

# **Preliminary Results**

Full Year 2001

**21 February 2002** 

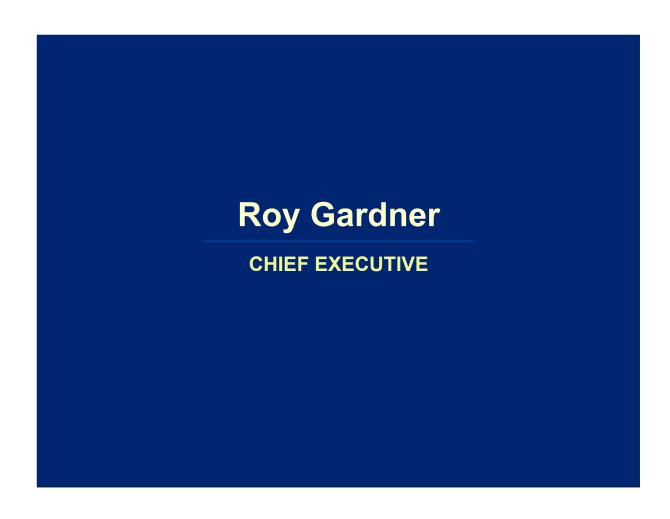
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Results in Brief						
£m	2nd half 2001	2nd half 2000 *	Full year 2001	Full year 2000 *		
Sales	5,858	5,226	12,611	9,933		
Operating profit **	242	122	679	526		
Earnings **	150	40	482	406		
Operating cash flow **	502	655	869	1,139		
Dividend	1.9p	1.7p	3.1p	2.8p		

- Earnings pre-excep & g'will up 29% pre-FRS 19, 19% post-FRS 19
- Second half operating profit up 98% on second half 2000
- Electricity operating profit up £147m on 2000
- AA Road and Personal Finance £74m profit, up 51%
- Full year contribution of £68m from North America
- Full year dividend growth of 11%

\* as restated

\*\* pre exceptional charges and goodwill

- At £150m, H2 earnings more than three times H2 2000, reflecting growing momentum, laying strong foundation for future growth.
- Electricity moved into profit, £40m for the full year, contributing to overall 23% increase in energy supply operating profit.
- North America contribution of £68m after investment for future growth.

# **Delivering the Strategy**

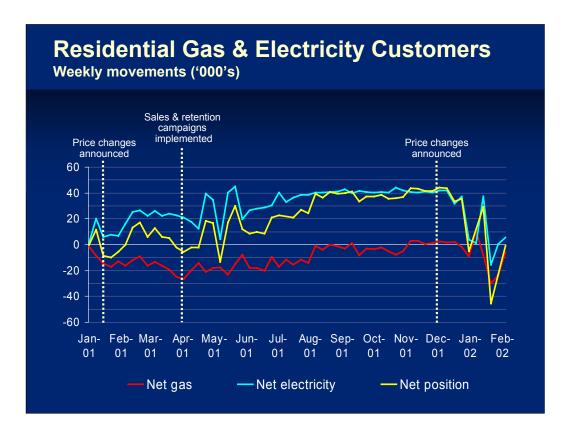
**Business highlights** 

- Strong organic turnover growth
  - Increasing product breadth
  - Leveraging & investing in our brands
  - Cross selling attractive propositions to customers we know
- Demonstrating financial scalability
  - Controlling costs, growing revenue, new channels
  - Synergies: gas/electricity, multiple home and finance products
- Acquisitions adding value
  - AA motoring, insurance, loans: all delivering returns
  - North America: operating profit up £60 million
- New Businesses for future growth
  - Communications, Goldfish
  - European energy

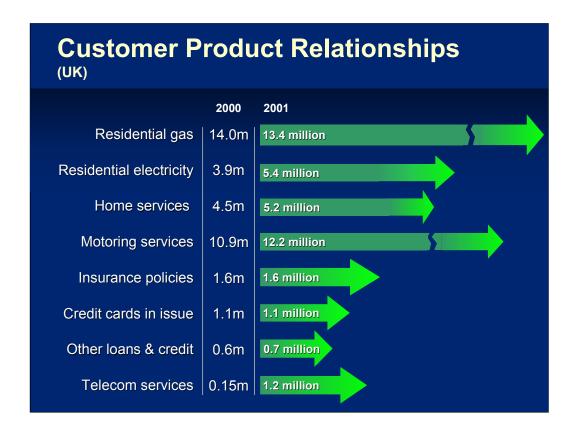
## **Funding Strategy**

- Accelerated opportunities
- Financial flexibility
- Continued investment in organic growth

- Acquisition opportunities have accelerated, financial flexibility needed to take advantage of these.
- Profitable growth opportunities for companies with sufficient liquidity and management depth.
- Placing will give this financial flexibility.



