* £m
Energy Networks			612.2	–	0.1	–	612.3
		Generation – Licensed business	(365.2)	–	235.8	20.4	(109.0)
		Energy Management	34.0	–	0.4	(14.2)	20.2
		Other	2.9	(0.5)	0.9	–	3.3
	Energy Wholesale		(328.3)	(0.5)	237.1	6.2	(85.5)
		Supply – Licensed business	196.9	–	(33.4)	1.1	164.6
		Other	0.3	–	–	–	0.3
	Energy Retail		197.2	–	(33.4)	1.1	164.9
Energy Wholesale and Retail			(131.1)	(0.5)	203.7	7.3	79.4
		Renewables – Licensed business	230.8	(3.3)	9.4	–	236.9
		Other	(50.6)	(0.1)	0.1	–	(50.6)
Renewables			180.2	(3.4)	9.5	–	186.3
Unallocated			3.8	–	2.6	–	6.4
Total			665.1	(3.9)	215.9	7.3	884.4

\* Standard Licence Condition 16B of the Electricity Generation Licence and Standard Condition 19A of the Electricity and Gas Supply Licences.

Profit/(loss) from operations by business function and business division for the year ended 31 December 2014

Reported segment	Business function	Business division	Profit/(loss) from operations £m	Joint venture share of profit from operations (Note (iii)) £m	Non-recurring items (Note (iv)) £m	Certain remeasurements (Note (v)) £m	Adjusted profit/(loss) from operations as per regulatory licence requirements* £m
Energy Networks			617.7	–	10.5	–	628.2
		Generation – Licensed business	(141.5)	–	6.7	59.4	(75.4)
		Energy Management	(1.8)	–	–	30.1	28.3
		Other	2.1	0.2	–	–	2.3
	Energy Wholesale		(141.2)	0.2	6.7	89.5	(44.8)
		Supply – Licensed business	210.1	–	(18.2)	–	191.9
		Other	(1.6)	–	0.7	–	(0.9)
	Energy Retail		208.5	–	(17.5)	–	191.0
Energy Wholesale and Retail			67.3	0.2	(10.8)	89.5	146.2
		Renewables – Licensed business	133.1	1.0	20.8	–	154.9
		Other	(46.1)	0.1	0.6	–	(45.4)
Renewables			87.0	1.1	21.4	–	109.5
Unallocated			(7.0)	–	1.0	–	(6.0)
Total			765.0	1.3	22.1	89.5	877.9

\* Standard Licence Condition 16B of the Electricity Generation Licence and Standard Condition 19A of the Electricity and Gas Supply Licences.

### (iii) Joint venture share of profit from operations

All joint ventures within the group are consolidated using the equity method. The results of the joint ventures are therefore presented within "Results of companies accounted for using the equity method" on the face of the consolidated income statement and so do not form part of "Profit from operations".

As per the licence conditions, and so the associated regulatory reporting, the group is required to proportionally consolidate the results of the joint ventures and so present revenues and costs in the appropriate lines of the income statement.

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## 6 BUSINESS SEGMENT REPORTING *continued*

### (c) Profit/(loss) from operations by reported segment and business division *continued*

#### (iv) Non-recurring items

In the year ended 31 December 2015 the following non-recurring items were recorded:

**Provisions for restructuring and other liabilities:** On review of the group's provisions as at 31 December 2015 net restructuring provisions and associated pension costs of £29.1 million were recognised principally in relation to the closure of Longannet power station. In addition the group recognised £19.6 million of net costs associated with other contractual and regulatory obligations.

**Impairment and non-current asset write-offs:** During the year ended 31 December 2015 the group recognised an impairment charge of £216.6 million comprising of a charge of £209.5 million in respect of the closure of Longannet power station and a charge of £7.1 million principally in relation to the cancellation of certain onshore wind power projects. Refer to Note 9. Equity accounted joint ventures within the group, also recognised impairment charges of £5.4 million relating principally to the cancellation of a wind farm repowering project. Non-current asset write-offs of £0.6 million were also recognised.

**Non-recurring income:** During the year the group recognised £55.4 million of non-recurring income on settlement of various contractual disputes.

In the year ended 31 December 2014 the following non-recurring items were recorded:

**Provisions for restructuring and other liabilities:** On review of the group's provisions as at 31 December 2014, net restructuring provisions and associated pension costs of £6.9 million were released as the provision was no longer required. In addition, the group recognised £12.8 million of costs associated with various regulatory reviews and other contractual obligations.

**Impairment and non-current asset write-offs:** During the year ended 31 December 2014, the group recognised an impairment charge of £16.3 million primarily in relation to the termination of certain onshore wind power plant and wave energy projects. In addition, the group recognised an impairment charge of £8.6 million in relation to offshore transmission assets.

**Non-recurring income:** During the year, the group recognised £8.7 million of non-recurring income on settlement of various contractual disputes.

#### (v) Certain remeasurements

Certain remeasurements are the fair value movements on energy contracts arising from the application of IAS 39. These have been disclosed separately to aid the understanding of the underlying performance of the group.

### (d) Other financial data by operating segment

Other items by segment for the year ended 31 December 2015	Acquisition of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets reported to the CODM £m	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment reported to the CODM £m	Impairment of trade receivables reported to the CODM £m
Energy Networks	845.2	229.5	(0.1)*
Energy Wholesale and Retail	80.1	412.8	55.1
Renewables	382.5	137.9	(0.1)*
Unallocated	26.6	18.6	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,334.4</b>	<b>798.8</b>	<b>54.9</b>

\* In Energy Networks and Renewables the release of excess provisions for impairment exceeded the charge for impairment during the year.

Other items by segment for the year ended 31 December 2014	Acquisition of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets reported to the CODM £m	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment reported to the CODM £m	Impairment of trade receivables reported to the CODM £m
Energy Networks	792.3	220.3	(0.3)*
Energy Wholesale and Retail	91.1	189.7	69.6
Renewables	432.3	128.9	-
Unallocated	22.2	22.2	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,337.9</b>	<b>561.1</b>	<b>69.4</b>

\* In Energy Networks the release of excess provisions for impairment exceeded the charge for impairment during the year.

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## 7 GROUP INFORMATION

### (a) Subsidiaries and joint ventures

The table below sets out details of the subsidiaries and joint ventures included in the consolidated Accounts for the group.

Name	Principal activities	Country of incorporation	Equity interest	
			2015	2014
Energy Networks				
Subsidiaries				
Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited	Holding company	Scotland	100% (i)	100%
SP Distribution plc	Ownership and operation of distribution network within the ScottishPower area	Scotland	100%	100%
SP Manweb plc	Ownership and operation of distribution network within the Mersey and North Wales area	England and Wales	100%	100%
SP Network Connections Limited	Design and construction of utility connections	England and Wales	100%	100%
SP Power Systems Limited	Provision of asset management services and multi-utility and construction service	Scotland	100%	100%
SP Transmission plc	Ownership and operation of transmission network within the ScottishPower area	Scotland	100%	100%
Manweb Services Limited	Operation of a private electricity distribution network	England and Wales	100%	100%
Joint ventures				
NGET/SPT Upgrades Limited	Development of offshore HVDC West Coast transmission link	England and Wales	50% (ii), (iii)	50%
Energy Wholesale and Retail				
Subsidiaries				
Scottish Power Generation Holdings Limited	Holding company	Scotland	100% (i)	100%
ScottishPower (DCL) Limited	Electricity generation	England and Wales	100%	100%
ScottishPower Energy Management Limited	Wholesale energy management company engaged in purchase and sale of electricity, gas and coal	Scotland	100%	100%
ScottishPower Energy Management (Agency) Limited	Agent for energy management activity of ScottishPower Energy Management Limited	Scotland	100%	100%
ScottishPower Generation Limited	Electricity generation	Scotland	100%	100%
ScottishPower (SCPL) Limited	Electricity generation	England and Wales	100%	100%
SMW Limited	Wastewater treatment	Scotland	100%	100%
SP Gas Transportation Cockenzie Limited	Holder of Gas Transporter Licence	Scotland	100%	100%
SP Gas Transportation Hatfield Limited	Holder of Gas Transporter Licence	Scotland	100%	100%
ScottishPower Energy Retail Limited	Supply of electricity and gas to domestic and business customers	Scotland	100%	100%
SP Dataserve Limited	Data collection, data aggregation, meter operation and revenue protection	Scotland	100%	100%
Manweb Energy Consultants Limited	Provision of energy services	England and Wales	100%	100%
Joint ventures				
ScotAsh Limited	Sales of ash and ash-related cementitious products	England and Wales	50% (ii)	50%
Renewables				
Subsidiaries				
ScottishPower Renewable Energy Limited	Holding company	Scotland	100% (i)	100%
Coldham Windfarm Limited	Electricity generation	England and Wales	80%	80%
East Anglia One Limited	Development of offshore wind farm	England and Wales	100% (iv)	50%
ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited	Construction and operation of wind powered electricity generation	Northern Ireland	100%	100%
ScottishPower Renewables (WODS) Limited	Construction and operation of offshore wind farm	Scotland	100%	100%
Iberdrola Renovables France SAS	Holding company	France	100%	100%
Iberdrola Renovables Offshore Deutschland GmbH	Development and construction of offshore wind farm	Germany	100% (v)	100%
Iberdrola Renovables Deutschland GmbH	Holding company	Germany	100% (vi)	100%
Ailes Marines SAS	Development of offshore wind farm	France	70%	70%
Perle Marine SAS	Development of offshore wind farm	France	– (vii)	70%
Joint ventures				
Celtpower Limited	Electricity generation	England and Wales	50% (ii)	50%
East Anglia Offshore Wind Limited	Offshore wind farm development	England and Wales	50% (ii)	50%
East Anglia Three Limited	Offshore wind farm development	England and Wales	50% (ii), (viii)	50%
East Anglia Four Limited	Offshore wind farm development	England and Wales	50% (ii), (viii)	50%
Morecambe Wind Limited	Provision of operational services	England and Wales	50% (ii)	50%

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## 7 GROUP INFORMATION *continued*

### (a) Subsidiaries and joint ventures *continued*

Name	Principal activities	Country of incorporation	2015	2014
<b>Other</b>				
<b>Subsidiaries</b>				
ScottishPower Investments Limited	Holding company	Scotland	100% (i)	100%
ScottishPower Insurance Limited	Insurance	Isle of Man	– (ix)	100%
<b>Dormant subsidiaries</b>				
Manweb Nominees Limited	Dormant	England and Wales	100%	100%
Manweb Pensions Trustees Limited	Dormant	England and Wales	100%	100%
<b>Dormant subsidiaries in liquidation</b>				
Caledonian Gas Limited plc	In liquidation	Scotland	100% (i)	100%
Camjar plc	In liquidation	England and Wales	100% (x), (xi)	100%
Clubcall Telephone Services Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
Clubline Services Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
Demon Internet Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
Manweb Contracting Services Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
Manweb Gas Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
Manweb Share Scheme Trustees Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
ScottishPower (DCOL) Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
ScottishPower (SOCL) Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
ScottishPower Share Scheme Trustees Limited	In liquidation	Scotland	100% (xii)	100%
ScottishPower Sharesave Trustees Limited	In liquidation	Scotland	100% (i)	100%
ScottishPower Trustees Limited	In liquidation	Scotland	100% (xii)	100%
SP Gas Limited	In liquidation	Scotland	100%	100%
SPD Finance UK plc	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
SPPT Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
Teledata (Holdings) Limited	In liquidation	Scotland	100% (i), (x)	100%
Teledata (Outsourcing) Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
Teledata Scotland Limited	In liquidation	Scotland	100%	100%
Telephone Information Services plc	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
Telephone International Media Holdings Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100% (i), (x)	100%
Telephone International Media Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
The Callcentre Service Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
The Information Service Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%
TIM Limited	In liquidation	England and Wales	100%	100%

(i) At 31 December 2015 the company directly held a 100% (2014 100%) interest in this entity.

(ii) All joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method.

(iii) NGET/SPT Upgrades Limited has a non-conterminous year end date of 31 March. This is a contractual obligation as agreed in the joint operating agreement.

(iv) This company was an equity accounted joint venture until the group increased its equity interest to 100% in March 2015.

(v) On 3 December 2015, Iberdrola Renovables Offshore Deutschland GmbH entered into a joint operation with 50Hertz Offshore GmbH. The agreement is for the joint realisation of the offshore substation being built as part of the Wiking offshore wind farm project located in Germany. Both parties have joint control of this asset.

(vi) During 2015, Iberdrola Renovables Offshore Deutschland Zwei GmbH changed its name to Iberdrola Renovables Deutschland GmbH.

(vii) This company was dissolved on 30 December 2015.

(viii) Subsequent to the year end, on 15 February 2016, the group acquired the remaining 50% interest in the share capital of East Anglia Three Limited, at which point East Anglia Three Limited ceased to be a joint venture and became a subsidiary. Also on 15 February 2016, the group sold its 50% interest in the share capital of East Anglia Four Limited. The group now holds no interest in East Anglia Four Limited.

(ix) This company was disposed of by the group on 18 December 2015 as detailed in Note 36(d).

(x) During the year ended 31 December 2015, the investment in this company was impaired as detailed within Note 41.

(xi) At 31 December 2015, the company held 284,059 (2014 284,059) of the 284,060 shares in issue of this entity. The remaining one share is held by another group company.

(xii) At 31 December 2015, the company held a 50% direct interest (2014 50%) in this entity. The remaining interest is held by another group company.

(xiii) For those entities incorporated in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England and Wales, the principal place of business is considered to be the United Kingdom; for all other entities, the country of incorporation is the principal place of business.

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### 7 GROUP INFORMATION *continued*

#### (b) Significant judgements and assumptions used to determine the scope of the consolidation

The consolidated financial statements combine the financial statements of Scottish Power UK plc and its subsidiaries. A subsidiary is an entity over which the company has control. The company has control over another entity when an entity has power over the relevant activities of the investee, for example through voting rights; exposure, or rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee.

No significant judgements have been made in applying these principles during the year.

#### (c) Significant restrictions

As is typical for a group of its size and scope, there are restrictions on the ability of the group to obtain distributions of capital, access the assets or repay the liabilities of members of its group due to the statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements of its subsidiaries and due to the protective rights of non-controlling interests. After consideration of these factors, the resulting significant restrictions have been identified:

##### SP Distribution Plc

SP Distribution Plc is a regulated DNO whose activities are governed by a licence granted by Ofgem. For such licenced entities the main drivers facilitating distributions including dividends is holding an investment grade credit rating and complying with several other licence conditions. The total value of distributable reserves is restricted by the requirement to comply with several licence conditions including holding an investment grade credit rating. In addition, standard condition 26 of the distribution licence conditions restricts the disposal of property, plant and equipment.

Value restricted	2015 £m	2014 £m
Distributable reserves	499.9	431.5
Property, plant and equipment	2,515.4	2,402.4

##### SP Manweb Plc

SP Manweb Plc is a regulated DNO whose activities are governed by a licence granted by Ofgem. For such licenced entities the main drivers facilitating distributions including dividends is holding an investment grade credit rating and complying with several other licence conditions. The total value of distributable reserves is restricted by the requirement to comply with several licence conditions including holding an investment grade credit rating. In addition, standard condition 26 of the distribution licence conditions restricts the disposal of property, plant and equipment.

Value restricted	2015 £m	2014 £m
Distributable reserves	597.7	492.7
Property, plant and equipment	2,460.3	2,315.9

##### SP Transmission Plc

SP Transmission Plc is a regulated electricity transmission entity whose activities are governed by a licence granted by Ofgem. For such licenced entities the main drivers facilitating distributions including dividends is holding an investment grade credit rating and complying with several other licence conditions. The total value of distributable reserves is restricted by the requirement to comply with several licence conditions including holding an investment grade credit rating. In addition, standard condition B3 of the transmission licence conditions restricts the disposal of property, plant and equipment.

