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Some of the statements contained herein are forward looking statements about the company's strategic plans. Although the company believes 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.

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present an overview of SP Distribution plc's structure, 2018/19 performance and strategic outlook including principal risks and uncertainties.

STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

The principal activity of SP Distribution plc ("the company"), registered company number SC189125, is the ownership of the electricity distribution network within the Central and Southern Scotland area. The network is used to distribute electricity, which has been transmitted to grid supply points, for electricity supply companies for onward sales to their customers. The company will continue with this activity for the foreseeable future.

The ultimate parent of the company is Iberdrola, S.A. ("Iberdrola") which is listed on the Madrid stock exchange. The immediate parent of the company is Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited ("SPENH"). Scottish Power Limited ("SPL") is the United Kingdom ("UK") holding company of the Scottish Power Limited group ("ScottishPower") of which the company is a member.

The company is part of ScottishPower's Energy Networks business ("Energy Networks"). Energy Networks owns three regulated electricity network businesses in the UK. The company and fellow subsidiary companies, SP Manweb plc and SP Transmission plc, are 'asset-owner companies' holding the regulated assets and Electricity Distribution and Transmission licences of ScottishPower, and are regulated monopolies. Energy Networks owns and operates the network of cables and power lines transporting electricity to around 3.5 million connected customers in central and southern Scotland, Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales.

The company is a Distribution Network Operator ("DNO"). The electricity distribution networks are regional grids that transport electricity at a lower voltage from the national transmission grid and embedded generators and connect to industrial, commercial and domestic users.

The company is a natural monopoly and is governed by The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets ("Ofgem") via a regulatory price control. The primary objective of the regulation of the electricity networks is the protection of consumers' 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 the company's efficient costs and allow it to earn a reasonable return, provided that the company acts in an efficient manner, delivers value for customers and meets Ofgem targets.

Up to 31 December 2017, SP Power Systems Limited ("Power Systems"), an unregulated business, provided asset management expertise and conducted the day-to-day operation of the networks. Along with the asset-owner companies it acted as an integrated business unit to concentrate expertise on regulatory and investment strategy with Power Systems implementing programmes commissioned by and agreed with the asset-owner companies. Strict commercial disciplines were applied at the asset-owner service provider interface, with Power Systems operating as a contractor to the distribution and transmission businesses. From 1 January 2018, the role of Power Systems changed and it now provides a narrower range of asset management support services as opposed to being an internal contractor delivering work programmes. As part of this change, on 1 January 2018 the service contracts of 797 employees, inventories and certain liabilities were transferred from Power Systems to the company. Power Systems transferred an amount of cash equivalent to the net liabilities acquired by the company. A new Network Asset Management System was introduced in 2018. This more fully utilises functionality within Energy Networks' existing SAP enterprise resource planning system. Key improvements targeted include standardised and streamlined business processes alongside automated work management and reporting.

The company continues to face a considerable challenge 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 introduced the RIIO (Revenue = Incentives + Innovation + Outputs) framework for distribution companies on 1 April 2015. It is a performance based model, with eight year price control periods, 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.

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STRATEGIC OUTLOOK *continued*

The key strategies for the company until the end of the RIIO-ED1 price control review period and beyond are to:

- ensure public safety and the safety of employees;
- deliver improved customer service through more efficient processes, systems and higher first-time resolution;
- deliver value for money to customers through improved security of supply and network performance;
- maximise the financial benefit to be obtained from the available incentives to deliver returns at, or in excess of, allowed regulated returns;
- achieve investor objectives on sustainable returns on investment; and
- facilitate the transition to a low carbon economy by connecting distributed generation and by exploring the opportunities presented by the emerging Distribution System Operator ("DSO") model.

The second round of RIIO price controls (RIIO-2) will begin in 2023 for distribution businesses. In July 2018, Ofgem published its RIIO-2 Framework decision which included high level decisions on particular elements of the price control framework. Alongside this document, Ofgem also published a report by Cambridge Economic Policy Associates, a consulting firm, setting out its initial cost of capital ranges which will not be finalised until Ofgem's final transmission price determination in 2020. In December 2018, Ofgem published its RIIO-2 sector specific consultation which includes further price control developments, such as the cost of capital and incentives.

On 31 March 2019, the company successfully completed the fourth year of the eight year price control RIIO-ED1 that will run until March 2023. The Distribution Annual Performance Report for 2018/19 will be published later in 2019. That report will provide all of the company's stakeholders with a comprehensive view of how the company is performing against the commitments made in its RIIO-ED1 business plan.

In March 2018, Energy Networks announced the launch of a Green Economy Fund ("the Fund"). Working alongside the Scottish Government, Ofgem and independent economic advisors, funding will be made available for initiatives focused on delivering low carbon transport and heating. The Fund aims to further Scotland's ambitious green energy plans and at the same time create economic growth opportunities for local communities. Funds have already been committed to a number of projects as part of Round 1 of project applications. Assessment of Round 2 project applications is underway.

Energy Networks has recently achieved important milestones towards the goal of being a recognised leader in asset management. These include the signing of a corporate partnership with the Institute of Engineering and Technology ("IET") and Energy Networks' leading role in the 2017 CIRED (Congress International de Réseaux Electriques) conference in Glasgow, where Energy Networks set out the vision for evolution to a DSO.

For Energy Networks, 2019/20 is the 'Year of Innovation'. The primary objective of this initiative is to promote a culture of innovation throughout the business by increasing awareness and understanding of what innovation means for the business. The company is proactively communicating internally and externally the ways it is leading on innovation as a business by providing inventive solutions to problems, not only for the company, but for the wider industry as a result.

During 2018/19, Energy Networks also won a number of awards:

- At the Young Professionals Green Energy Awards 2018, three Energy Networks employees won awards for Innovation, Achievement and a Special Commendation award.
- The company received the BSI Kite Mark Certification for Customer Service after completing a seven day audit. Energy Networks is the first utility in the world to have achieved this new standard.
- The LV (Low Voltage) Engine project won the annual WSP Project Award for Scotland and North England in the Sustainability category. LV Engine is a Network Innovation Competition ("NIC") project funded by Ofgem which will build and test a number of smart transformers for use within secondary substations.
- An Energy Networks apprentice was awarded the Rising Star award at the National Skills Academy for Power's annual award ceremony held in September 2018.
- Energy Networks received three awards at the Utility Week Stars Award 2018 event. The Energy Networks employees received the awards in the categories of Rising Star, Guiding Star and Hero Team.
- Keep Scotland Beautiful recently presented a Gold Award to the Kilmarnock Depot following a successful National Award for Environmental Excellence audit.
- Energy Networks has won two major awards at the 2019 Network Awards for 'Network of the Year' and 'The Smart Cities Award' at the prestigious industry awards.
- The company was benchmarked first in the UK by Institute of Customer Service versus an equivalent seventh place last year.

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STRATEGIC OUTLOOK *continued*

In line with ScottishPower's strategic objectives and its regulatory obligations, Energy Networks is maintaining its significant investment in the UK energy network. Over the last ten years, it has invested around £5.6 billion in its transmission and distribution networks, and during the next ten years, Energy Networks currently plans to invest a further £5.4 billion to modernise and improve service to customers. Energy Networks' ten year investment plans are reviewed annually in detail to ensure plans are aligned with, and continue to support, UK Government energy policy.

The Electricity Network Association's ("ENA") previously launched Open Networks project lays the foundations of a smart energy grid in the UK. The project brings together the UK energy industry as well as leading academics, trade associations and non-governmental organisations and aims to transform the way networks work. The project will enable the UK's energy networks companies to move from the traditional role of delivering electricity in one direction from centralised power plants to homes and communities, to one where the network acts as a smart platform that enables a whole range of new energy technologies that generate, consume and manage electricity. The project is a key tool to support Energy Networks' vision of how it can transition from a traditional DNO role to that of a DSO.

Both the Scottish and UK Governments have outlined plans to limit the purchase of new diesel or petrol vehicles after 2032 and 2040 respectively. To enable the wide scale roll out of electric vehicles ("EV"), it is key that the UK's electricity networks can facilitate suitable charging infrastructure for customers at a reasonable cost. Energy Networks will be engaging with a range of stakeholders to understand the capabilities of EV products and thereby understand the potential impact on customers' electrical needs.

Energy Networks has joined with four other UK DNOs to trial the Piclo Flex online marketplace in an effort to discover where flexibility can be used as an effective alternative to traditional reinforcement in congested network areas. The trial is designed to provide key results that will inform, complement and support Energy Networks' £6 million smart energy platform Fusion, which the business launched in late 2017.

Energy Networks is mindful that some of its assets are critical national infrastructure. Energy Networks liaises with UK Government agencies to ensure that any potential threats and risks are assessed and mitigated. Energy Networks takes steps to enhance both the physical security of its assets and the security of its associated IT and communications systems in circumstances where potential risks are identified.