- Raised residential gas prices from April 2001. Saw initial increase in gas customer losses, successfully implemented retention campaigns.
- In H2, average weekly losses were reduced, and gains increased, with net overall gains for several weeks in November and December.
- Since competition, nearly 3m gas customers have returned to British Gas, and gained over a further 1m new customers.
- Weekly electricity sales reached record levels over H2 nearly doubled gains to around 40,000 customers a week on average.
- Noise in numbers in recent weeks reflecting 2002 gas price increase and Christmas holiday break. Pattern as expected, and initiatives planned to turn the position around.



- Customer & product relationships are at the heart of our business model.
- Now benefiting from more customer product relationships than ever.
- Achieved targets for both gas & electricity, ending year with 67% and 22% of the markets respectively.
- Became the largest supplier to the UK residential electricity market entirely through organic growth.
- 3%pts increase in overall energy market share to 42%.
- Multi-product relationships with customers is a key part of the strategy.
- Customers taking 2 products are worth more than 2 customers each taking a single product as multi-product customers have a higher propensity to stay.
- AA motoring membership grew by over 10% to over 12 million, retention rates remain high at over 80%.
- 3.4m financial service relationships including insurance, credit cards, car & other loans.
- 1.2m active telecom services by year end. Strong presence in international calling market with nearly 18% of call minutes.

#### **Product Breadth**

UK Energy: Gas to electricity; focus on B2B channel

Home: CHI growth; plumbing & appliance cover

AA Road: Vehicle inspection & service; sourcing; tyres

AA Finance: Wider panel; record loans

Goldfish: Card focus; new savings, loan, insurance

Telecoms: Single-bill bundles; broadband service









- Expanding product breadth is a key enabler of customer numbers growth.
- Following success in residential energy, established separate B2B unit focusing on doing same in commercial market.
- Multi-product offering in Home Services is strong support for energy business and growth area in its own right.
- Revenue from Central Heating installations increased 21% year on year.
   Launched home electrical cover, over 140,000 contracts by year end.
- AA Road adding to product offerings within the "Motoring Continuum" vehicle inspection and servicing, sourcing and financing new and used cars.
- AA Personal Finance bringing new members onto insurance panel, negotiating better deals with existing panel members. Demand for loans at record level.
- Goldfish focus on maximising value and use of Goldfish Credit Card. Obtained banking licence. Launched Home insurance. Later Q1 plan to launch travel insurance and a guarantee savings bond. Savings product due Q2. Personal loans summer 2002.
- Telecoms become well established in just over a year. Offer fixed mobile and internet services on a single bill. Broadband services should add to growth in the future.

#### **Operations**

UK Energy: Electricity profitable; gas margins to improve

Home: Benefits of scale; growing engineer force

AA Road: Callout efficiency; reduced waiting time

AA Finance: Further productivity gains; online service

Goldfish: Maximise card value; new marketing

Telecoms: Customer value; One.Tel technology &

synergies; regulatory change









- Electricity business moved into profit. In gas supply look forward to seeing positive impact from the 5.3% price rise.
- Home Services benefits of scale from growing product line. Need to continue to increase engineering workforce.
- AA Road increasing productivity as membership growing increasing number of service calls per average staff day whilst also reducing average customer waiting time.
- AA Personal Finance also increasing efficiency and improving customer retention. TheAA.com website generating new motor insurance business online quotes increased from 26% to 43% over 2001. Total website sales of £60m.
- Gained full control of Goldfish Credit Card business on 3rd September. Recent brand tracking showing increased awareness of Goldfish in target markets further strengthening the brand through TV advertising.
- One.Tel integration progressing well. Realising synergy benefits e.g. billing and direct marketing - enhanced technology, efficiency and profitability.
- Frustrated by the slow pace of regulatory change but encouraged by Oftel's price control proposals for BT. Still lobbying for necessary changes to carrier pre-selection process.
- Until regulatory change takes effect, value-enhancing volume growth will remain difficult. Continuing to increase value of our customer base by introducing more products targetted at higher value customers.