Value restricted	2015 £m	2014 £m
Distributable reserves	493.8	340.6
Property, plant and equipment	2,181.9	1,829.6

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## 8 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

### (a) Movements in intangible assets

Year ended 31 December 2014	Notes	Goodwill (Note (b)) £m	Other intangible assets				Total £m
			Computer software (Note (i)) £m	Licences £m	Other (Note (ii)) £m	Total £m	
<b>Cost:</b>							
At 1 January 2014		364.6	664.6	9.5	414.5	1,088.6	1,453.2
Additions		–	39.9	–	–	39.9	39.9
Transfers to property, plant and equipment	(ii)	–	–	–	(16.4)	(16.4)	(16.4)
Disposals		–	(270.5)	–	–	(270.5)	(270.5)
Business combinations	(iii)	–	–	–	0.4	0.4	0.4
Exchange		–	–	–	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>		<b>364.6</b>	<b>434.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>398.4</b>	<b>841.9</b>	<b>1,206.5</b>
<b>Amortisation:</b>							
At 1 January 2014		–	438.2	2.2	5.6	446.0	446.0
Amortisation for the year		–	53.8	0.4	0.9	55.1	55.1
Disposals		–	(270.1)	–	–	(270.1)	(270.1)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>221.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>231.0</b>	<b>231.0</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>							
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>		<b>364.6</b>	<b>212.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>391.9</b>	<b>610.9</b>	<b>975.5</b>
<b>At 1 January 2014</b>		<b>364.6</b>	<b>226.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>408.9</b>	<b>642.6</b>	<b>1,007.2</b>

Year ended 31 December 2015	Note	Goodwill (Note (b)) £m	Other intangible assets				Total £m
			Computer software (Note (i)) £m	Licences £m	Other (Note (ii)) £m	Total £m	
<b>Cost:</b>							
At 1 January 2015		364.6	434.0	9.5	398.4	841.9	1,206.5
Additions		–	43.5	–	1.1	44.6	44.6
Transfers to property, plant and equipment	(ii)	–	–	–	(108.7)	(108.7)	(108.7)
Disposals		–	(81.6)	–	(6.4)	(88.0)	(88.0)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>		<b>364.6</b>	<b>395.9</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>284.4</b>	<b>689.8</b>	<b>1,054.4</b>
<b>Amortisation:</b>							
At 1 January 2015		–	221.9	2.6	6.5	231.0	231.0
Amortisation for the year		–	60.1	0.3	0.1	60.5	60.5
Disposals		–	(81.5)	–	(6.4)	(87.9)	(87.9)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>200.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>203.6</b>	<b>203.6</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>							
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>		<b>364.6</b>	<b>195.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>284.2</b>	<b>486.2</b>	<b>850.8</b>
<b>At 1 January 2015</b>		<b>364.6</b>	<b>212.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>391.9</b>	<b>610.9</b>	<b>975.5</b>

- (i) The cost of fully amortised computer software still in use at 31 December 2015 was £101.0 million (2014 £152.1 million).
- (ii) The 'Other' category of intangible assets principally represents the value attributed to future renewables projects recognised by Iberdrola, S.A. on the acquisition of ScottishPower Renewable Energy Limited ("SPREL"). These assets are transferred to 'Property, plant and equipment' when the construction of each wind farm commences (refer to Note 9).
- (iii) During the year ended 31 December 2014, as part of an Iberdrola group restructuring exercise, the group acquired certain renewable energy companies from another Iberdrola group company, as set out in Note 36. The cost of other intangible assets recognised as part of this business combination under common control amounted to £0.4 million.

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### 8 INTANGIBLE ASSETS *continued*

#### (b) Impairment test for goodwill

The carrying amount of goodwill for the Renewables business at 31 December 2015 was £364.6 million (2014 £364.6 million).

The recoverable amount for the Renewables business has been determined based on a value-in-use calculation. The calculation uses cash flow projections which reflect past experience and which are based upon a management approved business plan ending in 2024. Cash flows beyond that period reflect asset estimated useful lives as well as management's forward view of prices and the business strategic objectives. It is considered appropriate to assess the cash flows over a period longer than five years as this better reflects the long term nature of energy market operations and governance and of wind farm development lead times.

The value-in-use calculation is based on anticipated generation output over the expected lives of individual wind farm projects.

Cash inflows for all projects are based on anticipated generation output based on wind studies and past experience. The output is valued at forward power prices based on: observable market information where available; assumed continuing government support through ROCs, CfDs and other mechanisms; and on internal model assumptions. Cash outflows are based on planned operating and capital expenditure.

The main assumptions and basis for determining values assigned to the key assumptions are detailed below:

#### Main assumptions used for value-in-use calculations

Discount rate (pre-tax): Onshore 5.73%; and Offshore 6.83%  
Forward price of power

#### Basis for determining values assigned to key assumptions

Discount rate is determined on the basis of market data and the divisional cost of capital  
Market quotes/management future expectations

The value-in-use calculation of the Renewables business exceeds the carrying value.

The group has also performed several sensitivity analyses of the impairment result in relation to the key assumptions to which the value-in-use calculation is most sensitive, these tests included:

- 5% decline in energy output;
- 10% decline in the power price per kilowatt hour ("kWh") (only applicable to production for which no long-term sales agreements have been entered into);
- 10% increase in operating and maintenance costs; and
- 10% increase in the investment cost.

The group also performed an additional sensitivity analysis of a 100 basis point increase in the discount rate.

The sensitivity analysis was carried out separately for each basic assumption and did not detect the existence of any impairment.



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## 9 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

### (a) Movements in property, plant and equipment

	Notes	Total operating plant (see Note (b)) £m	Other items of property, plant and equipment in use £m	Plant in progress £m	Other items of property, plant and equipment in progress £m	Total £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2014</b>						
<b>Cost:</b>						
At 1 January 2014		11,425.8	425.4	1,597.3	31.2	13,479.7
Additions		70.0	20.8	1,199.9	7.3	1,298.0
Transfers from in progress to plant in use		1,920.9	0.2	(1,920.1)	(1.0)	-
Transfers from intangible assets	(iii)	-	-	16.4	-	16.4
Disposals		(72.7)	(42.3)	-	(3.3)	(118.3)
Business combinations	(iv)	-	0.1	65.1	-	65.2
Impairment	(v)	(4.8)	-	(11.3)	(0.2)	(16.3)
Exchange		-	-	(5.3)	-	(5.3)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>		<b>13,339.2</b>	<b>404.2</b>	<b>942.0</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>14,719.4</b>
<b>Depreciation:</b>						
At 1 January 2014		3,550.0	222.9	-	-	3,772.9
Charge for the year		473.4	16.3	-	-	489.7
Disposals		(58.1)	(41.9)	-	-	(100.0)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>		<b>3,965.3</b>	<b>197.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,162.6</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>						
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>		<b>9,373.9</b>	<b>206.9</b>	<b>942.0</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>10,556.8</b>
At 1 January 2014		7,875.8	202.5	1,597.3	31.2	9,706.8
The net book value of property, plant and equipment at 31 December 2014 is analysed as follows:						
Property, plant and equipment in use		9,373.9	206.9	-	-	9,580.8
Property, plant and equipment in the course of construction		-	-	942.0	34.0	976.0
		<b>9,373.9</b>	<b>206.9</b>	<b>942.0</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>10,556.8</b>

	Notes	Total operating plant (see Note (b)) £m	Other items of property, plant and equipment in use £m	Plant in progress £m	Other items of property, plant and equipment in progress £m	Total £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2015</b>						
<b>Cost:</b>						
At 1 January 2015		13,339.2	404.2	942.0	34.0	14,719.4
Additions		60.9	19.6	1,205.1	4.2	1,289.8
Transfers from in progress to plant in use		569.3	-	(569.3)	-	-
Transfers from intangible assets	(iii)	-	-	108.7	-	108.7
Transfers from Iberdrola group companies		-	0.7	-	-	0.7
Disposals		(100.3)	(69.6)	(0.4)	(7.6)	(177.9)
Business combinations	(iv)	-	-	49.1	-	49.1
Impairment	(v)	-	-	(7.1)	(10.1)	(17.2)
Exchange		-	-	(3.0)	-	(3.0)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>		<b>13,869.1</b>	<b>354.9</b>	<b>1,725.1</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>15,969.6</b>
<b>Depreciation:</b>						
At 1 January 2015		3,965.3	197.3	-	-	4,162.6
Charge for the year		506.2	15.5	-	-	521.7
Disposals		(92.7)	(68.2)	-	-	(160.9)
Impairment	(v)	199.4	-	-	-	199.4
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>		<b>4,578.2</b>	<b>144.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,722.8</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>						
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>		<b>9,290.9</b>	<b>210.3</b>	<b>1,725.1</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>11,246.8</b>
At 1 January 2015		9,373.9	206.9	942.0	34.0	10,556.8
The net book value of property, plant and equipment at 31 December 2015 is analysed as follows:						
Property, plant and equipment in use		9,290.9	210.3	-	-	9,501.2
Property, plant and equipment in the course of construction		-	-	1,725.1	20.5	1,745.6
		<b>9,290.9</b>	<b>210.3</b>	<b>1,725.1</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>11,246.8</b>

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(b) The movements in total operating plant are analysed as follows:

	Hydro-electric plants £m	Fossil fuel plants £m	Combined cycle plants £m	Wind power plants £m	Gas storage facilities £m	Transmission facilities £m	Distribution facilities £m	Meters and measuring devices £m	Other facilities (Note (vi)) £m	Total operating plant £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2014</b>										
<b>Cost:</b>										
At 1 January 2014	145.1	931.0	941.2	2,144.9	35.5	1,369.3	5,305.2	371.8	181.8	11,425.8
Additions	–	0.1	–	51.0	–	–	1.7	17.2	–	70.0
Transfers from in progress to plant in use	2.9	27.7	17.9	942.6	0.3	349.5	572.4	–	7.6	1,920.9
Disposals	–	(4.2)	(16.9)	(13.3)	(0.7)	(10.5)	(24.1)	(2.9)	(0.1)	(72.7)
Impairment	–	–	–	(4.0)	–	–	(0.8)	–	–	(4.8)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>148.0</b>	<b>954.6</b>	<b>942.2</b>	<b>3,121.2</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>1,708.3</b>	<b>5,854.4</b>	<b>386.1</b>	<b>189.3</b>	<b>13,339.2</b>
<b>Depreciation:</b>										
At 1 January 2014	73.4	555.2	404.6	492.1	11.5	354.6	1,289.4	266.0	103.2	3,550.0
Charge for the year	4.4	92.9	46.9	113.5	0.8	36.6	148.5	22.6	7.2	473.4
Disposals	–	(1.4)	(13.1)	(11.9)	–	(9.8)	(19.8)	(2.1)	–	(58.1)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>646.7</b>	<b>438.4</b>	<b>593.7</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>381.4</b>	<b>1,418.1</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>110.4</b>	<b>3,965.3</b>

Net book value:

<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>307.9</b>	<b>503.8</b>	<b>2,527.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>1,326.9</b>	<b>4,436.3</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>9,373.9</b>
At 1 January 2014	71.7	375.8	536.6	1,652.8	24.0	1,014.7	4,015.8	105.8	78.6	7,875.8

	Hydro-electric plants £m	Fossil fuel plants £m	Combined cycle plants £m	Wind power plants £m	Gas storage facilities £m	Transmission facilities £m	Distribution facilities £m	Meters and measuring devices £m	Other facilities (Note (vi)) £m	Total operating plant £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2015</b>										
<b>Cost:</b>										
At 1 January 2015	148.0	954.6	942.2	3,121.2	35.1	1,708.3	5,854.4	386.1	189.3	13,339.2
Additions	–	11.1	2.7	17.0	0.1	–	8.0	22.0	–	60.9
Transfers from in progress to plant in use	2.4	7.8	20.5	17.3	0.3	159.6	359.7	–	1.7	569.3
Disposals	(0.1)	(1.5)	(38.0)	(10.6)	–	(8.3)	(18.0)	(2.4)	(21.4)	(100.3)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>150.3</b>	<b>972.0</b>	<b>927.4</b>	<b>3,144.9</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>1,859.6</b>	<b>6,204.1</b>	<b>405.7</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>13,869.1</b>
<b>Depreciation:</b>										
At 1 January 2015	77.8	646.7	438.4	593.7	12.3	381.4	1,418.1	286.5	110.4	3,965.3
Charge for the year	4.8	95.3	48.9	129.3	0.9	42.0	158.1	19.7	7.2	506.2
Disposals	(0.1)	–	(37.6)	(6.6)	–	(7.8)	(17.3)	(2.1)	(21.2)	(92.7)
Impairment	–	199.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	199.4
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>941.4</b>	<b>449.7</b>	<b>716.4</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>415.6</b>	<b>1,558.9</b>	<b>304.1</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>4,578.2</b>

Net book value:

<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>477.7</b>	<b>2,428.5</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>1,444.0</b>	<b>4,645.2</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>9,290.9</b>
At 1 January 2015	70.2	307.9	503.8	2,527.5	22.8	1,326.9	4,436.3	99.6	78.9	9,373.9

- (i) Interest on the funding attributable to major capital projects was capitalised during the year at a rate of 2.2% (2014 3.0%).
- (ii) The cost of fully depreciated property, plant and equipment still in use at 31 December 2015 was £1,719.7 million (2014 £811.0 million).
- (iii) Future Renewables projects in the development phase (to which value was attributed on Iberdrola, S.A.'s acquisition of SPREL) are transferred from 'Intangible assets' to 'Property, plant and equipment' when the construction of each wind farm commences (refer to Note 8).
- (iv) During the year ended 31 December 2015, the group acquired the remaining 50% interest in East Anglia One Limited, a company previously accounted for as a 50% joint venture under the equity method. The cost of property, plant and equipment recognised as part of this acquisition, amounted to £49.1 million (as set out in Note 36). During the year ended 31 December 2014, as part of an Iberdrola group restructuring exercise, ScottishPower acquired certain renewable energy companies from another Iberdrola group company, as set out in Note 36. The cost of property, plant and equipment recognised as part of this business combination under common control, amounted to £65.2 million.
- (v) The impairment charge of £216.6 million made during the year ended 31 December 2015 comprised a charge of £209.5 million in respect of the closure of Longannet power station and a charge of £7.1 million principally in relation to the cancellation of certain onshore wind power projects. The recoverable amount of Longannet power station is £29.8 million, which is deemed to be the current value-in-use. The impairment charge of £16.3 million made during the year ended 31 December 2014 was principally in relation to the cancellation of certain onshore wind power plant and wave energy projects. The costs in both years have been charged to 'Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions' in the income statement.
- (vi) The 'Other facilities' category of operating plant largely comprises water treatment facilities and Energy Networks communications facilities.
- (vii) In March 2015, the lease on the building which the group held under a finance lease was re-negotiated with the landlord and designated as an operating lease. At that date the group de-recognised the asset and the related finance lease obligation. The derecognition resulted in a credit to the income statement of £6.6 million included within 'Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions'. The net book value of property, plant and equipment held under finance leases at 31 December 2015 was £nil (2014 £6.1 million). The charge for depreciation against these assets during the year was £nil (2014 £0.4 million).
- (viii) Included within 'Other operating income' in the income statement for the year ended 31 December 2015 is £nil (2014 £0.6 million) relating to compensation receivable from third parties for items of property, plant and equipment that were impaired, lost or given up.
- (ix) Included within the cost of property, plant and equipment at 31 December 2015 are assets in use not subject to depreciation, being land and cushion gas, of £133.3 million (2014 £133.1 million).

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## 9 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT *continued*

### (c) Operating lease arrangements

	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>(i) Operating lease payments</b>		
Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense in the year	19.2	16.6
Contingent based operating lease rents recognised as an expense in the year	72.1	61.5
Sublease payments recognised as an expense in the year	0.3	0.6
	<b>91.6</b>	<b>78.7</b>

The group leases various property, plant and equipment under non-cancellable operating lease arrangements. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

The contingent based operating lease rents primarily relate to contracts under which the group purchases electricity. The expense recognised represents the invoiced amounts under these contracts.

	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>(ii) Operating lease commitments</b>		
The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:		
Within one year	21.3	22.1
Between one and five years	56.0	56.9
More than five years	77.6	71.5
	<b>154.9</b>	<b>150.5</b>

The group leases various property, plant and equipment under non-cancellable operating lease agreements. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>(iii) Operating lease receivables</b>		
The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:		
Within one year	3.6	3.4
Between one and five years	3.1	4.9
More than five years	1.0	1.4
	<b>7.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>

The group leases buildings and equipment as a lessor under operating leases. The lease arrangements have initial terms of 1 to 99 years and some contain provisions to extend the term at the option of the lessee. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

Total sublease rentals recognised as income in the year amounted to £1.0 million (2014 £1.3 million).