Announcements in the past few years by the UK Government on funding programmes have led to some renewables developers scaling back future activity. Some developers have requested acceleration in connection dates, while other projects have been deferred or cancelled. These developments have been analysed carefully, resulting in updated projections of volumes and expenditure for the Energy Networks business. The external environment will continue to be monitored and the impact of any changes in trends will be considered in future forecasts.

In July 2018, Energy Networks was awarded the full Successful Delivery Reward of £1.6 million future revenue funding for project ARC (Accelerating Renewable Connections) and project VISOR (Visualisation of Real Time System Dynamics using Enhanced Monitoring) reflecting successful delivery of two flagship innovation projects under the Ofgem NIC. These projects were both about releasing capacity in the transmission and distribution network to enable renewable generation to connect faster and at a lower cost while maintaining network security and stability. Both of these projects were completed on time and below budget while over-delivering on project outputs.

The company went through the initial selection process and became the only Distribution company to partner with National Grid (ESO) in the successful NIC project 'Blackstart from Distribution Energy Resources'. This £12 million project was funded through the RIIO-ED1 NIC mechanism to trial the ground breaking technology in securing the transmission network supply using distribution resources.

Energy Networks is continuing to develop and train staff for a 'smarter' future, in line with its 'grow our own' strategy and replenish its ageing workforce from the communities served so that the investment made in recruitment and training continues to deliver in the long-term. The challenge of replacing an ageing workforce in Energy Networks and across the UK Power Sector in the coming years is significant. Energy Networks will continue to work closely with schools and Further and Higher Education institutions to ensure that it can attract high calibre individuals into exciting development and career opportunities. During 2018/19 Energy Networks recruited 28 Graduates, 9 Power Engineering Apprentices, 28 Apprentices, 23 Adult Craft Trainees, 16 Trainee Operational Engineers and in addition, internal recruits have been enrolled on the Trainee Engineer and Technical Craftsperson programmes to increase the engineering and technical capabilities of the frontline teams.

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STRATEGIC OUTLOOK *continued*

Looking ahead, Energy Networks will continue to play a part in the roll out of smart meters. In some properties there is a requirement to upgrade the Energy Networks' assets to enable the fitting of a smart meter or to respond to an emergency situation. Such interventions may continue to be required in greater numbers than previously forecast by the industry. As the deployment of smart metering increases, plans have been updated to ensure resource levels are adequate to meet the challenge.

The impact of Brexit on Energy Networks, and so the company, is considered on pages 8 to 10 of the Strategic Report.

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Business activities

In accordance with Distribution Licence Condition 44 (Regulatory Accounts) the following details are provided for the prescribed distribution business activities:

For the year ended 31 March 2019	Notes	2019	Distribution	Directly	Metering	2018*
		Total	Use of System (DUOS)	remunerated services		Total
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Revenue	(a)	438.2	429.0	-	9.2	408.6
Procurements	(a)	(28.3)	(28.3)	-	-	(25.7)
GROSS MARGIN		409.9	400.7	-	9.2	382.9
NET OPERATING EXPENSES		(83.6)	(80.9)	(1.0)	(1.7)	(80.8)
Net personnel expenses		(12.7)	(10.8)	(1.9)	-	(6.7)
Staff costs	(a)	(57.0)	(55.1)	(1.9)	-	(15.4)
Capitalised staff costs	(a)	44.3	44.3	-	-	8.7
Net external expenses		(70.9)	(70.1)	0.9	(1.7)	(74.1)
External services	(a)	(77.5)	(71.9)	(3.9)	(1.7)	(85.2)
Other operating income	(a)	6.6	1.8	4.8	-	11.1
Taxes other than income tax	(a)	(35.8)	(35.8)	-	-	(34.8)
GROSS OPERATING PROFIT		290.5	284.0	(1.0)	7.5	267.3
Impairment losses on trade and other receivables	(a)	(0.9)	(0.9)	-	-	(0.3)
Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions	(a)	(108.7)	(103.0)	-	(5.7)	(101.7)
OPERATING PROFIT	(a)	180.9	180.1	(1.0)	1.8	165.3
Property, plant and equipment asset additions	(b)	188.7	187.2	-	1.5	183.4

* Restated (refer to Note 1B on pages 29 to 31).

(a) As presented in the income statement on page 26.

(b) As presented within Note 3 on pages 38 to 39.

(c) These activities are not considered by the company as segments as defined by IFRS 8 'Operating Segments'.

The financial position of the company at the Regulatory year end was satisfactory. The majority of revenue generated by the company is subject to regulation by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("GEMA").

The company continued to focus on cost control with efficiency improvements allowing increased operating activity to be managed within the existing cost base.

The company's operating profit was £180.9 million, an increase of £15.6 million compared to the prior year, and net profit was £117.0 million, an increase of £13.0 million compared to the prior year.

Revenue increased by £29.6 million compared to the prior year primarily as a result of higher base revenues allowed under RIIO-ED1.

Procurements increased by £2.6 million primarily due to increases in transmission charges from National Grid.

Net personnel expenses increased by £6.0 million compared to the prior year. This increase is mainly the result of the transfer of 797 employees to the company from Power Systems on 1 January 2018. With effect from that date a proportion of the costs of both direct and indirect staff were capitalised within property, plant and equipment in the course of construction.

External services decreased by £7.7 million primarily as a result of the impact of employees transferring into the company from Power Systems. The activity carried out by the employees was previously charged by Power Systems and recorded as external services. The cost of this activity is now included within personnel costs.

Other operating income decreased by £4.5 million primarily as a result of reduced network activity rechargeable to customers.

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OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE *continued*

Taxes other than income tax have increased by £1.0 million as a result of an increase in rates.

Impairment losses on trade and other receivables have increased by £0.6 million principally as a result of an increase in customers going into liquidation.

Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions has increased by £7.0 million mainly as a result of the increased cost base for depreciation arising from the growing asset base.

Net finance costs have remained at a similar level to the prior year.

The income tax expense primarily increased as a result of increased taxable profit.

Overall, the directors are satisfied with the level of business and the year-end financial position.

Net capital investment

ScottishPower's investment strategy is to drive the growth and development of its regulated businesses through a balanced programme of capital investment. The company earns allowed returns on this extensive capital investment programme. Net capital investment for the year was £185.1 million (2018 £148.4 million) consisting of fixed asset additions and transfers from inventories of £206.6 million (2018 £185.4 million) less capital contributions received of £21.5 million (2018 £37.0 million). The scale of investment is consistent with the eight-year price review period allowed capital expenditure programme.

The tables below provide key non-financial performance indicators relating to the company's operational assets and operational performance.

		Year ended 31 March 2019	Year ended 31 March 2018
Operational assets	Note		
Franchise area (km ²)		22,950	22,950
System maximum demand (MW*)	(a)	3,581	3,575
Distributed energy (GWh**)		17,266	17,547
Length of overhead lines (circuit km)		18,582	18,624
Length of underground cables (circuit km)		39,977	39,891

* Megawatts ("MW"), **Gigawatt hours ("GWh")

(a) System maximum demand value for the regulatory year to 31 March 2019 was finalised at 3,581 MW (2018 3,575 MW).

Ofgem requires all licensees operating electricity distribution systems to report annually on their performance. Statistics remain provisional until they are audited and subsequently published by Ofgem. Consequently, the provisional statistics contained in the table below may differ to the statistics published by Ofgem. The company expects the 2018/19 Electricity Distribution Quality of Service Report to be published online at www.ofgem.gov.uk from November 2019.

		Actual Year ended 31 March 2019	Target Year ended 31 March 2019	Actual Year ended 31 March 2018	Target Year ended 31 March 2018
Operational performance	Notes				
Quality of service					
Customer minutes lost ("CML")	(a)	35.0	43.4	31.2	44.8
Customer interruptions ("CI")	(b)	47.1	51.1	41.3	51.6
Average time off supply (minutes)		74	85	76	87
Electricity supply available		99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%
Customer performance	(c)				
Broader customer service measure - Interruptions		8.89	8.20	8.82	8.20
Broader customer service measure - Connections		8.82	8.20	8.52	8.20
Broader customer service measure - General enquiries		9.30	8.20	8.95	8.20
Energy ombudsman (customer complaints)	(d)	3	-	2	-
Total number of Energy ombudsman findings against the licensee (financial, non-financial and both)	(d)	-	-	-	-

(a) CML 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.

(b) CI 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.

(c) Broader customer service measures are assessed using the following three methods; a customer satisfaction survey, complaints metric and stakeholder engagement. Further detail is given on the following page.

(d) The Energy Ombudsman Services, an independent body, monitors and adjudicates complaint cases.

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OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE *continued*

Underlying CML and CI, quoted in the table above, are key statistics which measure the reliability and security of supply typically provided to customers. The company is focused on minimising CML and CI to outperform the System Performance (IS) targets agreed with Ofgem.