#### **Customer Relationship Management**

- Customer data warehouse providing building block to real time capability in CRM
- Partnership with Accenture
- Investing £340m over 5 years
- Scale and cross selling skills enable a return on investment, over £100m per annum within British Gas
  - Customer service, operating costs, e-business









- Seen benefits from applying customer intelligence high sales, reduced marketing costs and increased productivity of the sales force.
- Now able to analyse customer data across all UK brands to gain better understanding of customer value.
- Now making significant investment in delivering next generation CRM to the frontline.
- Working with Accenture investing £340m over 5 years to deliver greater capability to sell and service multi-products and superior customer service. Invested around £60m in 2001.
- Anticipate benefit of over £100m per annum by the end of the project from increased efficiency, reduced operating costs and business growth.
- Initially system will be delivered across the British Gas brand architecture and systems will be transportable.

#### **Investments & Acquisitions**

UK Energy: Enron Direct customers, upstream assets

Home: National Homecare & Trolhurst engineers

AA Road: Halfords garages; car sourcing with Inchcape

AA Finance: Growing loan book; Golf England

Goldfish: Significant banking platform infrastructure

Telecoms: Revenue & infrastructure investment









- Continue to invest to generate organic growth and good contributions from acquisitions.
- Nearly doubled size of UK commercial business segment by buying customers of Enron Direct. In this sector on average each customer uses around 5 times the energy consumed by a residential customer.
- Increased deliverability and reserves at Morecambe and acquired additional interests in equity reserves. Acquired power generation capability to provide source flexibility for peak time electricity.
- Home Services secured workforce capacity through acquisitions of National Homecare and Trolhurst Ltd.
- Acquired Halfords Garages, being rebranded AA Service Centres and invested with Inchcape to create AA branded car sourcing service.
- Invested in Golf England A smart card and credit card venture.
- Investment in Goldfish Financial Services infrastructure of £32m in 2001.
- Telecoms revenue investment of £64m in 2001



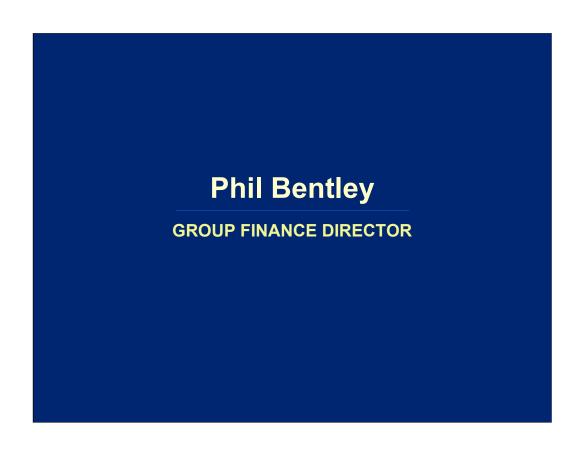
- Using valuable experience in Britain to export our multi-product business model.
- Supplying over 1.3m gas customers in NA more than 600k have signed up to take electricity from us when Ontario market opens.
- Texas power market opened in January giving access to potential market of over 5m households with peak electricity demand at nearly 80% of UK levels. Energy America now signing up customers on 3 year contracts at around 1,000 a day over 25,000 already.
- Deregulation progress on state-by-state basis is variable. Focusing our resources on states which are more advanced up to 20m households.
- Organic growth will be complemented with acquisitions.
- Timing of the Enbridge opportunity was such that it necessitated the acquisition of physical assets. Our balance sheets strength gave us the ability to take advantage of the opportunity, and to refinance these assets at the right pace to maximise value.

# First European energy customers through Luminus in Belgium, over 750,000 customers from mid 2003 Platform in the EU energy deregulation directive under review Barcelona summit of Heads of Government in May

- Luminus has provided access to customer base without networks. Will have over 750k energy customer relationships when residential market opens in 2003.
- Continuing our lobby for liberalisation across Europe. Hope to see progress and commitment to timescales during the Spanish Presidency of the EU.
- Target remains to achieve 5m customer product relationships in Europe.