### (d) Capital commitments

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Contracted but not provided	1,618.0	1,846.0

## 10 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES

### (a) The movements in investments in joint ventures are analysed as follows:

	Shares £m	Loans £m	Total £m
At 1 January 2014	14.5	30.2	44.7
Additions	0.2	12.8	13.0
Share of result for year	1.5	-	1.5
At 1 January 2015	16.2	43.0	59.2
Additions	0.8	-	0.8
Disposals	-	(24.6)	(24.6)
Share of result for year	(4.3)	-	(4.3)
At 31 December 2015	12.7	18.4	31.1

(i) Investments in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method. Details of the principal joint ventures are set out in Note 7.

(ii) No quoted market prices exist for investments in joint ventures.

(iii) No significant restrictions exist (e.g. resulting from borrowing arrangements, regulatory requirements or contractual arrangements between investors with joint control of or significant influence over a joint venture) that impact upon the ability of joint ventures to transfer funds to the group in the form of cash dividends, or to repay loans or advances made by the group (2014 none).

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### 10 INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD *continued*

#### (b) Interest in joint ventures

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Aggregate carrying amount of individually immaterial equity accounted interests	12.7	16.2
Aggregate (loss)/profit from continuing operations	(4.3)	1.5
<b>Aggregate total comprehensive income</b>	<b>(4.3)</b>	<b>1.5</b>

The group has no interests in associates.

#### (c) Commitments

The group has commitments not recognised as at 31 December 2015 relating to its interests in joint ventures of £252.7 million (2014 £314.2 million).

### 11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### (a) Carrying value of financial instruments

The table below sets out the carrying amount and fair value of the group's financial instruments.

		2015		2014	
	Notes	Carrying amount £m	Fair value £m	Carrying amount £m	Fair value £m
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Finance lease receivables		1.3	1.3	1.7	1.7
Derivative financial instruments	(i)	175.4	175.4	160.0	160.0
Current receivables	(iii)	1,562.0	1,562.0	1,840.1	1,840.1
Non-current receivables	(ii)	38.2	38.2	-	-
Other investments		1.2	1.2	3.6	3.6
Cash	(iii)	23.7	23.7	30.4	30.4
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Derivative financial instruments	(i)	(213.8)	(213.8)	(242.5)	(242.5)
Loans and other borrowings	(iv)	(5,817.2)	(6,220.6)	(5,827.3)	(6,303.3)
Payables	(ii)	(1,287.1)	(1,287.1)	(1,442.5)	(1,442.5)

The carrying amount of these financial instruments is calculated as set out in Note 3G. With the exception of loans and other borrowings, the carrying value of financial instruments is a reasonable approximation of fair value. The fair value of loans and other borrowings is calculated as set out in footnote (iv) below.

- (i) Further detail on derivative financial instruments is disclosed in Note 21.
- (ii) Balances outwith the scope of IFRS 7 have been excluded, namely prepayments, other tax receivables, payments received on account and other tax payables.
- (iii) As a general rule, cash deposited with banks earns interest at rates similar to market rates on daily deposits.
- (iv) The fair value of listed debt is calculated using the most recently traded price to the year-end date and the fair value of all other loans and borrowings is calculated using a discounted cash flow.

#### (b) Measurement of financial instruments

The group holds certain financial instruments which are measured in the balance sheet at fair value. The group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

In both current and prior year all derivatives held by the group are Level 2.

Included in Level 2 liabilities of £213.8 million (2014 £242.5 million) are inseparable third-party credit enhancements. These have been reflected in the fair value measurement of the liability.

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## 11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *continued*

### (c) Offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities

The group is eligible to present financial assets and financial liabilities net on the balance sheet as described in Note 3G.5. The following table provides information on the impact of offsetting on the consolidated balance sheet as well as the financial impact of the netting of certain instruments in the event of default or similar agreements.

	2015					
	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets/(liabilities) £m	Gross amounts of recognised financial (liabilities)/assets offset in the balance sheet £m	Net amounts of financial assets/(liabilities) presented in the balance sheet £m	Related amounts not offset in balance sheet		Net amount £m
				Financial instruments (Note (i)) £m	Cash collateral (held)/posted (Notes (ii), (iii)) £m	
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Receivables	1,761.4	(161.2)	1,600.2	(11.5)	(3.9)	1,584.8
Derivative financial instruments	302.2	(126.8)	175.4	(33.7)	(29.2)	112.5
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Payables	(1,448.3)	161.2	(1,287.1)	11.5	43.6	(1,232.0)
Derivative financial instruments	(340.6)	126.8	(213.8)	33.5	–	(180.3)
	2014					
	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets/(liabilities) £m	Gross amounts of recognised financial (liabilities)/assets offset in the balance sheet £m	Net amounts of financial assets/(liabilities) presented in the balance sheet £m	Related amounts not offset in balance sheet		Net amount £m
				Financial instruments (Note (i)) £m	Cash collateral (held)/posted (Notes (ii), (iii)) £m	
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Receivables	2,073.6	(233.5)	1,840.1	(13.8)	(1.7)	1,824.6
Derivative financial instruments	293.0	(133.0)	160.0	(10.9)	(27.7)	121.4
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Payables	(1,676.0)	233.5	(1,442.5)	13.8	56.7	(1,372.0)
Derivative financial instruments	(375.5)	133.0	(242.5)	10.4	–	(232.1)

- (i) Certain contracts for derivatives, receivables, and payables in relation to the purchase of gas do not currently meet the offsetting criteria within IAS 32 'Financial Instruments: Presentation' ("IAS 32"), however in the event of default would be required to be offset per the requirements of the contract. The above balances show the effect on the group if these contracts were also offset. Due to the nature of certain contracts, it is not possible to split accurately the effect of offsetting these balances across the derivatives, receivables and payables categories. For presentational purposes the impact has been allocated to receivables and payables as appropriate.
- (ii) The group enters into standard netting agreements with its commodity trading counterparties in order to mitigate the credit risk exposure of the business. In addition, the group utilises collateral support agreements with derivative counterparties to manage its credit exposure. All collateral is settled in cash. These forms of collateral include margining for trading with exchanges, cash collateral used for bilateral and brokering trading as well as letters of credit. At 31 December 2015, the value of letters of credit held amounted to £51.0 million (2014 £41.0 million) and letters of credit posted amounted to £176.9 million (2014 £163.6 million).
- (iii) At 31 December 2015 the group held cash collateral of £3.9 million (2014 £1.8 million) in respect of receivables, of which all (2014 £1.7 million) can be offset against financial assets. At 31 December 2015 the group also posted cash collateral of £44.2 million (2014 £56.7 million) in respect of payables, of which £43.6 million (2014 £56.7 million) can be offset against financial liabilities.

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## 12 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>Current receivables:</b>			
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies – trade		6.0	27.1
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies – loans	(a)	766.7	997.5
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies – interest		13.1	17.6
Receivables due from jointly controlled entities – trade		3.9	11.6
Trade receivables and accrued income	(b), (c)	772.3	786.3
Prepayments		27.5	27.2
Other tax receivables		18.9	19.7
		<b>1,608.4</b>	<b>1,887.0</b>
<b>Non-current receivables:</b>			
Prepayments		9.7	11.8
Other receivables	(d)	38.2	–
		<b>47.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>

- (a) Current loans receivable due from group companies are receivable on demand with interest linked to the Bank of England base rate. A 1% increase in the base rate would result in a £7.7 million increase in full year interest income.
- (b) Trade receivables are stated net of allowance for impairment of doubtful debts of £94.4 million (2014 £88.1 million). Trade receivables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to the short term nature of trade receivables. Provisions for doubtful debts have been estimated by management, taking into account future cash flows, based on prior experience, ageing analysis and an assessment of the current economic environment within which the group operates. The income statement impact of change in bad debt for the year to 31 December 2015 is £54.9 million (2014 £69.4 million).
- (c) Certain trade receivables and payables are presented net on the balance sheet when the offsetting criteria under IAS 32 are met (refer to Note 3G.5). A reconciliation between the gross and net position is provided in Note 11(c).
- (d) This balance represents other receivables recognised as part of a contractual renegotiation.
- (e) With the exception of retail customers, the group considers that its credit risk can be considered to be with counterparties in related energy industries or with financial institutions operating in energy markets. The carrying amount of receivables represents the maximum exposure to credit risk.
- (f) Trading terms are governed by industry standard agreements which typically provide for interest to be charged where payments are not made on the specified settlement date.
- (g) Movements on the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	2015 £m	2014 £m
At beginning of year	88.1	42.2
Receivables written off during the year as uncollectible	(48.6)	(23.5)
Provision for receivables impairment	54.9	69.4
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>88.1</b>

- (i) The creation and release of the provision for impaired receivables has been included in "Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions" in the consolidated income statement (Note 27).
- (ii) The provision for impaired receivables mainly relates to retail customers where a low likelihood of collection has been assessed.
- (iii) At 31 December 2015, trade receivables of £61.3 million (2014 £43.4 million) that would otherwise be past due or impaired were renegotiated. These mainly relate to retail customers who, subsequent to defaulting on original payment terms, have made new arrangements to pay amounts owed.

## 13 INVENTORIES

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
Fuel stocks	(a)	69.1	124.1
Emissions allowances	(a)	56.9	51.1
Other inventories	(b), (c)	–	121.9
		<b>126.0</b>	<b>297.1</b>

- (a) Inventories with a value of £362.4 million (2014 £401.6 million) were recognised as an expense during the year.
- (b) Other inventories principally represents a transmission asset which was sold to an offshore transmission operator during the year.
- (c) In 2014 other inventories with a value of £8.6 million were written off during the year.

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## 14 SHARE CAPITAL

	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>Authorised:</b>		
3,000,000,002 ordinary shares of 50p each (2014 3,000,000,002)	1,500.0	1,500.0
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid shares:</b>		
1,743,983,102 ordinary shares of 50p each (2014 1,743,983,102)	872.0	872.0

## 15 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC

	Ordinary share capital £m	Share premium (Note (a)) £m	Hedge reserve (Note (b)) £m	Translation reserve (Note (c)) £m	Other reserves (Note (d)) £m	Retained earnings (Note (e)) £m	Total £m
<b>At 1 January 2014</b>	872.0	398.2	(57.3)	–	14.0	2,644.0	3,870.9
Profit for the year attributable to equity holders of Scottish Power UK plc	–	–	–	–	–	518.0	518.0
Changes in the value of cash flow hedges	–	–	(11.8)	–	–	–	(11.8)
Actuarial losses on retirement benefits	–	–	–	–	–	(71.4)	(71.4)
Tax on items relating to cash flow hedges	–	–	1.6	–	–	–	1.6
Tax on items relating to actuarial losses on retirement benefits	–	–	–	–	–	14.3	14.3
Business combinations (net of tax)	–	–	–	–	–	(11.2)	(11.2)
Exchange movement on translation of overseas results and net assets	–	–	–	(0.1)	–	–	(0.1)
Dividends	–	–	–	–	–	(400.0)	(400.0)
<b>At 1 January 2015</b>	872.0	398.2	(67.5)	(0.1)	14.0	2,693.7	3,910.3
Profit for the year attributable to equity holders of Scottish Power UK plc	–	–	–	–	–	486.6	486.6
Changes in the value of cash flow hedges	–	–	23.5	–	–	–	23.5
Actuarial losses on retirement benefits	–	–	–	–	–	(10.5)	(10.5)
Tax on items relating to cash flow hedges	–	–	(4.7)	–	–	–	(4.7)
Tax on items relating to actuarial losses on retirement benefits	–	–	–	–	–	2.1	2.1
Exchange movement on translation of overseas results and net assets	–	–	–	(0.5)	–	–	(0.5)
Dividends	–	–	–	–	–	(230.0)	(230.0)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	872.0	398.2	(48.7)	(0.6)	14.0	2,941.9	4,176.8

- (a) The share premium account represents consideration received for shares issued in excess of their nominal amount.
- (b) The hedge reserve represents the balance of gains and losses on cash flow hedges (net of taxation) not yet transferred to income or the carrying amount of a non-financial asset.
- (c) The translation reserve represents the accumulated exchange differences on the translation of the results and net assets of foreign subsidiaries.
- (d) Other reserves at 31 December 2015 comprises a revaluation reserve of £5.8 million (2014 £5.8 million) and a capital redemption reserve of £8.2 million (2014 £8.2 million). The revaluation reserve comprises the revaluation of assets arising on the purchase of the remaining 50% of the equity share capital of a former joint venture. The capital redemption reserve represents the cumulative nominal value of shares repurchased and cancelled by the company.
- (e) Retained earnings comprise the cumulative balance of profits and losses recognised in the financial statements as adjusted for transactions with shareholders, principally dividends.

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## 15 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC *continued*

(e) The changes in the hedge reserve arising from valuation adjustments to hedging derivatives is set out below:

	Commodity hedges £m	Foreign exchange rate hedges £m	Gross value of hedges £m	Tax effect £m	Total £m
<b>Cash flow hedges</b>					
At 1 January 2014	(43.7)	(29.1)	(72.8)	15.5	(57.3)
Effective cash flow hedges recognised	(90.4)	(22.2)	(112.6)	22.5	(90.1)
De-designated cash flow hedges	7.4	–	7.4	(1.5)	5.9
Removed from equity and recognised in income statement	21.5	2.8	24.3	(4.9)	19.4
Removed from equity and recognised in carrying amount of hedged items	31.0	38.1	69.1	(13.8)	55.3
Change in future tax rates	–	–	–	(0.7)	(0.7)
At 1 January 2015	(74.2)	(10.4)	(84.6)	17.1	(67.5)
Effective cash flow hedges recognised	(58.3)	(8.6)	(66.9)	13.4	(53.5)
De-designated cash flow hedges	20.3	(0.3)	20.0	(4.0)	16.0
Removed from equity and recognised in income statement	30.1	7.5	37.6	(7.5)	30.1
Removed from equity and recognised in carrying amount of hedged items	30.1	2.7	32.8	(6.6)	26.2
At 31 December 2015	(52.0)	(9.1)	(61.1)	12.4	(48.7)

(f) The maturity analysis of amounts included in the hedge reserve is as follows:

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Less than 1 year	(39.2)	(53.1)
1-2 years	(8.8)	(13.6)
2-3 years	(0.7)	(0.8)
	(48.7)	(67.5)

## 16 NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

	£m
At 1 January 2014	0.3
Net profit attributable to non-controlling interests	0.1
At 1 January 2015	0.4
Net profit attributable to non-controlling interests	0.1
At 31 December 2015	0.5



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## 17 DEFERRED INCOME

	At 1 January 2014 £m	Receivable during year £m	Released to income statement £m	At 31 December 2014 £m
Year ended 31 December 2014				
Capital grants	3.6	–	(1.8)	1.8
Transfer of assets from customers	863.4	89.0	(28.8)	923.6
Emissions allowances allocated	–	0.1	(0.1)	–
Total deferred income	867.0	89.1	(30.7)	925.4

	At 1 January 2015 £m	Receivable during year £m	Released to income statement £m	At 31 December 2015 £m
Year ended 31 December 2015				
Capital grants	1.8	–	(1.3)	0.5
Transfer of assets from customers	923.6	113.7	(30.2)	1,007.1
Emissions allowances allocated	–	0.1	(0.1)	–
Total deferred income	925.4	113.8	(31.6)	1,007.6

## 18 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

### (a) Analysis of balance

The amounts recognised in the balance sheet in respect of retirement benefit obligations are detailed below:

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Non-current liabilities	264.4	308.4

### (b) Group pension arrangements

The group operates the following pension schemes for staff:

Scheme	Scottish Power Pension Scheme ('SPPS')	Manweb Group of Electricity Supply Pension Scheme ('Manweb')	Stakeholder Pension Plan
Type of benefit	Final salary	Final salary	Defined contribution
New entrants	No *	No	Yes
Funded separately from group assets	Yes	Yes	Yes
Administration method	Trustee board	Trustee board	Insurance contract
Member contributions	5% of salary	5.5% of salary	5% of salary
Group contributions – how determined	Agreement of trustees and group following actuarial valuation (last valuation: 31 March 2012)	Agreement of trustees and group following actuarial valuation (last valuation: 31 March 2012)	Defined
Current actual group contributions	31% of salary	30.1% of salary	Service-related, 6% to 14% of salary
Special contributions during year ended 31 December 2015	£50.7 million	£30.7 million	None
Special contributions planned for year ending 31 December 2016	£51.1 million	£30.9 million	None
Pension charge	Based on advice of independent qualified actuary	Based on advice of independent qualified actuary	Equal to actual group contributions in the year

\* A number of members of the Stakeholder Pension Plan are entitled to defined benefits for future service upon achieving ten years of membership. The earliest date any member will fulfil the eligibility criteria is June 2016. As at the 2015 year end, there has therefore been no defined benefit accrual in respect of these members.