The underlying CML and CI for the year to 31 March 2019 were 35.0 and 47.1 respectively. These values will be validated and confirmed by Ofgem, and will be published by them in November 2019. During 2018/19 the supply of energy to customers was disrupted by two storm events which met Ofgem's "exceptional event" exclusion criterion; wind and gale storms in June 2018 and September 2018 (2017/18 one exceptional storm event; a wind and gale storm in October 2017). The actual CML and CI figures for the year ended 31 March 2018 were confirmed by Ofgem, and were published in Ofgem's RIIO-ED1 Annual Report 2017/18.

The long-term safety and reliability of Energy Networks' 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 a minimal number and duration of supply interruptions.

Customer Service Performance: All customer contacts relating to interruption of power supplies, requests for and delivery of new connections to the network and any other general enquiries are passed to an independent research agency on a weekly basis (for all DNO's). The independent agency randomly samples customers each week to ask a series of customer satisfaction questions. Sampled customers give a score out of ten and the average annual score for each of the three categories drives each year's performance in this incentive. A reward is received if the average score is above 8.2 out of 10 and anything below 8.2 attracts a financial penalty. The customer satisfaction performance for each of the three elements in 2018/19 is shown in the table on page 5.

Complaints Performance: This is a 'penalty-only' incentive. Companies are measured on their complaints performance over a number of key metrics: volume of complaints resolved in one day; volume of complaints resolved in 31 days; volume of repeat complaints; and the number of complaints referred to the Energy Ombudsman which have been ruled against the company. The Energy Ombudsman, an independent body, monitors and adjudicates complaint cases. The Energy Ombudsman performance is shown in the table above for 2018/19 performance. The wider complaints metric will not be published until Autumn 2019.

Stakeholder Engagement and Customer Vulnerability: This is a 'reward-only' incentive and is an annual assessment of the company's Stakeholder Engagement activities. An annual submission is provided to Ofgem in April in respect of the previous regulatory year and is assessed by Ofgem and an independent panel (including social assessors) in July and scored out of ten in order to determine a financial reward. The submissions set out the company's strategy, engagement and outputs for stakeholder engagement and customer vulnerability. The results for 2018/19 will therefore not be known until this assessment is completed.

The company is committed to maintaining high performance during extreme weather events. Consequently, during the year to 31 March 2019, £36.4 million was invested to refurbish or rebuild sections of the overhead line network. In addition, £3.3 million was invested in tree cutting activities. Both of these investments contributed significantly to improving the performance of distribution assets and minimising disruptions during storms.

PROJECTS

In 2018/19, the company continued to deliver its investment plans in line with the RIIO-ED1 agreed regulatory outputs. These projects contribute to the company's strategy for a safe, secure and efficient network. These works are broadly categorised as works to enable network growth and asset modernisation.

Network growth

The growth of the network has two drivers: to increase the capability of the company's asset base to manage future load demand; and to accommodate new connections for generators and customers.

The company continues to support local authorities' and private developers' enquiries through the provision of new electrical connections, network alterations and, in conjunction with key stakeholders, connection of new generation plant to the network.

Construction works are ongoing across the company's licence area to reinforce the network ahead of future load growth, such as from electric vehicles and distributed generation, including in key areas such as Partick, Govan, Berwick, Jackton, Symington, and Dumfries.

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PROJECTS *continued*

Network growth continued

In total, over 52 km of 11 kV ("kilovolt") cable and 23 km of 33 kV cable were installed for new connections and reinforcement of the network during the regulatory year.

Asset modernisation

Alongside the reinforcement and extension of the network, the company continued its extensive RIIO-ED1 programme to renew its ageing infrastructure of plant, cables and overhead lines. These targeted interventions are designed to renew 'end of life' assets with modern equipment to improve the condition, performance and resilience of the network. Some of the projects completed during the regulatory year include:

- Replacement of 33 kV circuit breakers at Cumbernauld and Grangemouth.
- Replacement of 33 kV transformers at Bonnington Road, Creetown, Denholm, Sighthill Farm, Troon, and William Street.
- Replacement of 63 obsolete 11 kV primary circuit breakers, including 17 at Bonnington Road substation in Edinburgh, with additional units to be delivered in 2019.
- Continuing an extensive wood pole overhead line modernisation programme, with over 370km of conductor cable and 8,647 poles replaced across the entire network.
- Replacement of 289 11 kV switchgear units, 117 11 kV ground mounted transformers and 278 pole mounted transformers.
- Replacement of 20 11 kV ground-mounted transformers in substations in various locations to help reduce electrical losses on the distribution network.
- To enable the installation of smart meters across the licence area, the company intervened in over 10,000 cases of difficulties encountered at customer meter positions (over a total installation of 170,000 smart meters).

These and other works undertaken by the company in the previous year demonstrate its commitment to deliver the plans it set out for the RIIO-ED1 period over the remaining four years.

LIQUIDITY AND CASH MANAGEMENT

Cash and net debt

Net cash flows from operating activities decreased by £0.8 million to £249.5 million for the year, as detailed on page 28. As detailed in the table below, net debt increased by £38.2 million to £1,143.6 million. Cash increased by £4.6 million, group loans receivable decreased by £6.3 million, group loans payable increased by £36.2 million and external loans payable increased by £0.3 million.

		2019	2018
Analysis of net debt	Notes	£m	£m
Cash	(a)	5.5	0.9
Group loans receivable	(b)	-	6.3
Group loans payable	(c)	(801.2)	(765.0)
External loans payable	(c)	(347.9)	(347.6)
Net debt		(1,143.6)	(1,105.4)

(a) As detailed on the balance sheet, refer to page 25.

(b) As detailed in Note 5 on page 40.

(c) As detailed in Note 11 on pages 45 and 46.

Capital and debt structure

The company is funded by a combination of debt and equity in accordance with the directors' objectives of establishing an appropriately funded business consistent with the requirements of the Utilities Act 2000 and the objectives of the Iberdrola group. All of the equity is held by the company's immediate parent undertaking, SPENH. Treasury services are provided by SPL. Further details of the treasury policy for ScottishPower and how it manages it is included in Note 6.

Liquidity and maintenance of investment grade credit rating

The directors confirm that the company remains a going concern on the basis of its future cash flow forecasts and that it has sufficient working capital for present requirements. It is anticipated that the company will continue to have a level of liquidity at least sufficient to maintain an investment grade credit rating. The directors consider that, should it be necessary, sufficient funding will be made available to the company to continue operations and to meet liabilities as they fall due. Further details of the going concern considerations made by the directors of the company are set out in Note 26.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Energy Networks is compliant with relevant health and safety legislation, such as The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, The Electricity, Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations ("ESQCR") 2002 and the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989. Further, Energy Networks' management systems are independently externally assessed and certificated to the latest international standards, notably the Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Services Standard 18001 ("OHSAS 18001").

Compliance with the above legislation and standards is considered the minimum requirement, with the ultimate aim being zero harm to employees, contractors and members of the public. Energy Networks is committed to improving public safety and awareness through its behaviours, investments in operational integrity and comprehensive public safety education programmes.

Energy Networks' plan for continuous improvement is illustrated by both internal and external management system assessments returning positive findings. The commitment to promptly investigate incidents to identify root causes remains steadfast and is given the highest priority with a Panel of Inquiry established whenever there is a significant incident. In addition to a focus on safety, Energy Networks continues to put the "health" into health and safety, with robust risk based health surveillance programmes for employees together with more general well-being initiatives.

Energy Networks works closely with the industry trade body, the Energy Networks Association, to ensure that good practice is shared and innovation is promoted.

The table below provides key information relating to performance of Energy Networks with regard to health and safety:

		Actual Year ended 31 March 2019	Target Year ended 31 March 2019
	Notes		
Total recordable incident rate	(a), (b)	0.18	NTS
Lost time accidents	(c)	3	7
Occupational health monitoring	(d)	93%	90%
Audit and inspection programme completion	(e)	100%	100%

(a) Total recordable incident rate ("TRIR") is the summation of any incidents, be they lost time, medical treatment or leading to some work restriction per 100,000 hours worked.

(b) No Target Set ("NTS") - however the business set its own target of 0.35 TRIR for employees for 2019.

(c) This is the number of accidents involving Energy Networks employees on the job resulting in the loss of at least a day's work.

(d) Occupational health monitoring is a measure of how Energy Networks meets its planned forecasts for those staff assessed as at risk.

(e) Audit and inspection programme completion is the measurement of the planned internal management system audits and Energy Networks compliance inspections, both against Energy Networks' own staff and contracting partners.

During the year there has been a continued focus on employee involvement in health and safety with corporate memory safety stand-downs being held covering specific issues that are topical and specifically targeting root cause and learning from incidents. The stand-downs provide a forum for raising awareness and allow employees to openly debate and improve areas by focusing on changing behaviours.