# Summary

- Sustain organic growth
- Realise further financial scalability
- Acquisitions continue to add value
- New businesses for future growth



£m	2001	2000 *	Growth
Turnover	12,611	9,933	19%1
Gross profit	2,387	2,012	19%
Operating profit <sup>2</sup>	679	526	29%
Interest	(43)	(28)	(54%)
Тах	(164)	(92)	(78%)
Minority interests	10		
Earnings <sup>2</sup>	482	406	19%
 Operating cash flow <sup>2</sup>	869	1,139	(24%)

- Full year turnover increase (ex Accord) of 19%, 14% for H2.
- Gross profit up 19% whilst operating profit pre-exceptionals & goodwill up 29% reflecting financial scalability of business growing from controlled cost base. Operating profit margin excluding trading activities also up slightly, to 7.3%.
- High interest charges, £43m reflects acquisitions leading to higher net debt.
- Increase tax to £164m from £92m due to higher upstream profits.
- Adopted FRS19, recognise a greater proportion of deferred tax assets on our balance sheet. Earnings pre-exceptionals and goodwill were up 19% to £482m, would have been up 29% to £503m on pre-FRS19 basis.
- FRS17 not adopted. Impact in 2001 would have been incremental charge to earnings of £16m and reduction in net assets of £117m.
- Operating cash flow down to £869m, due to first PRT cash payment, £191m, for South Morecambe.

#### **Operating Profit Analysis** (including JV's & Associates, pre exceptionals & goodwill amortisation) 2nd half 2nd half Full year Full year 2001 2000 \* 2000 \* £m 2001 **UK Gas Production** 552 216 218 309 **UK Residential Gas** (55)(11)3 294 **UK Non-residential Gas** 10 41 55 21 **UK Electricity** 21 (62)40 (107)6 (9)16 Accord (20)Total UK Energy Supply 209 146 652 531 **British Gas Home Services** 25 17 36 26 **AA Road Services** 15 7 37 25 AA Personal Finance 9 37 21 24 39 8 8 North America 68 Goldfish Financial Services (10)(9)(32)(15)**Telecommunications** (45)(39)(97)(49)Other Activities (12)(17)(22)(24)242 122 679 526 Total continuing operations \* as restated

- UK Energy, Home Services, The AA and North America all made substantial contributions to the 29% operating profit increase.
- Strong improvements in Energy Supply, up 23%, improvements in electricity and gas production more than offset virtual elimination of residential gas margin.
- H2 operating profit nearly doubled to £242m compared to H2 2000 due to improvement in Electricity, The AA and inclusion of North America for the full six months.
- Starting to see higher proportion of profit from non-UK energy businesses. For full year The AA, British Gas Home Services and North America contributed £178m, over a quarter of total operating profit compared to 16% in 2000.

#### **UK Gas Production** (including JV's & Associates, pre exceptionals & goodwill amortisation) Change 2000 Full year 2001 Change 2000 2nd half £m 2001 Equity production (m therms) 1,654 (25%)4,287 (6%) Operating profit 216 (1%)552 79% **Operating Profit (£m)** Full year production near 2000 600 record, wholesale prices 500 increased margin 400 Invested £60m improving 300 deliverability and reserves 200 Adding value through 100 processing agreements 0 1998 1999 2000 2001

- Gas production down 6%, H2 down 25%. Higher market prices for gas (nearly 50%) led to profit up 79% to £552m.
- Although production at Morecambe has peaked, production in 2002 likely to fall by similar amount year-on-year as in 2001.
- Year end UK gas reserves of 2.7 TCFs.