The age profile of the two final salary schemes is expected to rise over time, due to the reduction in new entrants. This will in turn result in increasing service costs for these two schemes due to the actuarial valuation method used (the projected unit method). The group believes that the projected unit method continues to be appropriate at present, and provides a reasonable basis for assessing the group's final salary pension costs.

### Group pension scheme governance

As described in the table above, the group operates two defined benefit pension schemes. Active members continue to accrue benefits in the schemes, which are based on final pensionable salary. The two schemes are however closed to new entrants. The schemes provide benefits which are based on final pensionable salary.

The schemes are approved by HMRC and subject to standard UK pensions and tax law. The defined benefit schemes are subject to the scheme funding requirements as set out in section 224 of the Pensions Act 2004. In accordance with the scheme funding requirements, an actuarial funding valuation is carried out at least triennially to determine the appropriate level of ongoing contributions for both future service and a recovery plan in respect of any deficit at the valuation date. These actuarial valuations will be based on assumptions agreed between the Trustees and the group. The most recent completed actuarial valuation was as at the effective date of 31 March 2012. An actual valuation update as at 31 March 2015 is due to be completed in 2016.

In accordance with UK trust and pensions law, the defined benefit pension schemes are governed by their respective board of trustees. Although the group meets the financial cost of running the schemes, the Trustees are responsible for the management and governance of the schemes and have a duty to act in the best interests of the members.

The strategic management of the assets is the responsibility of the Trustees acting on expert advice. The Trustees take advice from the schemes' actuaries and investment advisers with a view to investing the schemes' assets in a manner that is appropriate to the nature and duration of the expected future retirement and death benefits payable from the schemes. In consultation with the group, the Trustees have set out a target investment strategy for the schemes of 55% matching and 45% growth assets. In terms of the matching portfolio, the schemes utilise a Liability Driven Investment ("LDI") strategy. The aim of the LDI portfolio is to invest in a range of assets (mostly bonds) which broadly match the expected future benefit payments from the schemes. In addition, the Trustees of the ScottishPower Pension Scheme implemented a longevity swap in December 2014. For further details, please see the 'Mortality risk' section that follows.

In addition to the defined benefit schemes described above, the group also operates a defined contribution scheme which is open to new entrants. This scheme is a contract based arrangement to which both the group and the employee contribute.

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## 18 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS *continued*

### (b) Group pension arrangements *continued*

#### Risk management

The defined benefit schemes expose the group to actuarial risks and details of the specific risks and how they are managed are described below:

**Investment (market) risk:** there is a risk relating to changes in the value of the portfolio due to movements in the market value of the assets. To the extent that there is a mismatch between the investment strategy and the overall level and profile of the liabilities this can lead to volatility in the funding level and as the portfolio matures there is a risk of not being able to reinvest assets at the assumed rates. The Trustees utilise an LDI strategy which aims to invest 55% of the assets in matching LDIs such as bonds, which broadly match the nature and profile of the future expected benefit payments from the scheme. The Trustees have further diversified the market risk in the growth portfolio across multiple asset types, such as equities, property, diversified growth funds, infrastructure and mezzanine debt. Through diversification, the specific risk associated with individual investments is mostly mitigated and expected volatility of returns is reduced. In addition, the Trustees review the investment strategy on a regular basis to ensure that it remains appropriate and in particular in response to legislative changes, a material change in the schemes' funding levels or changes in the attitude to risk of the Trustees or group.

**Mortality risk:** the assumptions adopted by the group make allowance for future improvements in life expectancy. There is a risk that life expectancy improves faster than assumed and that benefits are paid for longer than expected, thereby increasing the cost of the schemes. The group and the Trustees regularly review the actual scheme mortality experience to minimise the risk of using an inappropriate assumption. In general, the Trustees will also use prudent assumptions when deriving the triennial actuarial valuation basis used for funding requirements and this will help to manage the risk.

In December 2014, the Trustees of SPPS implemented a longevity swap in respect of the current pensioners. The swap removes the previously unhedged longevity risk for the current pensioners (who constitute approximately 50% of the total liability of the scheme) and their contingent spouses by hedging the risk of members covered by the contract living longer than expected. The swap is an insurance contract between SPPS and the counterparty insurer. Counterparty risk is mitigated by both SPPS and the counterparty posting collateral to the other party on a daily basis to account for market movements in the value of the derivatives held.

**Interest rate risk:** a fall in the yield on government bonds increases both the liabilities and assets of the schemes. To the extent that the assets do not fully match the nature and duration of the liabilities, this could lead to a worsening in the funding position of the schemes. The Trustees currently target 55% of the schemes' investments in LDI which include matching assets such as fixed interest bonds. The interest rate hedging strategy adopted within the LDI portfolio provides protection against the impact of changes in yields.

**Inflation rate risk:** the majority of the schemes' liabilities increase in line with inflation, subject to relevant caps and collars. To the extent that inflation is higher than expected, this will increase the liabilities of the schemes. The schemes' target investment strategy is to invest 55% of the portfolio in LDI investments which will include bonds which are also linked to inflation. The inflation hedging strategy adopted within the LDI portfolio provides protection against the impact of changes in inflation.

The pension schemes are invested in an appropriately diversified range of assets. The broad proportion of each asset class in which the schemes aim to be invested are as follows, however it is important to note that this may vary from time to time as markets change and as cash may be held for strategic reasons.

	SPPS 2015	Manweb 2015	SPPS 2014	Manweb 2014
Equities	19%	20%	19%	20%
Infrastructure	5%	5%	5%	5%
Liability driven investment	55%	55%	55%	55%
Property	5%	–	5%	–
Mezzanine debt	6%	–	6%	–
Diversified growth funds	10%	20%	10%	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

No scheme held ScottishPower or Iberdrola shares in 2015 or 2014.

**Additional pension arrangement:** The group also operates an Unfunded Unapproved Retirement Benefit Scheme ("UURBS") for former senior executives' benefit promises in excess of limits set by the UK taxation authorities. The UURBS has no invested assets, and the group has provided £6.6 million as at 31 December 2015 (2014 £7.0 million) for the benefit promises which will ultimately be paid by the group.

### (c) Pensions – defined contribution scheme

The charge for the year ended 31 December 2015 in respect of the Stakeholder Pension Plan is £6.6 million (2014 £5.6 million).

### (d) Pensions – defined benefit schemes

The group operates defined benefit pension schemes as described earlier in this note. Formal actuarial valuations were carried out as described earlier and updated to 31 December 2015 by a qualified independent actuary. The major assumptions applied by the actuary are given in footnote (e).

#### (i) Analysis of net liability relating to pensions

	2015				2014			
	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m
Present value of funded obligations	(3,371.7)	(1,263.9)	–	(4,635.6)	(3,342.0)	(1,265.7)	–	(4,607.7)
Fair value of scheme assets	3,256.6	1,121.2	–	4,377.8	3,205.9	1,100.4	–	4,306.3
<b>Net liability of funded plans</b>	<b>(115.1)</b>	<b>(142.7)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(257.8)</b>	<b>(136.1)</b>	<b>(165.3)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(301.4)</b>
Present value of unfunded obligations	–	–	(6.6)	(6.6)	–	–	(7.0)	(7.0)
<b>Net liability</b>	<b>(115.1)</b>	<b>(142.7)</b>	<b>(6.6)</b>	<b>(264.4)</b>	<b>(136.1)</b>	<b>(165.3)</b>	<b>(7.0)</b>	<b>(308.4)</b>
Amounts in the balance sheet:								
Non-current liabilities	(115.1)	(142.7)	(6.6)	(264.4)	(136.1)	(165.3)	(7.0)	(308.4)
<b>Net liability</b>	<b>(115.1)</b>	<b>(142.7)</b>	<b>(6.6)</b>	<b>(264.4)</b>	<b>(136.1)</b>	<b>(165.3)</b>	<b>(7.0)</b>	<b>(308.4)</b>

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**18 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS** *continued*

**(d) Pensions – defined benefit scheme** *continued*

(ii) The amounts recognised are as follows:

	2015				2014			
	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m
Current service cost	42.5	12.7	–	55.2	36.2	11.8	–	48.0
Past service cost	22.1	(0.4)	–	21.7	0.2	(9.8)	0.3	(9.3)
Net interest cost on defined benefit obligation/scheme assets	3.5	5.5	0.3	9.3	5.5	6.9	0.3	12.7
Administration expenses	1.5	1.0	–	2.5	1.3	0.9	–	2.2
<b>Total income statement charge</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>53.6</b>
<b>Actual return on scheme assets</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>355.6</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>436.1</b>
<b>Net actuarial (losses)/gains recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income</b>	<b>(5.6)</b>	<b>(5.1)</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>(10.5)</b>	<b>(42.0)</b>	<b>(29.1)</b>	<b>(0.3)</b>	<b>(71.4)</b>

(iii) Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations are as follows:

	2015				2014			
	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m
Defined benefit obligation at beginning of year	(3,342.0)	(1,265.7)	(7.0)	(4,614.7)	(3,014.8)	(1,193.4)	(6.6)	(4,214.8)
Current service cost	(42.5)	(12.7)	–	(55.2)	(36.2)	(11.8)	–	(48.0)
Interest on obligation	(126.4)	(47.8)	(0.3)	(174.5)	(131.0)	(51.8)	(0.3)	(183.1)
Scheme members' contributions	(6.9)	(2.2)	–	(9.1)	(7.3)	(2.4)	–	(9.7)
Past service costs	(22.1)	0.4	–	(21.7)	(0.2)	9.8	(0.3)	9.3
Actuarial gains/(losses)								
Actuarial losses arising from changes in demographic assumptions	(1.0)	(0.3)	–	(1.3)	(113.4)	(8.3)	–	(121.7)
Actuarial gains/(losses) arising from changes in financial assumptions	16.2	10.5	–	26.7	(193.9)	(69.4)	(0.2)	(263.5)
Actuarial gains/(losses) arising from changes of the scheme experience different to that assumed	17.2	2.7	0.2	20.1	35.2	13.0	(0.1)	48.1
Benefits paid	135.8	51.2	0.5	187.5	119.6	48.6	0.5	168.7
<b>Defined benefit obligation at end of year</b>	<b>(3,371.7)</b>	<b>(1,263.9)</b>	<b>(6.6)</b>	<b>(4,642.2)</b>	<b>(3,342.0)</b>	<b>(1,265.7)</b>	<b>(7.0)</b>	<b>(4,614.7)</b>
Analysis of defined benefit obligation								
Plans that are wholly or partly funded	(3,371.7)	(1,263.9)	–	(4,635.6)	(3,342.0)	(1,265.7)	–	(4,607.7)
Plans that are wholly unfunded	–	–	(6.6)	(6.6)	–	–	(7.0)	(7.0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3,371.7)</b>	<b>(1,263.9)</b>	<b>(6.6)</b>	<b>(4,642.2)</b>	<b>(3,342.0)</b>	<b>(1,265.7)</b>	<b>(7.0)</b>	<b>(4,614.7)</b>

The defined benefit obligations for SPPS are 34% (2014 33%) in respect of active scheme participants, 13% (2014 13%) in respect of deferred scheme participants and 53% (2014 54%) in respect of retirees. The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation as at 31 December 2015 is 19 years.

The defined benefit obligations for Manweb are 35% (2014 35%) in respect of active scheme participants, 8% (2014 8%) in respect of deferred scheme participants and 57% (2014 57%) in respect of retirees. The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation as at 31 December 2015 is 18 years.

(iv) Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	2015				2014			
	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m
Fair value of scheme assets at beginning of year	3,205.9	1,100.4	–	4,306.3	2,860.9	1,021.2	–	3,882.1
Interest income on scheme assets	122.9	42.3	–	165.2	125.5	44.9	–	170.4
Return on assets in excess of interest income	(38.0)	(18.0)	–	(56.0)	230.1	35.6	–	265.7
Employer contributions	96.2	46.5	0.5	143.2	103.0	45.8	0.5	149.3
Scheme members' contributions	6.9	2.2	–	9.1	7.3	2.4	–	9.7
Administration expenses	(1.5)	(1.0)	–	(2.5)	(1.3)	(0.9)	–	(2.2)
Benefits paid	(135.8)	(51.2)	(0.5)	(187.5)	(119.6)	(48.6)	(0.5)	(168.7)
<b>Fair value of scheme assets at end of year</b>	<b>3,256.6</b>	<b>1,121.2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4,377.8</b>	<b>3,205.9</b>	<b>1,100.4</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4,306.3</b>

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## 18 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS *continued*

### (e) Actuarial assumptions

(i) The major assumptions used by the actuary for the pensions arrangements, for all schemes, were as follows and are expressed as weighted averages:

	2015	2014
Rate of increase in salaries	3.6% p.a.	3.7% p.a.
Rate of increase in deferred pensions	3.1% p.a.	3.2% p.a.
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	3.0% p.a.	3.1% p.a.
Discount rate	3.8% p.a.	3.85% p.a.
Inflation assumption	3.1% p.a.	3.2% p.a.

(ii) The weighted average life expectancy for mortality used to determine the benefit obligations were as follows:

	2015			2014		
	SPPS	Manweb	UURBS	SPPS	Manweb	UURBS
<b>Member age 63 (current life expectancy)</b>						
Male	25.8	25.8	25.8	25.7	25.7	25.7
Female	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.0	27.0	27.0
<b>Member age 45 (life expectancy at age 63)</b>						
Male	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.3	27.3	27.3
Female	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.6	28.6	28.6

(iii) The following table presents a sensitivity analysis for each critical actuarial assumption showing how the defined benefit obligation would have been affected by changes in the relevant actuarial assumptions that were reasonably possible at the balance sheet date. This sensitivity applies to the defined benefit obligation only and not to the net defined benefit pension liability in its entirety, the measurement of which is driven by a number of factors including, in addition to the assumptions below, the fair value of scheme assets.

Sensitivity analysis of critical actuarial assumptions	2015				2014			
	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m
Rates of increase in inflation and salary growth								
Increase by 0.1%	57.0	21.5	0.1	78.6	55.7	20.8	0.1	76.6
Decrease by 0.1%	(58.0)	(21.0)	(0.1)	(79.1)	(56.3)	(21.4)	(0.1)	(77.8)
Discount Rate								
Increase by 0.25%	(144.3)	(52.2)	(0.1)	(196.6)	(145.8)	(53.4)	(0.2)	(199.4)
Decrease by 0.25%	144.3	52.2	0.1	196.6	145.8	53.4	0.2	199.4
Assumed life expectancy								
Increase life expectancy by one additional year	103.7	41.3	0.1	145.1	103.2	41.1	0.1	144.4

### (iv) Allowance for cash commutation

Within the pension schemes, members are assumed to commute 25% of their benefits for a tax-free cash sum where this option is available.

(v) The following table provides information on the composition and fair value of plan assets of the SPPS and Manweb pension schemes. The group's definition of Level 1, 2 and 3 valuation techniques is detailed in Note 11(b).