Public safety engagement and education promotion has continued with a particular focus and engagement with the agricultural community.

UK DECISION TO LEAVE THE EU (BREXIT)

The UK was originally scheduled to leave the European Union ("EU") on 29 March 2019. Following intensive negotiations on the subjects of a separation payment, mutual recognition of citizens' rights and avoiding a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, two key documents were approved by the EU Council on 25 November 2018: the EU Withdrawal Agreement (a legally binding document setting out the terms of the UK's exit from the EU, including citizens' rights and the Irish 'backstop'); and the Political Declaration (setting out the basis for a future negotiation of the future UK-EU relationship after Brexit, including UK-EU trade and security). As at the date of signing these accounts this deal has not been approved by the UK Parliament; cross party discussions are taking place to reach a consensus on a revised deal to be presented to the UK Parliament for approval. The EU and the UK have now agreed a delay to Brexit until 31 October 2019 at the latest.

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UK DECISION TO LEAVE THE EU (BREXIT) *continued*

If the EU Withdrawal Agreement is not approved by the UK Parliament within the EU timelines the risk of a 'no-deal' Brexit exists. This would probably mean that the trade relationship between the UK and EU would revert to World Trade Organisation ("WTO") rules. The UK Government has published a series of technical papers covering some of the key areas of concern in the event of 'no-deal' scenario. Essentially these papers seek to minimise the impacts as much as possible, including by limiting the scale of the changes to existing arrangements. Nevertheless, WTO rules would mean that trade between the UK and EU which is currently frictionless, would become cross-border trade subject to customs checks and tariffs. In the event of a 'no-deal' scenario some economic disruption is expected in the UK and thus ScottishPower is preparing to mitigate any negative impacts arising from this outcome. A cross-functional operational working group has been co-ordinating ScottishPower's preparations to mitigate the impact of a 'no-deal' Brexit. Some of the key ScottishPower risks considered relevant to the company are explained in the table below.

BREXIT RISKS	
RISK	RESPONSE
Impacts arising from the UK decision to leave the EU or market reactions to events during the negotiation. These impacts could include movements in the value of Sterling and other financial instruments. In the longer term there could be positive or negative changes in the UK economy and in the political and regulatory environment in which ScottishPower and therefore the company operates.	In addition to monitoring ongoing developments related to Brexit the treasury risk management policy is in place to hedge financial risks which are the most prevalent in the short term. Any longer term impact on the UK economy and its impact on ScottishPower and the company will be managed in line with developments. A ScottishPower wide regulatory group is monitoring any potential risks arising from a regulatory perspective and is engaging with governments and regulators to minimise any disruption.
Supply chain disruption – import delays of key equipment and components for major programmes causing project delays.	Assessment of key equipment and components undertaken and additional orders placed in order to increase stock levels. Additional storage requirements also assessed and actions taken to ensure there is sufficient storage.
Foreign exchange rate exposure and additional tariffs if WTO rules apply.	Exchange rate hedged on existing orders and contracts. Legal review of all critical contracts to determine potential exposure to additional tariffs.
Contractual risk for existing non-trading contracts including the risk of contract re-openers, clauses such as force majeure/material adverse change clauses and jurisdiction.	Legal review of all critical contracts to determine potential exposure and mitigation specific to each contract.
Free movement of labour – potential restrictions on EU nationals working in the UK or international assignees from elsewhere in the Iberdrola group, not currently in the UK but wishing to enter the UK.	Recent announcements by the UK Government confirmed EU nationals in the UK will be part of an EU settlement scheme. Workplace audit underway to assess impact and support staff affected through the process.
Data Protection – impact of General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") rules and status of UK post Brexit could impact transfer of data between group companies and suppliers in the normal course of business.	All intercompany contracts reviewed to update contractual clauses. High risk suppliers identified and where appropriate discussions commenced to amend contractual terms.

Even in the event of an agreement being concluded, Brexit may have both risks and opportunities for ScottishPower and therefore the company. Until the terms of exit and the nature of the future relationship are clear, it is not possible to be definitive about these.

Many of the risks described above relating to a 'no-deal' scenario arise from so-called 'horizontal' issues where there could be issues affecting businesses in many sectors of the economy. UK official forecasts are for a negative impact on the UK economy as a whole; in the event of a 'no-deal' scenario it might be sharply negative, at least for the short/medium term.

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UK DECISION TO LEAVE THE EU (BREXIT) *continued*

ScottishPower, and therefore the company, will continue to monitor the impact of Brexit and take appropriate action to protect operations as the outcome of the Brexit deal becomes clearer.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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. 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. Further details of the risk management practices can be found at Note 6.

The principal risks and uncertainties of ScottishPower (other than those specific to Brexit already discussed) and so those of the company, 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, including any sudden changes of policy, or intervention outside established regulatory frameworks.	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. Providing stakeholders with evidence of the risks of ad hoc intervention in markets.
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 internal and 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 all projects where appropriate.

Additional principal risks and uncertainties of the Energy Networks business, and so that of the company, that may impact the current and future operational and financial performance and the management of these risks are described below:

ENERGY NETWORKS	
RISK	RESPONSE
Potential reduction in base regulatory revenues as a result of RIIO-2 price control process, which Ofgem has commenced.	Steering group and dedicated teams in place to produce robust business plan submission; extensive proactive engagement with Ofgem and other stakeholders.
Inability to recruit or retain an appropriately skilled workforce.	A Strategic Workforce Planning and Implementation plan that incorporates: a) retirement profiles with demographics; b) a one year ahead strategic recruitment plan; and c) a ten year strategic recruitment plan. Identification of business critical roles and succession planning.

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STRATEGIC REPORT *continued*

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES *continued*

ENERGY NETWORKS <i>continued</i>	
RISK	RESPONSE
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 Black Start. Strategic spares policy in place.
Failure to deliver the distribution outputs agreed with Ofgem in their price control.	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.
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.
Failure to respond to customers' changing requirements and to deploy new technologies through low carbon transition, for example electric vehicles, distributed generation, storage and heat pumps.	Mitigating actions include owning a clear DSO vision and influencing developments at industry forums, undertaking scenario modelling of the impact of low carbon technologies, considering technical and commercial innovation projects and engaging with key stakeholders.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


 Frank Mitchell
 Director
 17 July 2019

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and audited Regulatory Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019. References to 'ScottishPower' below apply fully to 'the company'.

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 11:

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

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The net profit for the year amounted to £117.0 million (2018 £104.0 million). A dividend of £72.0 million was paid during the year (2018 £94.3 million).

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION

Throughout its operations, ScottishPower strives to meet, or exceed, relevant legislative and regulatory environmental requirements and codes of practice. A more extensive description of how ScottishPower addresses environmental requirements can be found in the most recent Annual Report and Accounts of SPL.

INNOVATION

ScottishPower believes that innovation plays a fundamental role in the success of the business. Innovation efforts span across internal culture, systems and academic and supply chain partnerships with the aim of identifying future value. All innovation areas are developed as part of Iberdrola's global open and decentralised innovation model.

ScottishPower's main innovation themes during the past year have delivered projects such as improving operational efficiencies using data analytics, increasing productivity through asset optimisation and delivering improved customer experience through digitisation. Detailed information in relation to ScottishPower's wider innovation activities can be found in the Iberdrola Innovation Report. The most recent report can be accessed via the 'Sustainability' section of www.iberdrola.com.

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 3,061 (2018 2,900) training events in the year. 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 formal, structured training programme leading towards 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.

Employee feedback and consultation

During the year, ScottishPower carried out its annual employee engagement survey, "The LOOP" as part of an Iberdrola group engagement survey framework. The survey provides key insight on how employees feel about working for ScottishPower. The response rate was the same as last year, with 75% of employees providing feedback. The results of the survey highlighted a number of strengths and opportunities and overall 61% of employees feel proud to work for ScottishPower. Areas of strength highlighted were in relation to collaboration, performance management and safety. The opportunities identified as part of the feedback where the ScottishPower businesses have the opportunity to respond to challenges are around providing more clarity on ScottishPower's future strategy, enabling employees to carry out their role and supporting employees to develop and grow through the organisation. These areas are a focus for the ScottishPower action plan going forward.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

EMPLOYEES *continued*

Employee feedback and consultation continued

In addition to employee feedback, ScottishPower regularly consults with employees and their representatives via a variety of channels, including monthly team meetings, business conferences, health and safety committees and employee relations forums.

Inclusion and diversity

Inclusion and diversity fosters innovation and creativity, driving better business performance. ScottishPower is working hard to create an inclusive and diverse workplace that is open to change; where employees feel they can be themselves.