#### **UK Energy Supply** (including JV's & Associates, pre exceptionals & goodwill amortisation) Change 2000 Full year 2001 2nd half Change 2000 £m 2001 Total WACOG (p/therm) 12% 20.5 25% 20.5 Gas turnover 2,279 (1%)5,410 4% Gas operating profit (34)(33)44 (305)Total WACOE (p/kWh) 2.6 (18%)2.6 (19%)Electricity turnover 714 56% 1.242 57% Electricity operating profit 21 83 40 147 **Operating Profit (£m)** Residential gas margins 500 eliminated in 2001; price Electricity 400 increases to assist in 2002 ■ Non Res Gas 300 Residential Gas Electricity profitable, sales up 200 57% in 2001 and rising 100 42% share of energy market; -100 67% gas, 22% electricity -200 1999 2000 2001

- Gas turnover up year on year, April price rise offset 3% fall in market share and lower volumes from warm weather in Q4.
- Electricity turnover up 57% reflecting increased market share. Operating profit improvement of £147m after £66m revenue investment.
- Weighted average cost of electricity fell 19% reflecting reduction in market prices under NETA and our trading & demand forecasting expertise.

#### **British Gas Home Services** (including JV's & Associates, pre exceptionals & goodwill amortisation) Change 2000 Full year 2001 Change 2000 2nd half £m 2001 Turnover 383 15% 722 14% Operating profit 25 47% 36 38% Operating margin 6.5% + 1.4% pts 5.0% + 0.9% pts **Operating Profit (£m)** Business scalability being 40 demonstrated 35 30 15% growth in Central heating 25 installations; 6% growth in 20 revenue per installations 10 £62m revenue from products introduced in the last three 0 1998 1999 2000 2001 vears

- Home Services demonstrates growth in new products and scalability providing improved profit.
- Year on year turnover increased 14% to £722m whilst operating profit up 38%.
- Growth in all contract offerings, nearly 9% of year's turnover from products introduced in the past three years.
- New products such as Home Electrical Cover and Plumbing and Drains Cover driving margins higher towards long term aim of 8-10%.

#### **AA Road & Personal Finance** (including JV's & Associates, pre exceptionals & goodwill amortisation) **Road Services Personal Finance** △2000 △2000 £m 2001 2001 Turnover 9% 10% 486 141 Operating profit 54% 37 48% 37 Operating margin 7.6% + 2.0% pts 26.2% + 7.5% pts **Operating Profit (£m)** Good turnover growth 70 60 Personal Finance Margin improvements Road 40 Continue to broaden range of 30 services Good take-up of complementary payment plans 2001 \*acquired by Centrica Sept 1999

- The AA demonstrates acquisitions paying off, and on target to deliver the £85m net profit improvement by 2003.
- Record Road membership & higher patrol productivity drove operating margins up 2%pts, despite high callouts Q1.
- Personal Finance operating margins benefited from increase in commissions and e-commerce investments payback, starting to reduce cost to serve.

#### **North America**

(including JV's & Associates, pre exceptionals & goodwill amortisation)

£m	1st half 2001	2nd half 2001	Change H1/H2	Full Year 2001
Turnover	432	336	(22%)	768
Revenue investment	(14)	(14)		(28)
Operating profit	29	39	34%	68
Operating margin	6.7%	11.6%	+ 4.9% pts	8.9%

- H2/H1 turnover reduction due to lower commodity prices
- Wholesale market volatility mitigated by hedges, fixed contracts
- Operating profit of £68m; revenue and infrastructure investments continue
- Continuing growth to 3.6m customer product relationships
- H2/H1 profit up due to more customers, higher ASPs
- Operating profit of £39m in H2 compared to £29m in H1.
- Developing integration plans and stretching the targets for synergy delivery for new acquisitions.
- With 3.6m customer product relationships, achieved critical mass from which we can grow, both organically, and through value creating acquisitions.

#### **Investing for Growth**

#### Goldfish

- From 3 September, card revenue of £34m, operating profit of £5m after £2m advertising
- Anticipate returns in 2003 following cost reductions, card growth, new products
- Receivables book at £677m, with tier-1 capital of £120m