	2015					2014				
	Level 1 £m	Level 2 £m	Level 3 £m	Total £m	Plan asset allocation %	Level 1 £m	Level 2 £m	Level 3 £m	Total £m	Plan asset allocation %
<b>SPPS Scheme</b>										
Equities	748.8	—	—	748.8	23.0%	774.0	—	—	774.0	24.1%
Infrastructure	—	—	161.5	161.5	4.9%	—	—	172.4	172.4	5.4%
Liability driven investment	1,442.1	130.2	—	1,572.3	48.3%	1,444.5	113.3	—	1,557.8	48.6%
Property	0.7	—	154.8	155.5	4.8%	1.2	—	140.4	141.6	4.4%
Cash	205.2	—	—	205.2	6.3%	191.5	—	—	191.5	6.0%
Mezzanine debt	—	—	116.2	116.2	3.6%	—	—	75.4	75.4	2.4%
Diversified growth funds	297.1	—	—	297.1	9.1%	293.2	—	—	293.2	9.1%
Fair value of scheme assets	2,693.9	130.2	432.5	3,256.6	100%	2,704.4	113.3	388.2	3,205.9	100%

	2015					2014				
	Level 1 £m	Level 2 £m	Level 3 £m	Total £m	Plan asset allocation %	Level 1 £m	Level 2 £m	Level 3 £m	Total £m	Plan asset allocation %
<b>Manweb Scheme</b>										
Equities	256.8	—	—	256.8	22.9%	244.9	—	—	244.9	22.3%
Infrastructure	—	—	48.4	48.4	4.3%	—	—	51.7	51.7	4.7%
Liability driven investment	523.6	88.3	—	611.9	54.6%	446.6	161.2	—	607.8	55.2%
Cash	1.6	—	—	1.6	0.1%	3.0	—	—	3.0	0.3%
Diversified growth funds	202.5	—	—	202.5	18.1%	193.0	—	—	193.0	17.5%
Fair value of scheme assets	984.5	88.3	48.4	1,121.2	100%	887.5	161.2	51.7	1,100.4	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>				4,377.8					4,306.3	

### (f) Future contributions

The group expects to contribute £135.0 million to the pension schemes in the year ending 31 December 2016, based on the agreement with scheme trustees following the valuation at March 2012.

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## 19 OTHER PROVISIONS

	Notes	At 1 January 2014 £m	New provisions £m	Unwinding of discount £m	Utilised during year £m	Released during year £m	At 31 December 2014 £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2014</b>							
Reorganisation and restructuring	(a)	6.6	1.0	–	(7.0)	–	0.6
Decommissioning and environmental	(b)	137.0	46.0	3.8	(5.0)	(0.1)	181.7
Emissions allowances	(c)	64.9	50.0	–	(65.8)	–	49.1
Onerous contracts	(d)	11.1	13.4	0.4	(0.8)	–	24.1
Insurance	(e)	11.8	2.3	–	(2.2)	(2.4)	9.5
Regulatory	(f)	1.9	1.4	–	(0.9)	–	2.4
Other	(g)	7.6	11.1	–	(6.8)	(0.2)	11.7
		240.9	125.2	4.2	(88.5)	(2.7)	279.1

	Notes	At 1 January 2015 £m	Disposal of subsidiaries £m	New provisions £m	Unwinding of discount £m	Utilised during year £m	Released during year £m	At 31 December 2015 £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2015</b>								
Reorganisation and restructuring	(a)	0.6	–	6.1	–	(0.6)	–	6.1
Decommissioning and environmental	(b)	181.7	–	27.0	3.5	(2.3)	(0.7)	209.2
Emissions allowances	(c)	49.1	–	56.0	–	(45.3)	(3.6)	56.2
Onerous contracts	(d)	24.1	–	5.2	0.3	(6.6)	(2.0)	21.0
Insurance	(e)	9.5	(4.3)	0.7	–	(0.2)	(1.6)	4.1
Regulatory	(f)	2.4	–	–	–	(2.4)	–	–
Other	(g)	11.7	–	0.1	–	(2.4)	(3.5)	5.9
		279.1	(4.3)	95.1	3.8	(59.8)	(11.4)	302.5

<b>Analysis of total provisions</b>		2015 £m	2014 £m
Non-current		208.8	195.1
Current		93.7	84.0
		302.5	279.1

- (a) The provision for reorganisation and restructuring at 1 January 2014 principally related to restructuring within Energy Retail and was largely utilised in 2014. The provision for reorganisation and restructuring at 31 December 2015 principally relates to the closure of Longannet power station within Energy Wholesale and is expected to be utilised during 2016.
- (b) The provision for decommissioning and environmental costs is the discounted future estimated costs of decommissioning the group's plants (including wind farms) and the obligation to remove asbestos from power stations over the course of their operational lives. The decommissioning of these plants is expected to occur over the period between 2016 and 2038.
- (c) The provision for emissions allowances represents the value of emissions allowances certificates expected to be delivered in 2016.
- (d) The provision for onerous contracts relates to various property leases. The leases will expire over the period between 2016 and 2025.
- (e) The provision for insurance principally represents the value of claims reserves. The claims are expected to be settled between 2016 and 2020.
- (f) The provision for regulatory costs at 31 December 2014 related to various contractual obligations and the future costs associated with various regulatory reviews. This was fully utilised during 2015.
- (g) The 'Other' category comprises provisions which are not individually sufficiently material to warrant separate disclosure.

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## 20 LOANS AND OTHER BORROWINGS

Analysis by instrument and maturity	Notes	Interest rate <sup>*</sup>	Maturity	2015 £m	2014 £m
Bank overdraft		Base +1%	On demand	–	0.2
Loans with Iberdrola group companies		Base + 1%	On demand	3,254.4	3,348.4
Loans with Iberdrola group companies		EURIBOR + 2.488%	On demand	–	11.5
Loans with Iberdrola group companies		EURIBOR + 2.489%	On demand	–	33.8
Loans with Iberdrola group companies		EUR 3 month + 1.05%	On demand	10.5	–
Loans with Iberdrola group companies		EUR 3 month + 0.5875%	On demand	14.6	–
Collateral		LIBOR	17 June 2016	29.2	27.7
£200 million euro-sterling bond	(b),(c)	8.375%	20 February 2017	199.8	199.6
Long-term loans with Iberdrola group companies		LIBOR + 0.34%	17 December 2018	150.0	150.0
Loan with EOLE-RES	(d)	EURIBOR + 1.11%	31 January 2018	–	7.4
Loans with Avel Vor Energie Eolienne	(d)	EURIBOR + 1.11%	31 January 2018	7.8	–
Long-term loans with Iberdrola group companies		3.858%	29 January 2019	150.0	150.0
Loans with Iberdrola group companies	(e)	EURIBOR + 1.464%	14 April 2019	–	19.1
Loans with Iberdrola group companies		5.135%	1 August 2020	20.7	22.0
Loans with Iberdrola group companies		EUR 6 months + 1.025%	2 November 2020	62.9	–
Loans with Iberdrola group companies		1.262%	2 November 2020	74.0	–
£300 million medium-term note	(f)	5.9%	22 February 2021	296.6	295.9
Loans with Iberdrola group companies	(g)	EURIBOR + 1.025%	28 March 2022	102.3	124.9
£250 million euro-sterling bond	(b),(h)	6.75%	29 May 2023	248.8	248.6
£175 million inflation linked bond	(f)	3.494% x RPI	13 October 2024	269.6	266.9
£350 million euro-sterling bond	(b),(i)	5.875%	17 July 2026	346.9	346.7
£350 million euro-sterling bond	(b),(j)	4.875%	20 September 2027	346.1	345.8
10 billion JPY loan	(k)	4.6%	27 July 2029	83.0	78.8
£50 million medium-term note	(f)	5.75%	9 December 2039	50.0	50.0
£100 million medium-term note	(f)	6.375%	31 May 2041	100.0	100.0
				<b>5,817.2</b>	<b>5,827.3</b>

<sup>\*</sup> Base - Bank of England Base Rate; EURIBOR - Euro Bank Offered Rate; LIBOR - London Inter-Bank Offer Rate; RPI - Retail Prices Index; JPY - Japanese Yen.

Analysis of total loans and other borrowings	Note	2015 £m	2014 £m
Non-current		2,496.0	2,392.2
Current	(a)	3,321.2	3,435.1
		<b>5,817.2</b>	<b>5,827.3</b>

- (a) Current borrowings comprise loans with Iberdrola group companies repayable on demand, the short-term element of the EURIBOR 2022 loan with Iberdrola (refer to footnote (g) below), bank overdrafts and collateral together with finance costs due to be amortised within one year, the short term element of fair value hedge adjustments and the adjustments on discontinued fair value hedges due to be amortised within one year, which totalled £(3.5) million (2014 £(3.5) million).
- (b) These bonds contain a "Loss of licences" covenant that will require repayment of the outstanding amount should the group/companies lose all of their relevant licences.
- (c) The euro-sterling bond due 2017 can be redeemed at any time by the group at the higher of principal amount or redemption price (as determined by HSBC Bank plc) giving 30 to 90 days' notice to lender.
- (d) The loan between Ailes Marines SAS and EOLE-RES was transferred to Avel Vor Energie Eolienne on 18 March 2015. Under this loan agreement further borrowings can be drawn down, giving at least one month's notice, up to a maximum of £10.8 million in total.
- (e) The £24.4 million loan between ScottishPower Renewable Energy Limited and Iberdrola, S.A. was repaid early on 17 December 2015.
- (f) ScottishPower Limited and the company have an established joint US\$7 billion euro-medium term note programme, ScottishPower Limited has not issued under the programme. The company has in issue various notes in Sterling which can be redeemed by the company with 30 to 90 days notice in case of unfavourable and unavoidable changes in the UK tax laws impacting on note the payments.
- (g) The EURIBOR loan with Iberdrola that is due to mature in March 2022 has a schedule of repayments which commenced in 2014. The repayment of £16.0 million due in 2016 (2014 £17.0 million due in 2015) is classified as current in the above analysis.
- (h) The euro-sterling bond due 2023 can be redeemed at any time by the group at the higher of the principal amount or redemption price (as determined by HSBC Bank plc) giving 30 to 45 days' notice to the lender.
- (i) The £350 million euro-sterling bond will be redeemed at its principal amount on 17 July 2026 unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled. The bond can be redeemed at any time by the group at a higher redemption price (as determined by a financial advisor appointed by the group and Guarantor) giving 30 to 60 days' notice.
- (j) The £350 million euro-sterling bond will be redeemed at its principal amount on 20 September 2027 unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled. The bond can be redeemed at any time by the group at a higher redemption price (as determined by a financial advisor appointed by the group and Guarantor) giving 30 to 60 days' notice.
- (k) The interest rate quoted above on the 10 billion JPY loan is fixed. This is changed to a variable rate by a cross currency swap.
- (l) The group had no undrawn committed borrowing facilities at 31 December 2015 (2014 £nil).

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## 21 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### Analysis of derivative financial instruments – carrying value

	Note	2015				2014			
		Assets		Liabilities		Assets		Liabilities	
		Current £m	Non Current £m	Current £m	Non Current £m	Current £m	Non Current £m	Current £m	Non Current £m
<b>Hedging derivatives:</b>									
Exchange rate hedges									
Fair value hedge									
~ Currency swap		0.9	32.3	–	–	0.8	28.1	–	–
Cash flow hedge									
~ Foreign exchange rate		17.5	2.3	(13.6)	(0.7)	5.1	2.8	(20.2)	(2.9)
Commodity hedge									
~ Cashflow hedge		44.2	1.5	(57.7)	(14.6)	31.3	5.1	(67.7)	(22.7)
<b>Non-hedging derivatives</b>									
Exchange rate derivatives									
~ Foreign exchange rate		12.6	0.6	(7.1)	(0.3)	8.0	2.0	(8.2)	(1.3)
Commodity derivatives		179.7	10.6	(237.6)	(9.0)	200.2	9.6	(238.9)	(13.6)
<b>Total gross derivatives</b>		<b>254.9</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>(316.0)</b>	<b>(24.6)</b>	<b>245.4</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>(335.0)</b>	<b>(40.5)</b>
Impact of netting	(a)	(116.1)	(10.7)	116.1	10.7	(124.6)	(8.4)	124.6	8.4
<b>Total net derivatives in balance sheet</b>		<b>138.8</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>(199.9)</b>	<b>(13.9)</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>(210.4)</b>	<b>(32.1)</b>

(a) Certain derivative financial instruments are presented net on the balance sheet. A reconciliation between the gross and net position is provided in Note 11(c).

## 22 EFFECT OF HEDGING AND DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS ON THE RESULTS

An analysis of the effect of hedging and derivative financial instruments on the income statement is given below:

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>Operating derivatives:</b>			
Effect of operating derivative instruments	(a)	(12.4)	(83.7)
<b>Financing derivatives:</b>			
Effect of foreign exchange rate derivatives	(a)	7.3	1.1
<b>Fair value hedges:</b>			
Movements in the fair value of hedging instruments		1.6	7.5
Movements in the fair value of hedged item		(1.6)	(7.5)
Effect of fair value hedges		–	–
<b>Cash flow hedges – amounts released from equity:</b>			
Commodities		(30.1)	(21.5)
Foreign exchange rate derivatives		(7.5)	(2.8)
Effect of cash flow hedges	(b)	(37.6)	(24.3)
<b>Total</b>	(c)	<b>(42.7)</b>	<b>(106.9)</b>

(a) The amount includes de-designated cash flow hedges.

(b) The amount relates to gains and losses on the effective portions of cash flow hedges which have previously been deferred in equity which have been transferred to the income statement in the current year to match timing of occurrence of the hedged cash flows.

(c) The net effect of hedging and derivative financial instruments with Iberdrola group companies on the income statement for the year ended 31 December 2015 was £(24.1) million (2014 £(12.6) million).

## 23 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>Current trade and other payables:</b>			
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies – trade		21.9	79.8
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies – capital		62.7	14.9
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies – interest		55.6	54.0
Payables due to jointly controlled entities – trade		8.4	6.2
Trade payables	(a), (b)	514.5	605.0
Other taxes and social security		92.7	62.8
Payments received on account		177.4	131.1
Capital payables and accruals		451.8	328.7
Other payables		164.4	347.9
		<b>1,549.4</b>	<b>1,630.4</b>
<b>Non-current other payables:</b>			
Other payables		7.8	6.0
		<b>7.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>

(a) Trade payables include amounts due on commodity activities.

(b) Certain trade payables and receivables are presented net on the balance sheet when offsetting criteria under IAS 32 are met (refer to Note 3G.5). A reconciliation between the gross and net position is provided at Note 11(c).

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## 24 DEFERRED TAX

Deferred tax provided in the Accounts is as follows:

Note	Property, plant and equipment £m	Derivative financial instruments £m	Retirement benefits £m	Intangible assets £m	Other temporary differences £m	Total £m
At 1 January 2014	758.7	(6.2)	(66.6)	81.6	(2.3)	765.2
Charge/(credit) to income statement	29.6	(17.5)	19.2	(3.3)	0.2	28.2
Recorded in the statement of comprehensive income	-	(1.6)	(14.3)	-	-	(15.9)
Business Combinations (c)	-	-	-	-	(2.9)	(2.9)
Exchange	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1
At 1 January 2015	788.3	(25.3)	(61.7)	78.3	(4.9)	774.7
(Credit)/charge to income statement	(65.9)	(2.0)	10.9	(26.8)	(3.7)	(87.5)
Recorded in the statement of comprehensive income	-	4.7	(2.1)	-	-	2.6
Exchange	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.2
At 31 December 2015	722.4	(22.6)	(52.9)	51.5	(8.4)	690.0

- (a) At 31 December 2015, the group had unutilised capital losses of £16.5 million (2014 £16.3 million). No deferred tax asset has been recognised in the Accounts due to the unpredictability of suitable future profit streams against which these losses may be utilised.
- (b) Finance (No.2) Act 2015 included legislation to reduce the rate of UK Corporation Tax to 19% from 1 April 2017 and to 18% from 1 April 2020. These changes reduce the tax rates expected to apply when temporary differences reverse. The rate of UK Corporation Tax is now expected to reduce by a further 1% to 17% on 1 April 2020 and this will reduce the property, plant and equipment element of the deferred tax provision. The estimated impact of this change is a reduction of £40 million in the year to 31 December 2016. It is not possible to quantify the impact of the expected rate reduction on other elements of the deferred tax balance.
- (c) During the year ended 31 December 2014, as part of an Iberdrola group restructuring exercise, the group acquired certain renewable energy companies from another Iberdrola group company as set out in Note 36. Deferred tax recognised as part of this business combination under common control, amounted to £2.9 million.