ScottishPower has welcomed the steps that the UK Government has taken to introduce legislation on gender pay gap reporting. ScottishPower is committed to pay for performance equally and fairly, and is focused on breaking down barriers across the employee lifecycle as over time this will improve the Gender Pay Gap position whilst widening the inclusion of other under-represented groups. Key activities during the year included the design and roll out of e-learning and training on diversity and unconscious bias for recruiting managers and newly appointed managers. In addition, during the year ScottishPower welcomed six females into Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ("STEM") based placements as part of the Women Returners programme to support women returning to work after a lengthy career break. The programme aims to help women grow their career after a career break from the STEM sector, offering the time and support needed to refresh and redevelop their skills to help them in returning to employment on a more permanent basis.

As part of its commitment to closing the gender pay gap the ScottishPower Senior Leadership Team have set two aspirational targets to break down the barriers for women:

- Increase the number of women in ScottishPower's senior leadership population to exceed 30% (currently 21%).
- Increase the number of women in ScottishPower's middle management population to exceed 40% (currently 29%).

For more information on ScottishPower's gender pay gap please go to https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/gender_pay.aspx

ScottishPower continues to forge links with a number of recognised organisations to grow its commitment to diversity and inclusion. These include: Business Disability Forum, Employers Network for Equality & Inclusion, Equate, Working Families, ENABLE, POWERful Women and Stonewall.

ScottishPower expects all employees to be treated with respect and has supporting policy guidance on People with Disabilities to help ensure equality of employment opportunity for people with disabilities. ScottishPower have obtained the Disability Confident standard and are accredited to an 'engaged level' with Carers Scotland. In addition, during the year ScottishPower was part of an inspirational programme, called Breaking Barriers. The programme aimed to raise aspirations for young people who have learning disabilities and provide equal opportunities to access university. Between January and June 2018 eight learners aged 18 to 24 studied for a Certificate in Applied Business Skills at the University Of Strathclyde Business School. As part of this experience the learners gained valuable skills and work experience as part of an eight week placement with ScottishPower.

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. ScottishPower's company-wide Volunteering Policy has been actively utilised by employees during the year. 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.

Modern Slavery Statement

ScottishPower is committed to human and labour rights and to eliminating modern slavery that could in any way be connected to its business. ScottishPower welcomed the introduction of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. ScottishPower published its most recent Modern Slavery Statement in May 2018 which was approved by the Board of Directors of Scottish Power Limited and signed by Keith Anderson, Chief Executive Officer.

ScottishPower's Modern Slavery Statement is published on the ScottishPower website at: www.scottishpower.com/pages/scottishpowers_modern_slavery_statement.aspx.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

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 both new and modernising developments are planned or where ScottishPower is decommissioning redundant or non-operational assets. The key areas where ScottishPower's business interacts with the community include the presence of distribution lines and routine maintenance and upkeep work. ScottishPower takes a proactive approach to providing good and accurate 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, and thus 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 such as Public Information Days and the publication of information on the ScottishPower website and social media outlets. 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.

As many of ScottishPower's assets, such as pylons, are situated on land not owned by ScottishPower, 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 shaped its business around geographical districts, enabling them to get closer to the communities they serve and allowing local communities to have unprecedented influence upon the delivery of network projects in their area. A wide range of local partnerships have been developed to gain a better understanding of community needs, including vulnerability and to increase resilience in the communities served, whilst maintaining focus on excellent customer service. Strong engagement is placed at the heart of decision making at all levels of the organisation, winning the trust of communities and stakeholders.

POLITICAL DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE

ScottishPower 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, ScottishPower paid a total of £24,500 (2018 £23,020) 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 £7,000 (2018 £7,000)
- The Labour Party £7,000 (2018 £7,000)
- The Scottish National Party £10,500 (2018 £9,020)

The above amounts were for sponsored receptions at the annual conferences of the above parties. These occasions provide an important opportunity for ScottishPower to represent its views on a non-partisan basis to politicians from across the political spectrum and were open to everyone attending the conference, including party members, non-governmental organisations, the media and trade unions. The payments do not indicate support for any particular party.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

DIRECTORS

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

Craig Arthur	(appointed 15 November 2018)
Wendy Barnes	
Suzanne Fox	(resigned 15 November 2018)
Guy Jefferson	(resigned 15 November 2018)
Scott Mathieson	
Alison McGregor	(appointed 15 November 2018)
Frank Mitchell	

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY

In terms of the company's Articles of Association, a qualifying indemnity provision is in force for the benefit of all the directors of the company and of associated companies and has been in force during the financial year.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the directors in office as at the date of this Corporate Report and Regulatory 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.

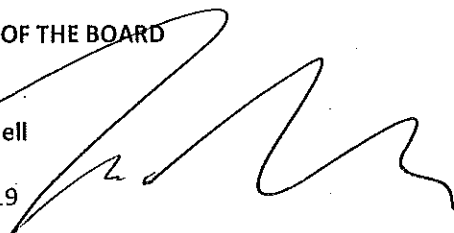
This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

AUDITOR

KPMG LLP were re-appointed as the auditor of the company for the regulatory year ended 31 March 2019.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Frank Mitchell
Director
17 July 2019



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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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

As a guiding principle, the company adopts the principles and rules contained in the most widely recognised good governance recommendations and, in particular, has taken as reference (for guidance purposes only) the Uniform Good Governance Code for Listed Companies approved by the National Securities Market Commission of Spain. The company is not, however, subject to any corporate governance codes and, in particular, is not subject to the Uniform Good Governance Code for Listed Companies.

ScottishPower, the UK operation of Iberdrola, S.A., operates on divisional lines and the activities of the company fall within the Transmission and Distribution business within the Energy Networks Regulated Business ("Regulated Business").

Administrative, management and supervisory bodies

Board and management meetings

During the year, the company was governed by a Board ("the SP Distribution Board") consisting of five directors, all of whom brought a broad range of skills and experience to the company. Two of the five directors were independent non-executive directors. The immediate parent of the company is SPENH. The SPENH Board of Directors ("SPENH Board") is responsible for the effective day to day oversight of the Regulated Business, including that of the company, within ScottishPower. The SPENH Board operates in accordance with the strategy defined by the Scottish Power Limited Board ("ScottishPower Board") and in accordance with the terms of reference of the SPENH Board.

Oversight is provided at ScottishPower group level by the ScottishPower Board (which includes five independent non-executive directors), other than on those matters reserved for the SPENH Board (which includes two independent non-executive directors, who are also appointed to the SP Distribution Board).

In addition to formal SP Distribution plc and SPENH Board meetings, which are convened as required, the directors and other senior managers within the Regulatory Business hold monthly management meetings which review strategy, operational performance and risk issues on behalf of both the company (and other companies within the Regulated Business), including all other matters not reserved for the SPENH Board.

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.

SPENH Board

The SPENH Board comprised the Chairman Armando Martínez Martínez and six other directors as at 31 March 2019.

The directors of SPENH are shown below.

Armando Martínez Martínez	Chairman
Frank Mitchell	Chief Executive Officer
Antonio Espinosa de los Monteros Herrera	
José Izaguirre Nazar	
Scott Mathieson	
Wendy Barnes	Independent non-executive director
Suzanne Fox	Independent non-executive director (resigned 15 November 2018)
Alison McGregor	Independent non-executive director (appointed 15 November 2018)

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

Armando Martínez Martínez	Attended all meetings
Frank Mitchell	Attended all meetings
Antonio Espinosa de los Monteros Herrera	Attended all meetings
José Izaguirre Nazar	Attended all meetings
Scott Mathieson	Attended all meetings
Wendy Barnes	Attended all meetings
Suzanne Fox	Attended three meetings
Alison McGregor	Attended three meetings

The terms of reference of the SPENH Board are published at:

www.scottishpower.com/userfiles/file/SPENHL-Terms%20of-Reference-Board-Directors-130603.pdf.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT *continued*

Administrative, management and supervisory bodies *continued*

ScottishPower Board

The ScottishPower Board comprised the Chairman José Ignacio Sánchez Galán and eight other directors as at 31 March 2019. José Ignacio Sánchez Galán is also the Chairman and Chief Executive of Iberdrola.

The directors of Scottish Power Limited are shown below.

Directors

José Ignacio Sánchez Galán	Chairman
Lord Kerr of Kinlochard GCMG	Vice Chairman, Independent non-executive director
Keith Anderson	
Juan Carlos Rebollo Liceaga	
José Sainz Armada	
Professor Sir James McDonald	Independent non-executive director
Dame Nicola Brewer	Independent non-executive director
Suzanne Fox	Independent non-executive director (appointed 12 December 2018)
Iñigo Fernández de Mesa Vargas	Independent non-executive director (appointed 12 December 2018)

ScottishPower Board meetings were held on five occasions during the year under review. Attendance by the directors is also shown below.