#### **Telecoms**

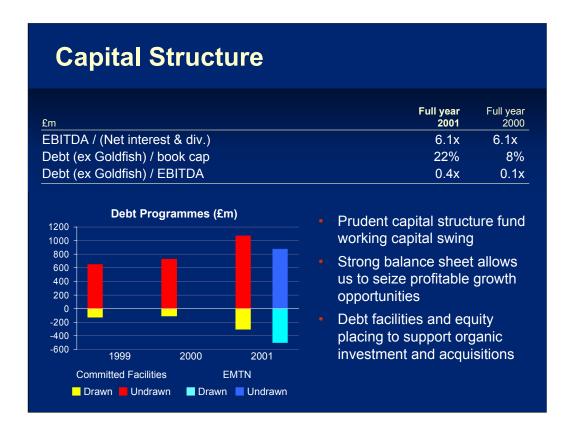
- Migrating to enhanced technology platform
- £97m loss after £64m revenue investment
- 2002 focus on growth in customer value
- ARPU of £13.50 in H2, up
   ~20% over H1
- Plan 2003 break-even
- Investing to grow UK Telecoms and Goldfish.
- In period from 3 September when gained complete control of Goldfish Credit Card to year end, Card generated £34m revenue and £5m operating profit after £2m marketing expenses.
- In 2002 expect to see increased profitability of Goldfish Credit Card, offset by continuing development expenditure of the Goldfish Bank platform, leading to anticipated results at similar level to 2001.
- As new products roll-out and Credit Card grows, expect division to break even in 2003.
- In Telecoms considerable benefits from One.Tel acquisition. Strong technology platform being rolled out into British Gas Communications.
- Since acquisition One.Tel has delivered £4m operating profit. Expect to see continued improvement in both our aggregate ARPU and reduced churn.
- In 2002 we will continue to grow sales, from a controlled cost base. Lower revenue investment will lead to substantially lower losses in 2002, with breakeven our objective in 2003.

#### **Financial Value Drivers**

- Strong organic turnover growth
  - Electricity up 57%; Home up 14%; AA up 6% & 10%
- Demonstrating financial scalability

Op Margin	Electricity	Home	AA Road	AA Finance	N.America
2000	-14%	4%	6%	19%	3%
2001	3%	5%	8%	26%	9%

- Acquisitions paying off
  - Operating profit: AA Road & Personal Finance at £74m;
     N America up £60m
- New businesses for future growth
  - Goldfish £(32)m; Telecoms £(97)m; Europe
- Delivering top line growth throughout our businesses and will continue in 2002.
- Financial scalability is driving operating margin improvements.
- Acquisitions continue to play key role in delivering strategy those completed are performing above our expectations.
- Have the confidence and financial strength to invest behind new businesses to drive future growth.



- In past 3 years have bought a number of businesses, financed mainly through own cash flow generation with some minimal debt.
- Debt to book capitalisation and interest coverage ratios strong. Look to maintain our A2/A long term rating enabling us to access the US CP market to fund seasonal working capital swing.
- Strong balance sheet has enabled us to seize profitable growth opportunities when they have arisen. Existing debt facilities, combined with proposed cash placement, provide sufficient headroom to meet both near-in opportunities, as well as our stretching targets without further reverting to the equity market.
- On a pro-forma basis post the acquisition, cash placing restores our balance sheet ratio's to year end levels.

#### **Solid Platform for Value Growth**

- Top-line & earnings growth in chosen markets
- Continuing investment in organic growth opportunities
- Balance sheet strength & management depth to sustain market leadership, seize profitable opportunities
- Ability & credibility to succeed in uncertain times
- Acquisitions in line with strategic and financial goals; successful record of value extraction
- Will continue to invest both organically and via acquisition. Believe further opportunities will arise for well capitalised companies such as Centrica, with focused strategies and speed of execution.
- Ready to move forward to next phase of our development.

#### **Proposed Placement Details**

- The offering: cash placing of 200m new ordinary shares
- Listing: Official UKLA list, traded on LSE
- Shares to be placed via accelerated book build
- Settlement T+3
- Ranking: Fully pari passu with existing ordinary shares
- No further equity fundraising for foreseeable future

- Aim to place some 200m ordinary shares of 5 5/9 pence each.
- The Placing will be at a price established through an accelerated book building process books to close no later than noon 22 February 2002.
- Placing shares will be credited as fully paid, *pari passu* with existing ordinary shares, and will be cum-dividend.
- Agents: Cazenove & Co, and Hoare Govett Ltd

### **Financial Discipline**

- Aim to achieve upper quartile TSR
- Value-based target setting for strategic planning
- Competition for capital
- Performance Management processes
- Risk management framework
- Ratings modelling

- Will continue to set stretching targets & aim to achieve upper quartile TSR.
- Value based targets are embodied in our strategic plans.
- Competition for Capital set by reference to the value-creation opportunity, as well as strategic fit, size, and ease of implementation.
- Structured Business Performance Management process to ensure targets are delivered and strategy linked closely to execution.
- Within risk management, set limits across all trading exposures.
- Credit-rating models used in-house to ensure appropriate headroom to execute business plans.
- Placing will provide optimum funding capacity to meet stretching targets.