## 25 EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

### (a) Staff costs

Note	2015 £m	2014 £m
Wages and salaries	284.2	296.8
Social security costs	26.4	27.5
Pension and other costs (i)	106.2	58.9
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>416.8</b>	<b>383.2</b>
Less: capitalised staff costs	(129.1)	(124.1)
<b>Charged to the income statement</b>	<b>287.7</b>	<b>259.1</b>

- (i) Pension and other costs in 2015 includes £26.0 million of restructuring costs in relation to the closure of Longannet power station.

### (b) Employee numbers

The year end and average numbers of employees (full and part-time) employed by the group, including UK based directors, were:

Note	Year end 2015	Average 2015	Year end 2014	Average 2014
Energy Networks	2,972	2,985	2,894	2,906
Energy Wholesale and Retail	2,649	2,709	2,662	2,984
Renewables	279	289	258	246
Corporate (i)	539	538	776	771
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,439</b>	<b>6,521</b>	<b>6,590</b>	<b>6,907</b>

- (i) On 1 January 2015 Corporate employees who provided activities directly to one of the group's businesses were transferred legally to the appropriate business. This resulted in 72 employees being transferred to Energy Networks, 122 employees being transferred to Energy Wholesale and Retail and 28 employees being transferred to Renewables.

The year end and average numbers of full-time equivalent staff employed by the group, including UK based directors, were:

	Year end 2015	Average 2015	Year end 2014	Average 2014
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,220</b>	<b>6,318</b>	<b>6,363</b>	<b>6,641</b>



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## 26 TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAX

	Note	2015 £m	2014 £m
Property taxes		114.8	107.9
Business taxes		1.2	1.4
Other taxes	(a)	84.4	145.7
		200.4	255.0

(a) Other taxes mainly comprise obligations specific to the energy industry, which in both years principally comprised ECO and WHD.

## 27 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION CHARGE, ALLOWANCES AND PROVISIONS

	Note	2015 £m	2014 £m
Property, plant and equipment depreciation charge		521.7	489.7
Intangible asset amortisation		60.5	55.1
Capital grants transferred to income for the year		(1.3)	(1.8)
Charges and provisions, allowances and impairment of assets	(a)	273.3	80.3
		854.2	623.3

(a) Included with 'Charges and provisions, allowances and impairment of assets' for the year ended 31 December 2015 are impairment charges of £209.5 million relating to the closure of Longannet power station.

## 28 FINANCE INCOME

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Interest on bank and other deposits	1.0	0.8
Interest receivable on finance leases	–	0.2
Interest receivable from Iberdrola group companies	13.5	17.9
Interest receivable from jointly controlled entities	0.3	0.4
Impairment of financial investments	–	47.6
Foreign exchange gains	14.6	3.1
Fair value and other gains on financing derivatives	13.7	4.4
	43.1	74.4

## 29 FINANCE COSTS

	Note	2015 £m	2014 £m
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts		0.1	0.1
Interest on amounts due to Iberdrola group companies		60.4	58.3
Interest on other borrowings		112.7	116.5
Unwinding of discount on provisions		3.8	4.2
Foreign exchange losses		13.3	2.2
Net interest on retirement benefit obligations		9.3	12.7
Fair value losses on financing derivatives		6.4	3.3
Impairment of financial investments		3.6	8.3
		209.6	205.6
Capitalised interest	(a)	(11.6)	(11.7)
		198.0	193.9

(a) The tax relief on the capitalised interest for the year ended 31 December 2015 was £1.4 million (2014 £1.4 million).

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## 30 INCOME TAX

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Current tax:		
UK Corporation Tax charge on profits for the year	122.6	115.0
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(9.8)	(11.9)
<b>Current tax for the year</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>103.1</b>
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(7.6)	22.7
Adjustments in respect of prior years	3.5	7.1
Impact of tax rate change	(83.4)	(1.6)
<b>Deferred tax for the year</b>	<b>(87.5)</b>	<b>28.2</b>
<b>Income tax expense for the year</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>131.3</b>

The tax charge on profit on ordinary activities for the year varied from the standard rate of UK Corporation Tax applicable to group companies as follows:

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Corporation Tax at 20.25% (2014 21.5%)	103.7	139.6
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(6.3)	(4.8)
Impact of tax rate change	(83.4)	(1.6)
Non deductible expenses and other permanent differences	11.3	(1.9)
<b>Income tax expense for the year</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>131.3</b>

The rate of UK Corporation Tax reduced from 21% to 20% on 1 April 2015 and from 23% to 21% on 1 April 2014. Finance (No.2) Act 2015 included legislation to reduce the rate of UK Corporation Tax to 19% on 1 April 2017 and to 18% on 1 April 2020. These charges reduce the tax rate expected to apply when temporary differences reverse and impact the deferred tax charge.

Comparison of UK Corporation Tax charge and payments	2015 £m	2014 £m
UK Corporation Tax charge on profits for the year	122.6	115.0
Corporation Tax in the Consolidated cash flow statement	108.3	113.8

The amount of Corporation Tax paid in the year, shown in consolidated cash flow statement, and the amount of Corporation Tax charge for the year are not the same. The main reason for this is the timing of payments. UK Corporation Tax is due in four installments: two in the year to which the installment relates and two in the following year. In addition, the amount in the consolidated cashflow statement also includes any refunds received or payments made relating to Corporation Tax liabilities of prior periods.

## 31 DIVIDENDS

	2015 pence per ordinary share	2014 pence per ordinary share	2015 £m	2014 £m
Interim dividend paid	13.2	22.9	230.0	400.0

On 30 March 2016 an interim dividend payment of £280.0 million was approved by the board and subsequently paid.

## 32 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

### Legal proceedings and regulatory investigations

The group's businesses are parties to various legal claims, actions and complaints, certain of which may involve material amounts. The group is unable to predict with certainty whether or not it will ultimately be successful in these legal proceedings or, if not, what the impact might be. The group currently believes that disposition of these matters will not have a materially adverse effect on the consolidated Accounts.

## 33 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

### Contractual commitments

The group manages its energy resource requirements by integrating long-term firm, short-term and spot market purchases with its own generating resources to manage volume and price volatility and maximise value across the energy value chain. As part of its energy resource portfolio the group is committed under long-term purchase contracts summarised in the tables below.

	2015						Total £m
	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 £m	2021 and thereafter £m	
Long-term energy purchase contract commitments	1,932.9	270.9	25.5	0.8	–	–	2,230.1
Other contractual commitments	123.3	65.7	31.8	23.8	18.6	8.2	271.4

	2014						Total £m
	2015 £m	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 and thereafter £m	
Long-term energy purchase contract commitments	2,459.0	501.6	84.3	–	–	–	3,044.9
Other contractual commitments	187.5	84.6	28.2	25.9	19.5	17.5	363.2

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## 34 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### (a) Transactions and balances arising in the normal course of business

	2015					2014				
	Ultimate parent (Iberdrola, S.A.)	UK parent (Scottish Power Limited)	Immediate parent (Scottish Power UK Holdings Limited)	Other Iberdrola group companies	Joint arrangements	Ultimate parent (Iberdrola, S.A.)	UK parent (Scottish Power Limited)	Immediate parent (Scottish Power UK Holdings Limited)	Other Iberdrola group companies	Joint arrangements
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>Types of transaction</b>										
Sales and rendering of services	0.1	1.3	-	25.4	3.1	0.1	0.9	-	58.1	3.3
Purchases and receipt of services	(34.0)	(5.2)	-	(264.3)	(0.4)	(39.8)	(1.2)	(2.0)	(406.8)	(3.2)
Finance income	-	13.5	-	-	0.3	-	65.5	-	-	0.4
Finance costs	(2.3)	(56.2)	-	(1.9)	-	(3.1)	(58.9)	-	(1.0)	-
Net gains/(losses) on foreign exchange	7.2	(7.4)	-	0.6	-	8.6	(9.0)	-	2.1	-
Net gains on financing derivatives	-	7.3	-	-	-	-	1.1	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	(230.0)	-	-	-	-	(400.0)	-	-
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20.0)	-
Changes in the value of cash flow hedges	-	(0.9)	-	-	-	(1.6)	(14.5)	-	-	-
Transfers of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balances outstanding</b>										
Loans receivable	-	766.7	-	-	18.4	-	997.5	-	-	43.0
Trade receivables	-	-	-	6.0	3.9	-	-	-	27.1	11.6
Interest receivable	-	13.1	-	-	-	-	17.6	-	-	-
Derivative financial assets	-	32.9	-	4.7	-	-	17.7	-	1.5	-
Loans payable	(127.4)	(3,554.4)	-	(157.6)	-	(170.2)	(3,648.4)	-	(41.1)	-
Trade payables	(2.5)	(0.1)	-	(19.3)	(8.4)	-	(0.1)	(3.4)	(76.3)	(6.2)
Capital payables	-	-	-	(62.7)	-	-	-	-	(14.9)	-
Interest payable	(0.7)	(54.2)	-	(0.7)	-	(1.1)	(52.4)	-	(0.5)	-
Derivative financial liabilities	-	(21.7)	-	(40.0)	-	-	(31.6)	-	(12.4)	-

(i) The amounts outstanding are unsecured and will be settled in cash. No guarantees have been given or received in relation to intra-group transactions.

### (b) Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of the key management personnel of the group is set out below. During the year, the remuneration allocation of the non-UK resident key management personnel changed and thus the element of their remuneration which is specifically in relation to their services to the group is disclosed below. There has been no impact on the prior year income statement as a result of this change, however comparative figures disclosed for 'Short-term employee benefits', 'Other long-term benefits' and 'Share-based payments' have been reduced by £2.5 million, £0.4 million and £0.4 million respectively. Of the twelve (2014 twelve) key management personnel, four (2014 five) were paid by another Iberdrola group company during the year.

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Short-term employee benefits	3.2	3.0
Post-employment benefits	0.5	0.4
Share-based payments	1.7	1.6
	5.4	5.0

### (c) Directors' remuneration

The remuneration of the directors that provided qualifying services to the group is set out below. Two of the directors were paid by the group during the year.

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Aggregate remuneration in respect of qualifying services	934	898
Aggregate contributions payable to a defined contribution pension scheme	4	3
Number of directors who exercised share options	2	2
Number of directors who received shares under a long-term incentive scheme	2	2
Number of directors accruing retirement benefits under a defined benefit pension scheme	2	2

Highest paid director	2015 £000	2014 £000
Aggregate remuneration in respect of qualifying services	420	403
Aggregate contributions payable to a defined contribution pension scheme	4	3

(i) The highest paid director received a benefit under a long-term share incentive scheme in both years.

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## 34 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS *continued*

### (d) Ultimate parent company

The directors regard Iberdrola, S.A. (incorporated in Spain) as the ultimate parent company, which is also the parent company of the largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated. Copies of the Consolidated Accounts of Iberdrola, S.A. may be obtained from Iberdrola S.A., Torre Iberdrola, Plaza Euskadi 5, 48009, Bilbao, Spain.

The parent company of the smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is Scottish Power Limited. Copies of the Consolidated Accounts of Scottish Power Limited may be obtained from The Secretary, Scottish Power Limited, 1 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow, G2 8SP.

## 35 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Audit of the company's annual Accounts	0.1	0.1
Audit of the company's subsidiaries pursuant to legislation	1.2	1.1
<b>Audit fees</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Audit-related assurance services	0.1	0.2
<b>Other services</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>

For the year ended 31 December 2015, all fees paid to the auditors of £1.4 million (2014 £1.4 million) were charged to profit from operations.

## 36 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

### (a) Acquisition of East Anglia One Limited

The principal activity of East Anglia One Limited ("EA1") is the development of an offshore wind farm in the East Anglia zone.

At 31 December 2014, EA1 was jointly owned and managed by ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited ("SPRUKL"), a subsidiary of the group, and Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd, both holding a 50% interest in the equity of the company. During the year ended 31 December 2014, EA1 was treated as an equity-accounted joint venture within the Scottish Power UK plc group Accounts.

On 24 March 2015, SPRUKL acquired the remaining 50% interest in the share capital of EA1, at which point the company became a wholly owned subsidiary of SPRUKL and of the group.

Details of the book value and fair value of the assets and liabilities of EA1 as at 24 March 2015 are shown in the table below:

	Book value of EA1 at date of acquisition* £m	Fair value uplift* £m	Fair value of EA1 at date of acquisition* £m
Property, plant and equipment	44.3	4.8	49.1
Amounts payable to Iberdrola group companies	(44.3)	–	(44.3)
Deferred tax	–	(0.8)	(0.8)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>

\* Represents 100% of EA1 entity

In line with group accounting policy the group has remeasured the previously held equity interest in EA1 at acquisition date fair value and has therefore recognised a gain of £2.0 million in the income statement; £2.4 million has been recognised within 'Gains on disposal/acquisition of non-current assets' along with a related tax charge of £0.4 million within 'Income tax'.

	£m
Book value of previously held equity investment in EA1	–
Fair value of previously held equity interest	2.0
<b>Fair value uplift recognised in the income statement</b>	<b>2.0</b>

The fair value of the net assets acquired by the group on the acquisition of the remaining 50% interest in EA1 was £2.0 million and the consideration paid for that 50% interest was £0.50. A gain of £2.0 million has therefore been recognised in the income statement; £2.4 million has been recognised within 'Gains on disposal/acquisition of non-current assets' along with a related tax charge of £0.4 million within 'Income tax'.

	£m
Cash consideration for the acquisition of remaining 50% in EA1	–
Fair value of 50% of remaining interest in EA1 acquired	2.0
<b>Gain on acquisition of remaining 50% interest in EA1</b>	<b>2.0</b>

### (b) Group restructuring

As part of an Iberdrola group restructuring exercise to combine all of its European offshore wind activities under one operational structure, the following transactions took place during the year ended 31 December 2014.

- (i) On 24 April 2014, ScottishPower Renewable Energy Limited ("SPREL"), the holding company in the group conducting Iberdrola's renewable energy activity in the UK, acquired newly issued share capital in Eolia Mer du Nord SAS, the holding company of Iberdrola group's offshore wind activities in France. Subsequently, on 29 April 2014, SPREL purchased the remaining share capital in Eolia Mer du Nord SAS from Iberdrola Renovables Energía S.A.U., a subsidiary of Iberdrola, S.A.. Eolia Mer du Nord SAS has a 70% equity holding in two subsidiaries, Ailes Marines SAS and Perle Marine SAS. This transaction

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## 36 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS *continued*

### (b) Group restructuring *continued*

is deemed to be a business combination under common control and has been accounted for under the pooling of interests method in the consolidated Accounts as described in Note 2C. On 24 September 2014, Eolia Mer du Nord SAS changed its name to Iberdrola Renovables France SAS.

- (ii) Also, on 29th April 2014, SPREL entered into a sale and purchase agreement to acquire the entire share capital of Iberdrola Renovables Offshore Deutschland Zwei GmbH, the holding company of Iberdrola group's offshore wind activities in Germany, from Iberdrola Renovables Energia S.A.U.. Iberdrola Renovables Offshore Deutschland Zwei GmbH has one wholly-owned subsidiary, Iberdrola Renovables Offshore Deutschland GmbH. This acquisition was subsequently effected by a German notary on 14 May 2014. This transaction is deemed to be a business combination under common control and has been accounted for under the pooling of interests method in the consolidated Accounts as described in Note 2C. During 2015 Iberdrola Renovables Offshore Deutschland Zwei GmbH changed its name to Iberdrola Renovables Deutschland GmbH.

The impact of the transfer of the transactions described in (i) and (ii) above on the net assets of the group is set out in footnote (c).