José Ignacio Sánchez Galán	Attended all meetings
Lord Kerr of Kinlochard GCMG	Attended all meetings
Keith Anderson	Attended all meetings
Juan Carlos Rebollo Liceaga	Attended all meetings
José Sainz Armada	Attended all meetings
Professor Sir James McDonald	Attended four meetings
Dame Nicola Brewer	Attended all meetings
Suzanne Fox	Attended two meetings
Iñigo Fernández de Mesa Vargas	Attended two meetings

ScottishPower Audit and Compliance Committee ("SP ACC")

The SP 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 SPL and by the terms of reference of the SP ACC. The SP ACC's responsibilities include:

- monitoring the financial reporting process for ScottishPower;
- monitoring the effectiveness of ScottishPower's internal control, internal audit, compliance and risk management systems;
- monitoring the statutory audit of the Annual Report and Accounts of ScottishPower; and
- monitoring the independence of the external auditor and recommending to the ScottishPower Board, the appointment or re-appointment of the auditor and the associated terms of reference.

The SP ACC's terms of reference are published at:

www.scottishpower.com/pages/audit_and_compliance_committee.aspx.

Membership and attendance

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

Professor Sir James McDonald (Chairman)	External independent, attended all meetings
Juan Carlos Rebollo Liceaga	Attended all meetings
Dame Nicola Brewer	External independent, attended four meetings (appointed 11 July 2018)
Iñigo Fernández de Mesa Vargas	External independent, attended one meeting (appointed 12 December 2018)

In addition to the attendance set out above, the ScottishPower Control and Administration Director, Head of Internal Audit and the external auditor normally attend by invitation, all meetings of the SP ACC. Other members of senior management are also invited to attend as appropriate.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT *continued*

Administrative, management and supervisory bodies *continued*

ScottishPower Audit and Compliance Committee ("SP ACC") *continued*

Matters considered by the SP ACC during 2018

The issues that the SP ACC specifically addressed are detailed in its report which is published at:
www.scottishpower.com/pages/activities_report_of_the_audit_and_compliance_committee.aspx.

In addition to the issues detailed in the report above, the SP ACC, in early 2019, also considered various matters which are relevant to the monitoring of the statutory audit of the Annual Report and Accounts of ScottishPower for 2018. In particular on 12 February 2019:

- the SP ACC reviewed the independence of the external auditor and submitted its conclusions on the same to the ScottishPower Board;
- as part of the SP ACC's supervision of the auditing of the Annual Report and Accounts, the external auditor appeared before the SP ACC to present its conclusions on the 2018 statutory audit; and
- the SP ACC reviewed the financial results to 31 December 2018 and submitted its conclusions on the same to the ScottishPower Board.

For the year ended 31 December 2018 there were no significant financial statement reporting issues.

SPENH Audit and Compliance Committee ("SPENH ACC")

On 31 January 2018, the SPENH Board approved the establishment of the SPENH Audit & Compliance Committee ("SPENH ACC") to undertake the role and function of the SP ACC as they relate to the Regulated Business within ScottishPower (including the company).

The SPENH 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 SPENH Board within its scope of action, which is governed by the Articles of Association of SPENHL and by the terms of reference of the SPENH ACC. The SPENH ACC's responsibilities as they relate to the Regulated Business include

- monitoring the financial reporting process for SPENH;
- monitoring the effectiveness of SPENH's internal control, internal audit, compliance and risk management systems;
- monitoring the regulatory audit of the Corporate Report and Regulatory Accounts of the company; and
- monitoring the work of the external auditor.

The SPENH ACC's terms of reference are published at:

https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/userfiles/file/Terms_of_Reference_of_the_Audit_and_Compliance_Committee.pdf.

Membership and attendance

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

Wendy Barnes (Chair*)	External independent, attended all meetings
Sr José Izaguirre Nazar	Attended all meetings
Suzanne Fox	External independent, attended three meetings, (resigned 15 November 2018)
Alison McGregor	External independent, attended two meetings (appointed 15 November 2018)

* Wendy Barnes was appointed as Chair of the SPENH ACC on 15 November 2018, following the resignation of Suzanne Fox as member and Chair of the SPENH ACC on the same date.

In addition to the attendance set out above, the ScottishPower Energy Networks Finance Director and Head of Internal Audit normally attend all meetings of the SPENH ACC. Other members of senior management and the external auditor are also invited to attend as appropriate.

Matters considered by the SPENH ACC during 2018/19

The issues that the SPENH ACC specifically addressed are detailed in its report which is published at:
https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/userfiles/file/2018_Committee_Annual_Activity_Report.pdf.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT *continued*

Administrative, management and supervisory bodies *continued*

SPENH Audit and Compliance Committee ("SPENH ACC") *continued*

Matters considered by the SPENH ACC during 2018/19 *continued*

The SPENH ACC also considered various matters which are relevant to the monitoring of the 2018/19 regulatory audit of SP Distribution plc in particular:

- the SPENH ACC reviewed the independence of the external auditor and submitted its conclusions on the same to the SPENH Board;
- the SPENH ACC reviewed the March 2019 financial results and submitted its conclusions on the same to the SPENH Board; and
- as part of the SPENH's supervision of the auditing of the Corporate Report and Regulatory Accounts, the external auditor appeared before the SPENH ACC to present their conclusions on the 2018/19 regulatory audit.

For the year ended 31 March 2019 there were no significant financial statement reporting issues.

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 company and they participated in the review of internal controls over financial reporting and the certification process which took place on a ScottishPower group-wide basis. The effectiveness of the system at ScottishPower group level was kept under review through the work of the SP 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 a set of Anti-Bribery and Corruption policies and procedures, Crime Prevention and Anti-Fraud guidelines, and Speaking Out guidelines in place. Together with the Code of Ethics, these policies, procedures and guidelines provide mechanisms to ensure that instances of fraud, bribery, corruption or other criminal or unethical behaviour are identified, reported and investigated. The Speaking Out guidelines incorporate a confidential external reporting service operated by an independent provider. These guidelines, which are applicable to employees and suppliers of the company, cover any incident, issue, behaviour or practice which does not comply with The Code of Ethics, including fraud, bribery, theft, misuse of company resources and conflicts of interest. 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 with the Energy Network specific policy also being adopted by the SPENH Board. 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 Board is responsible for ensuring that business 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.

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT *continued*

External auditor

Annually, the SP ACC reviews the external auditor's audit plan and reviews and assesses the information provided by them confirming their independence and objectivity within the context of regulatory requirements and professional standards. The external auditor contributes a further independent perspective on certain aspects of the company's internal controls over financial reporting arising from their work and reports to the SP ACC if appropriate.

During 2018 the SP ACC approved the proposal to the ScottishPower Board on the terms of engagement of the external auditor, KPMG LLP.

Auditor independence

The Audit, Risk and Supervision Committee of Iberdrola, which comprises non-executive directors, is responsible for the nomination of the external auditor. This committee and the external auditor have safeguards to avoid the possibility that the auditor's 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 auditor for sound commercial and practical reasons, including confidentiality, the conduct of such work is permissible provided that all necessary internal governance requirements have been met.

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 Antolín Raybaud (Chairperson)	External independent
Iñigo Víctor De Oriol Ibarra	Other External
Sara de la Goiricelaya	External independent

The members of the IRC are:

Juan Manuel González (Chairperson)	External independent
Inés Macho Stadler	Other External
Manuel Moreu Munaiz	External independent

The IAC has the power to supervise the process of selection of directors and senior managers of the Iberdrola group companies. The diversity policy applied by the IAC is included within the Committee's terms of reference at: www.iberdrola.com/wcorp/gc/prod/en_US/corporativos/docs/comision_nombramientos.pdf.

The diversity policy itself is published at:

www.iberdrola.com/wcorp/gc/prod/en_US/corporativos/docs/director_candidate_selection_policy.pdf.

The IRC has the power to assist the Iberdrola Board of Directors in the determination and supervision of the compensation policy for the above-mentioned persons.

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 company, and the risks and opportunities arising from these issues that may have an impact on ScottishPower's short-term and long-term values are considered.

Further information regarding the SEE matters can be found in the 'Corporate Responsibility' section of the ScottishPower website at: www.scottishpower.com.

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

in respect of the Regulatory Accounts and compliance with Standard Licence Condition 44

Standard Condition 44 of the Electricity Distribution Licence requires the directors to prepare Regulatory Accounts, for each regulatory year, which presents fairly the assets, liabilities, reserves and provisions of, or reasonably attributable to, the company and of the revenues, costs and cash flows of, or reasonably attributable to, the company for the year. The directors confirm that these Regulatory Accounts comply with Standard Licence condition 44 in all aspects except with respect to the nature of the audit opinion. Ofgem have consented to this having regard to the guidance contained in the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales ("ICAEW") Technical Release TECH02/16AAF. In preparing the Regulatory 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 Accounts comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted by the EU, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the Regulatory Accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Standard Condition 44 as applicable. They are also responsible for the system of internal control, for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to SP Distribution plc and to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("GEMA" or the "Regulator")

Opinion

We have audited the regulatory accounts of SP Distribution Plc ("the company") for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement and related notes, including the accounting policies in Note 2.