## Outlook

- Excellent progress since demerger
- Still targeting top quartile returns
- Outlook for improved gas and electricity supply profit
- Increased profit contribution from new businesses
- Business model working
- Using UK experience to deliver value internationally
- Financial & management capability to deliver our vision

# **Appendices**

#### Turnover Full year 2001 Full year 2000 2nd half 2nd half 2001 2000 £m **UK Residential Gas** 1,659 1,757 4,029 4,078 536 **UK Non-residential Gas** 620 1,381 1,110 **UK Gas Production/Accord** 1,673 1,550 3,650 2,410 **UK Electricity** 714 457 1,242 792 **Total UK Energy Supply** 4,666 4,300 10,302 8,390 British Gas Home Services 383 333 722 636 **AA Road Services** 486 447 253 221 **AA Personal Finance** 72 68 141 128 North America 336 267 768 267 Goldfish Financial Services 22 22 88 102 **Telecommunications** Other Activities 38 36 68 64 5,858 Total continuing operations 5,226 12,611 9,933

# **Summary Profit & Loss Account**

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Turnover	5,858	5,226	12,611	9,933
Gross margin	1,158	893	2,387	2,012
Operating costs	(950)	(781)	(1,755)	(1,504)
Operating profit including associates & joint ventures	242	122	679	526
Net interest	(23)	(11)	(43)	(28)
Taxation	(73)	(71)	(164)	(92)
Minority interest	4		10	
Underlying earnings	150	40	482	406
Goodwill & exceptionals	(106)	(44)	(159)	(71)
Earnings	44	(4)	323	335
EPS (adjusted basic pence)	3.8	1.0	12.1	10.2
DPS (pence)	1.9	1.7	3.1	2.8

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\* as restated

# Operating Profit\* Causal Track

Year to December 2000 (as restated)	526
Higher gas input costs	(305)
Increased electricity customers, lower input costs	147
Increase in gas production sales price	243
Energy trading	36
Full year contribution from North America	60
AA Road Services & Personal Finance	25
Telecoms	(48)
Other	(5)
Year to December 2001	679

<sup>\*</sup>Including JV's & associates, before exceptional charges & goodwill amortisation

# **Impact of FRS 19**

£m	2001	2000 <sup>2</sup>
P & L 1		
Underlying earnings pre-FRS 19	503	389
Tax from FRS 19	(21)	17
Underlying earnings post FRS 19	482	406
Balance Sheet		
Net assets pre-FRS 19	1,452	1,193
Net deferred tax assets	84 <sup>3</sup>	105
Net assets post FRS 19	1,536	1,298

Before exceptional charges & goodwill amortisation
 As restated at half year for mark to market accounting
 Includes £6m in respect of joint venture investments

# Impact of FRS 17 Proforma, had the standard been adopted in 2001

£m	FRS 17	SSAP 24	Change
P&L			
Amount charged to operating profit	107	54	53
Amount charged to net finance income	(37)		(37)
Net charge to profit & loss	70	54	16
Balance sheet			
Total pension assets	2,193		2,193
Present value of pension liabilities	(2,526)		(2,526)
Deficit in schemes	(333)		(333)
Related deferred tax assets	100		100
Net pension liability	(233)	(116)	(117)

Gas Volumes, Pricing & Input Cost 2nd half 2000 2nd half 2001 Full year 2001 Full year 2000 £m Turnover 2,279 2,293 5,410 5,188 Operating profit (overall) 44 349 (34)(1) Operating margin % (1.5%)0.8% 6.7% Residential sales Turnover (£m) 4,029 1,659 1,757 4,078 3,594 3,995 9,029 9,235 Volume (m therms) Price (p/therm) 45.3 43.1 43.5 43.4 UK Non-residential sales