### (c) Book values of assets and liabilities acquired

- (i) The details of the book value of the assets and liabilities acquired by the group as described above as part of the restructuring are shown below:

Book values of assets and liabilities at acquisition date	Notes to the Accounts	Total (Note (ii)) £m
Intangible assets	8	0.4
Property, plant and equipment	9	65.2
Trade and other receivables		0.5
Deferred tax	24	2.9
Current tax		1.2
Cash		21.6
Trade and other payables		(6.0)
Current payables due to Iberdrola group companies – loans		(46.9)
Non-current payables due to Iberdrola group companies – loans		(23.3)
Loans and other borrowings		(6.8)
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>8.8</b>

Cash consideration (Note (iii))

Pooling of interest recognised in equity

**Total**

- (i) Iberdrola Renovables France SAS (formerly Eolia Mer du Nord SAS) was acquired by SPREL from Iberdrola Renovables Energia S.A.U. for a cash consideration of £20.0 million. Iberdrola Renovables Deutschland GmbH (formerly Iberdrola Renovables Offshore Deutschland Zwei GmbH) was acquired by SPREL from Iberdrola Renovables Energia S.A.U. for a cash consideration of £1.

- (ii) The net assets shown in respect of the acquisition are the consolidated net assets for Iberdrola Renovables France SAS (formerly Eolia Mer du Nord SAS) and its subsidiaries, and Iberdrola Renovables Deutschland GmbH (formerly Iberdrola Renovables Offshore Deutschland Zwei GmbH) and its subsidiary as included in the Iberdrola, S.A. Consolidated Financial Statements.

- (iii) The analysis of cash flow in respect of the above acquisition is detailed below:

	£m
Cash consideration	(20.0)
Net cash and cash equivalents acquired	(25.3)
<b>Cash outflows on group restructuring (included in cash flows from investing activities)</b>	<b>(45.3)</b>

### (d) Disposal of subsidiaries

#### (i) ScottishPower Insurance Limited

On 18 December 2015, ScottishPower Insurance Limited ("SPIL") was sold to Enstar for net cash proceeds of £1.9 million. At the date of disposal SPIL had net assets of £3.9 million which included cash of £8.2 million, offset by provisions of £4.3 million. This resulted in a net loss on disposal of £2.0 million which has been offset against the provision recognised in the consolidated income statement in respect of this transaction during 2014.

The analysis of cash flow in respect of the above transaction is detailed below:

	£m
Net cash proceeds	1.9
Net cash and cash equivalents disposed of	(8.2)
<b>Net cash outflows on disposal of subsidiary</b>	<b>(6.3)</b>

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### 37 GOING CONCERN

The group's business activities together with the factors likely to affect its future development and position are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 10.

The group has recorded a profit after tax in both the current and previous financial years and the group's balance sheet shows that it has net current liabilities of £3,349.6 million and net assets of £4,177.3 million at its most recent balance sheet date.


The group is ultimately owned by Iberdrola, S.A. and it participates in the Iberdrola group's centralised treasury arrangements and shares banking facilities with its parent companies and fellow subsidiaries. As a consequence, the group depends, in part, on the ability of the Iberdrola group to continue as a going concern. The directors have considered the group's funding relationship with Iberdrola to date and have considered available relevant information relating to Iberdrola's ability to continue as a going concern. In addition, the directors have no reason to believe that the Iberdrola group will not continue to fund the group to enable it to continue in operational existence.

On the basis of these considerations, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the group will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Therefore, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the Accounts.

SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC  
COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS  
at 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Intangible assets	38	24.7	25.5
Property, plant and equipment		26.3	22.7
Property, plant and equipment in use	39	22.9	21.0
Property, plant and equipment in course of construction	39	3.4	1.7
Trade and other receivables	40	1,957.8	1,363.8
Financial assets		3,048.7	2,553.0
Investments in subsidiaries	41	3,015.7	2,524.1
Other investments	41	0.7	0.8
Derivative financial instruments	43, 50	32.3	28.1
Deferred tax asset	42	58.0	68.3
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>5,115.5</b>	<b>4,033.3</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Trade and other receivables	40	409.1	812.2
Current tax receivables		12.0	13.7
Financial assets		0.9	0.8
Derivative financial instruments	43, 50	0.9	0.8
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>422.0</b>	<b>826.7</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>5,537.5</b>	<b>4,860.0</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Of shareholders of the parent		2,564.4	2,506.1
Share capital	45, 46	872.0	872.0
Share premium	46	398.2	398.2
Hedge reserve	46	-	-
Other reserves	46	8.2	8.2
Retained earnings	46	1,286.0	1,227.7
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>2,564.4</b>	<b>2,506.1</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions		272.0	317.9
Provision for retirement benefit obligations	47	264.4	308.4
Other provisions	48	7.6	9.5
Bank borrowings and other financial liabilities		1,250.0	1,242.0
Loans and other borrowings	49	1,250.0	1,242.0
Trade and other payables	51	40.5	2.5
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,562.5</b>	<b>1,562.4</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	48	2.3	2.4
Bank borrowings and other financial liabilities		1,303.0	706.3
Loans and other borrowings	49	1,303.0	706.3
Trade and other payables	51	105.3	82.8
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,410.6</b>	<b>791.5</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,973.1</b>	<b>2,353.9</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>5,537.5</b>	<b>4,860.0</b>

Approved by the board on 28 April 2016 and signed on its behalf by:



David Wark  
Director

Notes 1 to 5 and the accompanying Notes 38 to 56 are an integral part of the company balance sheets as at 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014.

SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC  
**COMPANY STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	Note	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>296.7</b>	<b>517.4</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to the income statement:</i>			
Actuarial losses on retirement benefits:			
Actuarial losses on retirement benefits	46	(10.5)	(42.3)
Tax relating to actuarial losses on retirement benefits	46	2.1	8.5
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(8.4)</b>	<b>(33.8)</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>288.3</b>	<b>483.6</b>

Total comprehensive income for both years is wholly attributable to the equity holders of Scottish Power UK plc.

**COMPANY STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	Ordinary share capital £m	Share premium £m	Hedge reserve £m	Other reserves £m	Retained earnings £m	Total equity £m
<b>At 1 January 2014</b>	<b>872.0</b>	<b>398.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>1,144.1</b>	<b>2,422.5</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	483.6	483.6
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(400.0)	(400.0)
<b>At 1 January 2015</b>	<b>872.0</b>	<b>398.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>1,227.7</b>	<b>2,506.1</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	288.3	288.3
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(230.0)	(230.0)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>872.0</b>	<b>398.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>1,286.0</b>	<b>2,564.4</b>

Notes 1 to 5 and the accompanying Notes 38 to 56 are an integral part of the company statements of comprehensive income and the company statements of changes in equity for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014.



SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC  
**COMPANY CASH FLOW STATEMENTS**  
for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	291.2	510.9
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	21.1	24.9
Change in provisions	–	0.1
Finance income and costs	21.3	22.8
Shareholding income	(320.0)	(540.0)
Net loss on disposal/impairment of non-current assets	8.3	0.2
Movement in retirement benefits	(63.8)	(65.5)
Changes in working capital:		
Change in trade and other receivables	(45.9)	(6.1)
Change in trade and other payables	44.0	7.2
Transfer of pension obligation from SP Manweb plc	–	132.2
Provisions paid	(2.3)	(1.2)
Income taxes received	19.6	10.1
Interest received	58.3	80.4
Dividends received	320.0	540.0
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities (i)</b>	<b>351.8</b>	<b>716.0</b>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investments in intangible assets	(12.6)	(12.5)
Investments in property, plant and equipment	(7.4)	(9.4)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	1.0	0.3
Net investment in non-current investments	(499.9)	(1,424.9)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities (ii)</b>	<b>(518.9)</b>	<b>(1,446.5)</b>
Cash flows from financing activities		
(Increase)/decrease in amounts due from Iberdrola group companies (net of impairment)	(679.0)	192.0
Dividends paid to company's equity holders	(230.0)	(400.0)
Cash inflows from borrowings	7.1	2.8
Interest paid	(71.7)	(71.8)
Repayments of borrowings	(5.6)	(1.7)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities (iii)</b>	<b>(979.2)</b>	<b>(278.7)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents (i)+(ii)+(iii)</b>	<b>(1,146.3)</b>	<b>(1,009.2)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>1,034.4</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>(1,121.1)</b>	<b>25.2</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year comprises:		
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies – loans	154.9	706.0
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies – loans	(1,276.0)	(680.8)
<b>Company cash flow statement cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(1,121.1)</b>	<b>25.2</b>

Notes 1 to 5 and the accompanying Notes 38 to 56 are an integral part of the company cash flow statements for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014.

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## 38 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Computer software (Note (a)) £m	Licences £m	Total £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2014</b>			
<b>Cost:</b>			
At 1 January 2014	313.4	–	313.4
Additions	12.5	–	12.5
Disposals	(174.3)	–	(174.3)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>151.6</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>151.6</b>
<b>Amortisation:</b>			
At 1 January 2014	283.8	–	283.8
Amortisation for the year	16.3	–	16.3
Disposals	(174.0)	–	(174.0)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>126.1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>126.1</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>25.5</b>
At 1 January 2014	29.6	–	29.6
<b>Year ended 31 December 2015</b>			
<b>Cost:</b>			
At 1 January 2015	151.6	–	151.6
Additions	11.5	1.1	12.6
Disposals	(65.6)	–	(65.6)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>98.6</b>
<b>Amortisation:</b>			
At 1 January 2015	126.1	–	126.1
Amortisation for the year	13.1	0.2	13.3
Disposals	(65.5)	–	(65.5)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>73.9</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>24.7</b>
At 1 January 2015	25.5	–	25.5

(a) The cost of fully amortised computer software still in use at 31 December 2015 was £54.6 million (2014 £106.0 million).

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## 39 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

### (a) Movements in property, plant and equipment

	Property, plant and equipment in use (Note (ii)) £m	Property, plant and equipment in progress Note (ii) £m	Total £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2014</b>			
<b>Cost:</b>			
At 1 January 2014	92.5	1.2	93.7
Additions	7.4	0.5	7.9
Disposals	(23.7)	–	(23.7)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>77.9</b>
<b>Depreciation:</b>			
At 1 January 2014	70.1	–	70.1
Charge for the year	8.6	–	8.6
Disposals	(23.5)	–	(23.5)
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>55.2</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>22.7</b>
At 1 January 2014	22.4	1.2	23.6

	Property, plant and equipment in use (Note (ii)) £m	Property, plant and equipment in progress Note (ii) £m	Total £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2015</b>			
<b>Cost:</b>			
At 1 January 2015	76.2	1.7	77.9
Additions	9.8	1.7	11.5
Transfers from Iberdrola group companies	0.6	–	0.6
Disposals	(14.0)	–	(14.0)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>76.0</b>
<b>Depreciation:</b>			
At 1 January 2015	55.2	–	55.2
Charge for the year	7.8	–	7.8
Disposals	(13.3)	–	(13.3)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>49.7</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>26.3</b>
At 1 January 2015	21.0	1.7	22.7

(i) The 'Property, plant and equipment in use' category principally comprises IT equipment and vehicles.

(ii) The 'Property, plant and equipment in progress' category comprises costs in relation to leased office buildings.

(iii) The cost of fully depreciated property, plant and equipment still in use at 31 December 2015 was £33.5 million (2014 £34.0 million).

### (b) Operating lease arrangements

	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>(i) Operating lease commitments</b>		
The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:		
Within one year	9.3	10.4
Between one and five years	25.1	21.9
More than five years	11.2	6.0
	<b>45.6</b>	<b>38.3</b>

The company leases various property, plant and equipment under non-cancellable operating lease arrangements. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>(ii) Operating lease receivables</b>		
The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:		
Within one year	1.2	0.9
Between one and five years	1.2	1.6
	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>

The company leases buildings as a lessor under operating leases. The lease arrangements have initial terms of 1 to 99 years and some contain provisions to extend the term at the option of the lessee. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

### (c) Capital commitments

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Contracted but not provided	0.2	0.5

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## 40 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>Current receivables:</b>			
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies – trade		9.2	13.1
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies – loans	(a)	346.9	772.0
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies – interest		29.8	17.7
Receivables due from joint arrangements		–	0.1
Trade receivables		14.3	2.1
Prepayments		8.9	7.2
		<b>409.1</b>	<b>812.2</b>
<b>Non-current receivables:</b>			
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies – loans	(a)	1,910.0	1,352.0
Prepayments		9.6	11.8
Other receivables	(b)	38.2	–
		<b>1,957.8</b>	<b>1,363.8</b>

(a) Current loans due from Iberdrola group companies includes £154.9 million (2014 £706.0 million) repayable on demand with interest payable at 1% above the Bank of England base rate. The non-current loans with Iberdrola group companies due to mature in 2022 and 2023 are repayable in equal annual installments every two years. The installment of £192.0 million due in 2016 on the loans with a final maturity date of 2023 is classified as current at 31 December 2015 and the installment of £66.0 million paid in 2014 on the loans with a final maturity date of 2022 was classified as current at 31 December 2014.

(b) This balance represents other receivables recognised as part of a contractual renegotiation.

(c) The company utilises forms of collateral to manage its credit exposure. At 31 December 2015, the company held letters of credit of £13.5 million (2014 £13.5 million).

(d) At 31 December 2015 trade receivables of £6.2 million (2014 £10.8 million), were past due but not impaired:

	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>Past due but not impaired:</b>		
Less than 3 months	6.0	10.7
Between 3 and 6 months	–	0.1
Between 6 and 12 months	0.2	–
	<b>6.2</b>	<b>10.8</b>

## 41 INVESTMENTS

	Notes	Investments in subsidiaries £m	Other investments (Note (a)) £m	Total £m
<b>At 1 January 2014</b>				
Additions	(b)	1,425.0	–	1,425.0
Disposals		–	(0.1)	(0.1)
Impairment	(c)	(0.2)	–	(0.2)
<b>At 1 January 2015</b>				
Additions	(d)	500.0	–	500.0
Disposals		–	(0.1)	(0.1)
Impairment	(c)	(8.4)	–	(8.4)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>				
		<b>3,015.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3,016.4</b>

(a) At 31 December 2015 the company held £0.7 million (2014 £0.8 million) of investments for which no quoted market price is available and whose fair value could not be reliably measured.

(b) On 31 July 2014 the company subscribed for and was allotted additional shares in the following subsidiaries:

- (i) 500,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in ScottishPower Renewable Energy Limited for a consideration of £500.0 million;
- (ii) 125,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in Scottish Power Generation Holdings Limited for a consideration of £125.0 million; and
- (iii) 800,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited for a consideration of £800.0 million.

(c) During the year ended 31 December 2015, an impairment charge of £8.4 million was made in respect of the company's 100% interest in the share capital of various dormant subsidiaries now in liquidation. Refer to Note 7(a)(ii). During the year ended 31 December 2014, an impairment charge of £0.2 million was made in respect of the company's 100% interest in the share capital of Caledonian Gas Limited, a dormant subsidiary.

(d) On 24 December 2015 the company subscribed for and was allotted an additional 500,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in Scottish Power Generation Holdings Limited for a consideration of £500.0 million.

(e) The company's subsidiary and joint venture holdings are listed in Note 7.

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## 42 DEFERRED TAX ASSET

Deferred tax recognised in the Accounts is as follows:

Note	Property, plant and equipment £m	Derivative financial instruments £m	Retirement benefits £m	Other temporary differences £m	Total £m
<b>At 1 January 2014</b>	5.6	0.7	32.1	0.5	38.9
(Charge)/credit to income statement	-	(0.4)	(12.0)	0.2	(12.2)
Recorded in the statement of comprehensive income	-	-	8.5	-	8.5
Transfer of pension scheme obligation from SP Manweb plc (a)	-	-	33.1	-	33.1
<b>At 1 January 2015</b>	5.6	0.3	61.7	0.7	68.3
Charge to income statement	(1.1)	(0.3)	(10.9)	(0.1)	(12.4)
Recorded in the statement of comprehensive income	-	-	2.1	-	2.1
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	4.5	-	52.9	0.6	58.0

- (a) On 31 December 2014, the Manweb Group of Electricity Supply Pension Scheme was transferred to the company in order to align the sponsoring employers of the two defined benefit pension schemes within the group. The pension obligation transferred was £165.3 million and the associated deferred tax transferred was £33.1 million.
- (b) At 31 December 2015, the company had unutilised capital losses of £3.7 million (2014 £3.5 million). No deferred tax has been recognised in the Accounts due to the unpredictability of the suitable future profit streams against which these losses may be utilised.
- (c) Finance (No.2) Act 2015 included legislation to reduce the rate of UK Corporation Tax to 19% on 1 April 2017 and to 18% on 1 April 2020. These changes reduce the tax rates expected to apply when temporary differences reverse and impact the deferred tax charge. The rate of UK Corporation Tax is now expected to reduce by a further 1% to 17% on 1 April 2020 and this will reduce the property, plant and equipment element of the deferred tax balance. The estimated impact of this change is a reduction of £0.2 million in the year to 31 December 2016. It is not possible to quantify the impact of the expected rate reduction on other elements of the deferred tax balance.