In our opinion the regulatory accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2019 have been properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Standard Condition 44 of the company's Regulatory Licence and the special purpose basis of preparation and accounting policies set out in Notes 1 and 2.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)"), including ISA (UK) 800, and the terms of our engagement letter dated 10 July 2019 and having regard to the guidance contained in ICAEW Technical Release Tech 02/16 AAF 'Reporting to Regulators on Regulatory Accounts' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter – special purpose basis of preparation

We draw attention to Note 1 to the regulatory accounts, which describes their basis of preparation. As explained in that note, the regulatory accounts are prepared to assist the company in complying with the company's Regulatory Licence Standard Condition 44. The nature, form and content of regulatory accounts are determined by the Regulator. It is not appropriate for us to assess whether the nature of the information being reported upon is suitable or appropriate for the Regulator's purposes. Accordingly, we make no such assessment.

The regulatory accounts are separate from the statutory financial statements of the company. There are differences between International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU and the basis of preparation of the regulatory accounts because Standard Condition 44 of the Regulatory Licence specifies alternative treatment or disclosure in certain respects. Where Standard Condition 44 of the Regulatory Licence does not specifically address an accounting issue, it requires International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU to be followed. Consequently the regulatory accounts may not necessarily represent a true and fair view of the financial performance or financial position of the company as shown in financial statements prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. As a result, the regulatory accounts may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

The impact of uncertainties due to the UK exiting the European Union on our audit

Uncertainties related to the effects of Brexit are relevant to understanding our audit of the financial statements. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors and related disclosures and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the company's future prospects and performance.

Brexit is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and at the date of this report its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes, with the full range of possible effects unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to that uncertainty when assessing the company's future prospects and performance. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a company and this is particularly the case in relation to Brexit.

Going concern

The directors have prepared the regulatory accounts on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the regulatory accounts ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the regulatory accounts. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model, including the impact of Brexit, and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to SP Distribution plc and to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("GEMA" or the "Regulator") *continued*

Going concern *continued*

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information, which comprises the Corporate Governance Report. Our opinion on the regulatory accounts does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our regulatory accounts audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the regulatory accounts or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work, we have not identified material misstatements in the other information.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 21, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the regulatory accounts in accordance with the Standard Condition 44 of the Regulatory Licence and the special purpose basis of preparation and accounting policies as set out in Note 1 to the regulatory accounts; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of regulatory accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the regulatory accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) and having regard to the guidance contained in ICAEW Technical Release Tech 02/16 AAF 'Reporting to Regulators on Regulatory Accounts' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the regulatory accounts.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) and having regard to the guidance contained in ICAEW Technical Release Tech 02/16 AAF 'Reporting to Regulators on Regulatory Accounts' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the regulatory accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Communicate with those charged with governance, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during the audit.
- Assess the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to SP Distribution plc and to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("GEMA" or the "Regulator") *continued*

Auditor's responsibilities *continued*

We have not assessed whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the company where these are laid down by Standard Condition 44 of the company's Regulatory Licence. Where Standard Condition 44 of the company's Regulatory Licence does not give specific guidance on the accounting policies to be followed, our audit includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies adopted in respect of the transactions and balances required to be included in the regulatory accounts are consistent with those used in the preparation of the statutory financial statements of the company. Furthermore, as the nature, form and content of the regulatory accounts are determined by the Regulator, we did not evaluate the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information which would have been required if we were to express an audit opinion under International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made, on terms that have been agreed solely to the company and the Regulator in order to meet the requirements of Standard Condition 44 of the company's Regulatory Licence. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company and the Regulator those matters that we have agreed to state to them in our report, in order to (a) assist the company to meet its obligation under the Companies Regulatory Licence to procure such a report and (b) facilitate the carrying out by the Regulator of its regulatory functions, and for no other purposes. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the Regulator, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Our opinion on the regulatory accounts is separate from our opinion on the statutory financial statements of the company. Our audit report in relation to the statutory financial statements of the company (for our "statutory" audit) was made solely to the company member, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our statutory work was undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters which we required to state to them in a statutory auditor's report and for no other purpose. In these circumstances, to the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the company's member, as a body, for our statutory audit work, for any statutory audit work, for our statutory audit report, or for the opinions we have formed in respect of that statutory audit.



Philip Charles
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP
Chartered Accountants
319 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
G2 5AS
22 July 2019

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC
BALANCE SHEET
at 31 March 2019

	Notes	2019 £m	2018 £m
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	3	2,999.2	2,900.7
Property, plant and equipment in use	3	2,817.5	2,733.2
Property, plant and equipment in the course of construction	3	181.7	167.5
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		2,999.2	2,900.7
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	4	8.2	7.8
Trade and other receivables	5	67.8	67.1
Cash	6	5.5	0.9
CURRENT ASSETS		81.5	75.8
TOTAL ASSETS		3,080.7	2,976.5
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Of shareholders of the parent		946.7	902.0
Share capital	7, 8	300.0	300.0
Retained earnings	8	646.7	602.0
TOTAL EQUITY		946.7	902.0
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred income	9	628.1	628.3
Provisions	10	0.5	-
Bank borrowings and other financial liabilities		798.2	837.9
Loans and other borrowings	11	798.2	837.9
Trade and other payables	12	0.1	-
Deferred tax liabilities	13	173.4	168.0
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,600.3	1,634.2
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	10	0.4	1.3
Bank borrowings and other financial liabilities		350.9	274.7
Loans and other borrowings	11	350.9	274.7
Trade and other payables	12	165.6	149.9
Current tax liabilities		16.8	14.4
CURRENT LIABILITIES		533.7	440.3
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,134.0	2,074.5
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		3,080.7	2,976.5

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf on 17 July 2019:


Frank Mitchell
Director

The accompanying Notes 1 to 25 are an integral part of the balance sheet at 31 March 2019.

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC
INCOME STATEMENT AND STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 31 March 2019

		2019	2018
	Notes	£m	Restated* £m
Revenue	14	438.2	408.6
Procurements		(28.3)	(25.7)
GROSS MARGIN		409.9	382.9
NET OPERATING EXPENSES		(83.6)	(80.8)
Net personnel expenses		(12.7)	(6.7)
Staff costs	15	(57.0)	(15.4)
Capitalised staff costs	15	44.3	8.7
Net external expenses		(70.9)	(74.1)
External services		(77.5)	(85.2)
Other operating income		6.6	11.1
Taxes other than income tax	16	(35.8)	(34.8)
GROSS OPERATING PROFIT		290.5	267.3
Impairment losses on trade and other receivables		(0.9)	(0.3)
Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions	17	(108.7)	(101.7)
OPERATING PROFIT		180.9	165.3
Dividends received		0.1	0.1
Finance costs	18	(37.2)	(37.3)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		143.8	128.1
Income tax	19	(26.8)	(24.1)
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		117.0	104.0

* Comparative figures have been restated (refer to Note 1).

Net profit for both years is wholly attributable to the equity holder of SP Distribution plc.

Net profit for both years comprises the total comprehensive income for the respective years.

All results relate to continuing operations.

The accompanying Notes 1 to 25 are an integral part of the income statement and statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2019.

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Share capital £m	Retained earnings £m	Total equity £m
At 1 April 2017	300.0	592.3	892.3
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	104.0	104.0
Dividends	-	(94.3)	(94.3)
At 1 April 2018	300.0	602.0	902.0
Adjustments due to IFRS 9 (refer to Note 1B2.2)	-	(0.3)	(0.3)
Adjusted balance at 1 January 2018	300.0	601.7	901.7
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	117.0	117.0
Dividends	-	(72.0)	(72.0)
At 31 March 2019	300.0	646.7	946.7

The accompanying Notes 1 to 25 are an integral part of the statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 March 2019.

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 March 2019

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	143.8	128.1
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	107.1	101.6
Change in provisions	0.6	-
Transfer of assets from customers	(21.7)	(19.8)
Finance costs	37.2	37.3
Shareholding income	(0.1)	(0.1)
Write-off of non-current assets	1.0	0.2
Changes in working capital:		
Change in trade and other receivables	(7.5)	(0.2)
Change in inventories	(18.2)	(3.7)
Change in trade payables	7.7	(2.7)
Provisions paid	(1.0)	(0.2)
Assets received from customers	19.5	32.9
Income taxes paid	(18.9)	(23.1)
Net cash flows from operating activities (i)	249.5	250.3
Cash flows from investing activities		
Transfers from Power Systems	-	5.2
Dividends received	0.1	0.1
Investments in property, plant and equipment	(177.7)	(183.3)
Net cash flows from investing activities (ii)	(177.6)	(178.0)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net increase/(decrease) in amounts due to Iberdrola group companies - current loans	42.5	(141.1)
Increase in amounts due to Iberdrola group companies - non-current loans payable	-	200.0
Dividends paid to company's equity holder	(72.0)	(94.3)
Interest paid	(37.8)	(36.5)
Net cash flows from financing activities (iii)	(67.3)	(71.9)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents (i)+(ii)+(iii)	4.6	0.4
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	0.9	0.5
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	5.5	0.9
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year comprises:		
Cash	5.5	0.9
Cash flow statement cash and cash equivalents	5.5	0.9

The accompanying Notes 1 to 25 are an integral part of the cash flow statement for the year ended 31 March 2019.