620

2,617

23.7

20.5

536

2,608

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1,381

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16.3

Turnover (£m)

Price (p/therm)

Volume (m therms)

UK Total WACOG (p/therm)

# Electricity Volumes, Pricing & Input Cost

£m	2nd half 2001	2nd half 2000	Full year 2001	Full year 2000
Operating profit	21	(62)	40	(107)
Operating margin %	2.9%	(13.6%)	3.2%	(13.5%)
UK Sales				
Turnover (£m)	714	457	1,242	792
Volume (GWh)	11,818	7,392	20,621	12,782
Price (p/kWh)	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.2
UK Total WACOE (p/kWh)	2.6	3.2	2.6	3.1
UK Equity generation (GWh)	2,964	-	3,268	-

WACOE = Weighted average cost of electricity. Excludes transmission costs

## Goldfish

£m		
Acquisition of credit card		
Receivables	69	92
Purchase of customers		86
Total consideration (£68m to pay in 2002)	7	78
Receivables acquired	692	
Net liabilities acquired	(57)	
	6	35
Goodwill	1-	43

- Goodwill will be amortised over 10 years
- As at 31 December 2001, receivables stood at £677m of which £610m was financed by a Lloyds TSB working capital facility

#### **Cash Flow before Financing** Full year 2001 Full year 2000 \* £m Operating cash flow 869 1,139 Capital expenditure (337)(165)Tax, interest & dividends rec'd (108)(150)424 824 sub-total Acquisitions (net of disposals) (607)(590)

**Exceptional payments** 

Net debt excluding Goldfish

Dividends

Total net debt

Total

\* as restated

(76)

(103)

(117)

(117)

55

(44)

(115)

(342)

(433)

(1,043)

# **Capital Expenditure**

Cm.	2nd half 2001	2nd half 2000	Full year 2001	Full year 2000
£m	2001	2000	2001	2000
British Gas Energy supply	(119)	(47)	(157)	(82)
British Gas Home Services	(14)	(6)	(18)	(11)
AA Road Services	(8)	(1)	(9)	(4)
AA Personal Finance	(2)	-	(3)	
Energy Supply North America	(34)	(6)	(50)	(6)
Goldfish Financial Services	(18)		(18)	
Telecommunications	(13)	(9)	(19)	(18)
Other Activities	(52)	(19)	(63)	(19)
Total	(260)	(88)	(337)	(140)

#### **Exceptionals & Goodwill** Full year 2001 Full year 2000 2nd half 2nd half 2000 2001 £m AA integration restructuring (21)(14)(8) (11) (37)Exposure to Enron (37)LPG impairment (8) (8) Telecom billing system (14)(14)(11) (14) Total exceptionals (67) (80) Goldfish (5) (5)**Energy Supply** (1) (1)

(17)

(6)

(2)

(14)

(46)

(2)

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(44)

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(35)

(14)

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(86)

(166)

(159)

(2)

9

(2)

(36)

(14)

(10)

(60)

(74)

3

(71)

**Road Services** 

North America

Associates goodwill

**Telecoms** 

Total goodwill

Tax benefit

AA Personal Finance

Total exceptionals & goodwill

Total net exceptionals & goodwill

#### **Transactions - First half 2001**

- Energy America Completion US energy supply
- Agreement with The First Resort Limited
- Greensource Home servicing business Canada
- National Homecare UK Electrical Servicing business
- Humber Power 750MW Capacity power station

#### **Transactions - 2nd Half 2001**

- One.Tel UK Telecoms provider
- Luminus Joint Venture with Belgian Municipal Utilities
- Halfords garages To be branded AA Service Centres
- Power Stations King's Lynn & Peterborough
- Credit/Loyalty card In partnership with the English Golf Union & AdvancedWave Limited
- Customers of Enron Direct
- Trolhurst Gas servicing company
- Partnership with Inchcape car sourcing

#### **Acquisition Payments** £m First Half 2001 (103)Second Half 2001 (1,071) Subsidiary undertakings Joint Ventures (43) Deferred consideration (8) 17 Cash acquired Overdraft acquired 4 Draw down on Goldfish working cap facility 590 Proceeds from disposal subtotal (504) Total 2001 (607)