## 43 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The table below sets out the carrying amount and fair value of the company's financial instruments:

Notes	2015		2014	
	Carrying Amount £m	Fair Value £m	Carrying Amount £m	Fair Value £m
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Derivative financial instruments (a)	33.2	33.2	28.9	28.9
Current receivables (b)	400.2	400.2	805.0	805.0
Non-current receivables (b), (c)	1,948.2	2,306.4	1,352.0	1,605.6
Other investments	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Loans and other borrowings (d)	(2,553.0)	(2,783.7)	(1,948.3)	(2,245.4)
Payables (b)	(137.3)	(137.3)	(76.8)	(76.8)

The carrying amount of these financial instruments is calculated as set out in Note 3G. With the exception of non-current receivables and loans and other borrowings, the carrying value of financial instruments is a reasonable approximation of fair value. The fair value of non-current receivables is calculated as set out in footnote (c). The fair value of loans and other borrowings is calculated as set out in footnote (d).

- (a) Further detail on derivative financial instruments is disclosed in Note 50.
- (b) Balances outwith the scope of IFRS 7 have been excluded principally prepayments and other tax payables.
- (c) The fair value of non-current receivables relating to loans due from Iberdrola group companies is calculated using a discounted cash flow.
- (d) The fair value of listed debt is calculated using the most recently traded price to the year-end date and the fair value of all other loans and borrowings is calculated using a discounted cash flow.

The company holds certain financial instruments which are measured in the balance sheet at fair value. The company uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

All derivatives held by the company were Level 2 in both the current and prior year.

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## 44 LIQUIDITY ANALYSIS

### Maturity profile of financial liabilities

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the company's financial liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows.

		2015						Total £m
	Note	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 £m	2021 and thereafter £m	
Cash outflows								
Loans and other borrowings		1,389.3	272.9	56.4	56.7	57.0	1,412.8	3,245.1
Payables	(a)	47.2	11.8	11.0	7.5	5.6	4.6	87.7
		1,436.5	284.7	67.4	64.2	62.6	1,417.4	3,332.8

		2014						Total £m
	Note	2015 £m	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 and thereafter £m	
Cash outflows								
Derivative financial instruments		0.7	–	–	–	–	–	0.7
Loans and other borrowings		777.6	72.7	273.0	56.5	56.8	1,481.8	2,718.4
Payables	(a)	36.4	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	–	38.9
		814.7	73.7	273.5	57.0	57.3	1,481.8	2,758.0

(a) Contractual cash flows exclude accrued interest as these cash flows are included within loans and other borrowings.

## 45 SHARE CAPITAL

	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>Authorised:</b>		
3,000,000,002 (2014 3,000,000,002) ordinary shares of 50p each	1,500.0	1,500.0
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid:</b>		
1,743,983,102 (2014 1,743,983,102) ordinary shares of 50p each	872.0	872.0

## 46 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE EQUITY HOLDERS OF SCOTTISH POWER UK PLC

	Share capital £m	Share premium (Note (a)) £m	Hedge reserve (Note (b)) £m	Other reserves (Note (c)) £m	Retained earnings (Note (d)) £m	Total £m
<b>At 1 January 2014</b>	872.0	398.2	–	8.2	1,144.1	2,422.5
Profit for the year attributable to the equity holders of Scottish Power UK plc	–	–	–	–	517.4	517.4
Actuarial losses on retirement benefits	–	–	–	–	(42.3)	(42.3)
Tax on items relating to actuarial losses on retirement benefits	–	–	–	–	8.5	8.5
Dividends	–	–	–	–	(400.0)	(400.0)
<b>At 1 January 2015</b>	872.0	398.2	–	8.2	1,227.7	2,506.1
Profit for the year attributable to the equity holders of Scottish Power UK plc	–	–	–	–	296.7	296.7
Actuarial losses on retirement benefits	–	–	–	–	(10.5)	(10.5)
Tax on items relating to actuarial losses on retirement benefits	–	–	–	–	2.1	2.1
Dividends	–	–	–	–	(230.0)	(230.0)
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	872.0	398.2	–	8.2	1,286.0	2,564.4

(a) The share premium account represents consideration received for shares issued in excess of their nominal amount.

(b) The hedge reserve represents the balance of gains and losses on cashflow hedges (net of taxation) not yet transferred to income or the carrying value of a non-financial asset.

(c) Other reserves as 31 December 2015 comprises a capital redemption reserve of £8.2 million (2014 £8.2 million). The capital redemption reserve comprises the nominal value of the company's ordinary share capital purchased by the company in previous years.

(d) Retained earnings comprise the cumulative balance of profit and losses recognised in the financial statements as adjusted for transactions with shareholders, principally dividends.

(e) The changes in the hedge reserve arising from valuation adjustments to the hedging derivatives are set out below:

	Foreign exchange rate hedges £m	Tax effect £m	Total £m
<b>At 1 January 2014</b>	–	–	–
Effective cashflow hedges recognised	(0.1)	–	(0.1)
Removed from equity and recognised in the carrying amount of hedged items	0.1	–	0.1
<b>At 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015</b>	–	–	–

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### 47 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The amounts recognised in the balance sheet in respect of retirement benefit obligations are detailed below:

	2015				2014			
	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m	SPPS £m	Manweb £m	UURBS £m	Total £m
Non-current liabilities	115.1	142.7	6.6	264.4	136.1	165.3	7.0	308.4

- (a) The company recognises the pension scheme deficit in the balance sheet for the schemes for which it is the sponsoring employer as there is no appropriate contractual agreement or group policy to allocate the deficit on a legal entity basis. Detailed disclosures are provided in Note 18 of the group financial statements.
- (b) On 31 December 2014, the Manweb Group of Electricity Supply Pension scheme was transferred to the company in order to align the sponsoring employers of the two defined benefit pension schemes within the group, the pension obligation transferred was £165.3 million and the associated deferred tax asset transferred was £33.1 million.
- (c) As part of the 2012 actuarial valuations, the company agreed with pension trustees to hold £883 million in retained earnings until the next valuation date (31 March 2015) in return for agreement to a twelve year deficit repair period. Should the company allow retained earnings to fall below that level it will revert to ten year deficit repair period. This would have the impact of increasing the combined deficit repair payments for SPPS and Manweb by approximately £12.5 million per annum over the three year period to the next valuation. The actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2015 is expected to complete during 2016.

### 48 OTHER PROVISIONS

		At 1 January 2014 £m	New Provisions £m	Unwinding of discount £m	Utilised during year £m	At 31 December 2014 £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2014</b>						
Onerous contracts	(a)	11.1	–	0.3	(0.8)	10.6
Other	(b)	1.6	0.1	–	(0.4)	1.3
		12.7	0.1	0.3	(1.2)	11.9

		At 1 January 2015 £m	New provisions £m	Unwinding of discount £m	Utilised during year £m	Released during year £m	At 31 December 2015 £m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2015</b>							
Onerous contracts	(a)	10.6	1.9	0.3	(2.3)	(1.9)	8.6
Other	(b)	1.3	–	–	–	–	1.3
		11.9	1.9	0.3	(2.3)	(1.9)	9.9

<b>Analysis of total other provisions</b>		2015 £m	2014 £m
Non-current		7.6	9.5
Current		2.3	2.4
		9.9	11.9

- (a) The provision for 'Onerous contracts' relates to various property leases. The leases will expire between 2016 and 2025.
- (b) The 'Other' category comprises various provisions which are not individually sufficiently material to warrant separate disclosure.

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## 49 LOANS AND OTHER BORROWINGS

Analysis by instrument and maturity	Notes	Interest rate <sup>*</sup>	Maturity	2015 £m	2014 £m
On demand loans with Iberdrola group companies		Base + 1%	On demand	1,276.0	680.8
Collateral		LIBOR	17 June 2016	29.2	27.7
£200 million euro-sterling bond	(b), (c)	8.375%	20 February 2017	199.8	199.6
£300 million medium-term note	(d)	5.9%	22 February 2021	296.6	295.9
£250 million euro-sterling bond	(b), (e)	6.75%	29 May 2023	248.8	248.6
£175 million inflation linked bond	(d)	3.494% x RPI	13 October 2024	269.6	266.9
10 billion JPY loan	(f)	4.6%	27 July 2029	83.0	78.8
£50 million medium-term note	(d)	5.75%	9 December 2039	50.0	50.0
£100 million medium-term note	(d)	6.375%	31 May 2041	100.0	100.0
				<b>2,553.0</b>	<b>1,948.3</b>

<sup>\*</sup> Base - Bank of England Base Rate; LIBOR-London Inter-Bank Offer Rate; RPI - Retail Price Index

Analysis of loans and other borrowings	Note	2015 £m	2014 £m
Non-current		1,250.0	1,242.0
Current	(a)	1,303.0	706.3
		<b>2,553.0</b>	<b>1,948.3</b>

- (a) Current borrowings comprise loans with Iberdrola group companies repayable on demand and collateral together with finance costs due to be amortised within one year, short term element of fair value hedge adjustments and the adjustments on discontinued fair value hedges due to be amortised within one year. This totalled £(2.2) million (2014 £(2.2) million).
- (b) These bonds contain a "Loss of licences" covenant that will require repayment of the outstanding amount should the UK group lose all its electricity licences (distribution, transmission and supply licences).
- (c) The euro-sterling bond due 2017 can be redeemed at any time by the company at the higher of principal amount or redemption price (as determined by HSBC Bank plc) giving 30 to 90 days' notice to the lender.
- (d) Scottish Power Limited and the company have an established joint US\$7 billion euro-medium term note programme. Scottish Power Limited has not issued under the programme. The company has in issue various notes in Sterling, which can be redeemed by the company with 30 to 90 days' notice in case of unfavourable and unavoidable changes in the UK tax laws impacting on the note payments.
- (e) The euro-sterling bond due 2023 can be redeemed at any time by the company at the higher of principal amount or redemption price (as determined by HSBC Bank plc) giving 30 to 45 days' notice to the lender.
- (f) The interest rate quoted above on the 10 billion JPY loan is fixed. This is changed to a variable rate by a cross currency swap.
- (g) The company has no undrawn committed borrowing facilities at 31 December 2015 (2014 nil).

## 50 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### Analysis of derivative financial instruments – carrying value

Note	2015 Assets		2014 Assets	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
<b>Hedging derivatives: Exchange rate hedges</b>				
Fair value hedge – Currency swap (a)	0.9	32.3	0.8	28.1

(a) At 31 December 2015 the company held cash collateral of £29.2 million (2014 £27.7 million) in respect of derivatives.

## 51 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Notes	2015 £m	2014 £m
<b>Current trade and other payables:</b>			
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies – trade		11.5	0.4
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies – interest		11.8	0.1
Trade payables		19.8	22.9
Other taxes and social security		8.5	8.5
Capital payables		10.7	6.0
Other payables	(a)	43.0	44.9
		<b>105.3</b>	<b>82.8</b>
<b>Non-current other payables:</b>			
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies – trade	(b)	38.2	–
Other payables		2.3	2.5
		<b>40.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>

(a) The company utilises forms of collateral to manage its credit exposure in respect of derivative financial instruments. All collateral held is settled in cash. At 31 December 2015, the company held cash collateral of £29.2 million (2014 £27.7 million).

(b) This balance represents other payables recognised as part of a contractual renegotiation.



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## 52 COMPANY INCOME STATEMENT

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the company has not presented its own income statement. The company's income statement was approved by the Board on 28 April 2016. The profit for the financial year per the Accounts of the company was £296.7 million (2014 £517.4 million).

## 53 AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

The auditors' remuneration of the ScottishPower group is billed on a group basis and is not recharged to the company. Of the total group audit fee for the year ended 31 December 2015, £33,000 (2014 £31,000) related to the audit of the company Accounts. The total auditors' remuneration for the group is disclosed in Note 35 to the consolidated Accounts.

## 54 DIVIDENDS

	2015 pence per ordinary share	2014 pence per ordinary share	2015 £m	2014 £m
Interim dividend paid	13.2	22.9	230.0	400.0

On 30 March 2016 an interim dividend payment of £280.0 million was approved by the board and subsequently paid.

## 55 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

	2015						
	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 £m	2021 and thereafter £m	Total £m
Other contractual commitments	40.4	30.4	28.2	22.5	18.6	8.2	148.3

	2014						
	2015 £m	2016 £m	2017 £m	2018 £m	2019 £m	2020 and thereafter £m	Total £m
Other contractual commitments	46.7	35.1	28.3	25.9	19.5	17.5	173.0

## 56 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### (a) Transactions and balances arising in the normal course of business

	2015						2014					
	Ultimate parent company (Iberdrola, S.A.) £m	UK parent (Scottish Power Limited) £m	Immediate parent (Scottish Power UK Holdings Limited) £m	Subsidiary companies £m	Other Iberdrola group companies £m	Related Party	Ultimate parent company (Iberdrola, S.A.) £m	UK parent (Scottish Power Limited) £m	Immediate parent (Scottish Power UK Holdings Limited) £m	Subsidiary companies £m	Other Iberdrola group companies £m	Joint arrangements £
<b>Types of transaction</b>												
Sales and rendering of services	0.1	1.3	–	124.4	3.9		0.1	0.9	–	180.4	3.2	–
Purchases and receipt of services	(33.7)	–	–	(2.2)	–		(38.4)	(2.8)	–	30.8	(0.1)	–
Finance income	–	–	–	70.4	–		–	3.4	–	59.1	–	–
Finance costs	–	(11.4)	–	(1.4)	–		–	–	–	(0.9)	–	–
Dividends received	–	–	–	320.0	–		–	–	–	540.0	–	–
Dividends paid	–	–	(230.0)	–	–		–	–	(400.0)	–	–	–
Transfer of pension scheme liability (excluding tax)	–	–	–	–	–		–	–	–	(165.3)	–	–
Pensions contributions received	–	–	–	84.2	–		–	–	–	90.4	–	–
Transfer of property, plant and equipment	–	–	–	–	0.6		–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Balances outstanding</b>												
Loans receivable	–	–	–	2,256.9	–		–	–	–	2,124.0	–	–
Trade receivables	–	–	–	1.7	7.5		–	–	–	6.9	6.2	0.1
Interest receivable	–	–	–	29.8	–		–	3.4	–	14.3	–	–
Loans payable	–	(1,258.3)	–	(17.7)	–		–	(658.1)	–	(22.7)	–	–
Trade payables	–	–	–	(49.7)	–		–	–	–	(0.3)	(0.1)	–
Interest payable	–	(11.4)	–	(0.4)	–		–	–	–	(0.1)	–	–

(i) The amounts outstanding are unsecured and will be settled in cash. No guarantees have been given or received.

### (b) Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of the key management personnel of the company is set out below. As all of the key management personnel are remunerated for their work for the Iberdrola group, it has not been possible to apportion the remuneration specifically in respect of services to this company. Two of the three key management personnel are paid by the company.

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Short-term employee benefits	0.8	0.9
Post-employment benefits	0.1	0.1
Share-based payments	0.3	0.2
	1.2	1.2

### (c) Directors' remuneration

Details of directors' remuneration are set out at Note 34(c).

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### 56 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS *continued*

#### **(d) Ultimate parent company**

The directors regard Iberdrola, S.A. as the ultimate parent company, which is also the parent company of the largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated. The parent company of the smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is Scottish Power Limited. Copies of the Consolidated Accounts of Iberdrola, S.A. may be obtained from Iberdrola, S.A., Torre Iberdrola, Plaza Euskadi 5, 48009, Bilbao, Spain. Copies of the Consolidated Accounts of Scottish Power Limited may be obtained from The Secretary, Scottish Power Limited, 1 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow G2 8SP.

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