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS
31 March 2019

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

A COMPANY INFORMATION

SP Distribution plc ("the company"), registered company number SC189125, is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in Scotland and its registered address is Ochil House, 10 Technology Avenue, Hamilton International Technology Park, Blantyre, G72 0HT.

B BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with Standard Condition 44 of the company's Regulatory Licence and International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU as at the date of approval of these Accounts and which are mandatory for the financial year ended 31 March 2019 ("IFRS as adopted by the EU"). The company's accounting reference date is 31 December to match that of its ultimate parent undertaking, Iberdrola, S.A.. Standard Condition 44 of the Electricity Distribution Licence requires the directors to prepare Regulatory Accounts, for each regulatory year, with the same content and format as the most recent statutory accounts of the company. The references made to the financial year within these Regulatory Accounts refer to the year from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. Consequently the Corporate Report and Regulatory Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 are separate from the Annual Report and Accounts of the company which have been prepared for the year ended 31 December 2018. The Accounts are prepared in accordance with the Accounting Policies set out in Note 2. Monetary amounts are presented in pounds Sterling and are rounded to the nearest hundred thousand unless otherwise indicated.

The company has one operating segment for management reporting purposes which operates in a single geographical area and reports revenues from a single activity.

B1 CHANGES IN PRESENTATION

B1.1 TRANSFERS OF ASSETS FROM CUSTOMERS

The company earns income arising from transfers of assets from customers, as it is common for utilities to receive contributions from customers so that they can be connected to a network or receive ongoing access to a supply of services from them. In line with IFRIC 18 'Transfer of Assets from Customers', this income had previously been presented within Other operating income in the income statement. However, in order to provide better information to the users of the financial statements and classify all customer-derived income consistently under the scope of IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with customers', management have opted to reclassify this stream of income, and as such, income arising from transfers of assets from customers is now presented within Revenue in the income statement. The prior year income statement has been restated accordingly. The effect of this change in presentation has been to decrease the prior year Other operating income and increase Revenue by £19.8 million. This restatement has had no impact on the net profit for the year shown on the income statement nor the net assets position shown on the balance sheet.

B2 EFFECT OF INITIAL APPLICATION OF IFRS 15 AND IFRS 9

This is the first set of the company's annual financial statements in which IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' and IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' have been applied. The nature and effect of the changes as a result of the implementation of these standards are described below.

B2.1 EFFECT OF INITIAL APPLICATION OF IFRS 15

The company has applied IFRS 15 for the first time using the cumulative effect method i.e. by recognising the cumulative effect of initially applying IFRS 15 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 April 2018. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under IAS 18 'Revenue' and the IFRS 15 disclosure requirements have not been applied to comparative information.

The application of IFRS 15 has not had a significant impact on the company's revenue recognition and therefore there is nothing to disclose in relation to the impact on the opening balances at 1 April 2018 and the balances at and the results for the year ended 31 March 2019.

B2.2 EFFECT OF INITIAL APPLICATION OF IFRS 9

IFRS 9 replaces IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement' for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, bringing together all three aspects of the accounting for financial instruments: classification and measurement; impairment; and hedge accounting.

SP DISTRIBUTION PLC
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS *continued*
31 March 2019

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION *continued*

B BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS *continued*

B2 EFFECT OF INITIAL APPLICATION OF IFRS 15 AND IFRS 9 *continued*

B2.2 EFFECT OF INITIAL APPLICATION OF IFRS 9 *continued*

As a result of the initial application of IFRS 9, the company has applied the consequential amendments to IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements', which requires impairment of financial assets to be presented in a separate line item in the income statement. Previously, the company's approach was to include the impairment of trade and other receivables within Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions. Consequently, the company reclassified impairment losses amounting to £0.3 million, recognised under IAS 39, from Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions to Impairment losses on trade and other receivables in the income statement for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Impairment losses on other financial assets continue to be presented under Finance costs in the income statement, similar to their presentation under IAS 39, and are not presented separately in the income statement on the grounds of materiality.

The company has applied IFRS 9 retrospectively, with the initial application date of 1 April 2018. In line with consequential amendments to IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures', the company has elected not to restate comparative information. As a result, the comparative information provided continues to be accounted for in accordance with the company's previous accounting policy under IAS 39.

The table below illustrates the impact of the application of IFRS 9 on the opening balances at 1 April 2018.

	Adjustments due to IFRS 9 £m
Retained earnings	
Recognition of Expected Credit Losses ("ECLs") under IFRS 9	(0.4)
Related tax	0.1
Impact at 1 April 2018	(0.3)

(a) Classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

IFRS 9 contains three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). The classification of financial assets under IFRS 9 is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics. IFRS 9 eliminates the previous IAS 39 categories of held to maturity, loans and receivables and available for sale. IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements in IAS 39 for the classification and measurement of financial liabilities. As stated above, the company has applied the classification and measurement requirements retrospectively, with initial application on 1 April 2018, thus the figures for comparative periods have not been restated.

Financial assets

The company has classified its financial assets as being held at amortised cost. A description of this category of financial asset can be found in Note 2F1.1.

The following table and the accompanying notes explain the original measurement categories under IAS 39 and the new measurement categories under IFRS 9 for each class of the company's financial assets at 1 April 2018. The effect of adopting IFRS 9 on the carrying amounts of financial assets at 1 April 2018 relates solely to the new impairment requirements.

Financial Asset	Original Classification under IAS 39	New Classification under IFRS 9	Notes	Original carrying value under IAS 39	New carrying value under IFRS 9
Receivables	Loans and Receivables	Amortised cost	(i), (ii)	67.0	66.6

- (i) Receivables include trade receivables (including accrued income) and trade receivables due from Iberdrola group companies. Refer to Notes 5 and 6(a).
- (ii) Balances that were classified as Loans and receivables under IAS 39 are now classified at amortised cost. An increase of £0.4 million in the allowance for impairment over these balances was recognised in the opening retained earnings at 1 April 2018 on transition to IFRS 9 (refer to note (b) overleaf).

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1 BASIS OF PREPARATION *continued*

B BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS *continued*

B2 EFFECT OF INITIAL APPLICATION OF IFRS 15 AND IFRS 9 *continued*

B2.2 EFFECT OF INITIAL APPLICATION OF IFRS 9 *continued*

(a) Classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities *continued*

Financial assets *continued*

Refer to Note 6 for details of the company's financial assets in the current year. The classification and measurement requirements of IFRS 9 did not have a significant impact on the company.

Financial liabilities

The classification of the company's financial liabilities has not undergone any changes with respect to the application of IFRS 9. Consequently the application of IFRS 9 has not had a significant effect on the company's accounting policies related to financial liabilities. For an explanation of how the company classifies and measures financial liabilities and accounts for related gains and losses under IFRS 9, refer to Note 2F1.2.

(b) Impairment of financial assets

The application of IFRS 9 has changed the company's accounting for impairment losses for financial assets by replacing IAS 39's incurred loss approach with a new ECL approach. This new impairment model applies to financial assets measured at amortised cost. Under IFRS 9, credit losses are recognised earlier than under IAS 39 (refer to Note 2F1.1).

The company applies the simplified approach for calculation of ECLs. Under the simplified model, the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to a lifetime ECL. The company has adopted the practical expedient whereby it calculates the ECL on trade receivables using a provision matrix based on its historical credit loss experience and where possible readily available forecast information.

Additional information about how the company measures the allowance for impairment is described in Note 6. The company has adopted the impairment requirements retrospectively, with initial application on 1 April 2018, thus opting not to restate the figures for comparative periods. The company has determined that the application of IFRS 9's impairment requirements at 1 April 2018 results in an additional allowance for impairment as follows:

	£m
Loss allowance at 31 March 2018 under IAS 39 (trade and other receivables)	0.4
Additional impairment recognised at 1 April 2018 on current trade and other receivables	0.4
Loss allowance at 1 April 2018 under IFRS 9	0.8

C ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

C1 IMPACT OF NEW IFRS

In preparing these Accounts, the company has applied all relevant International Accounting Standards ("IAS"), International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") collectively referred to as IFRS that have been adopted by the EU as of the date of approval of these Accounts and that are mandatory for the financial year ended 31 March 2019.

For the year ended 31 March 2019, the company has applied the following amendments for the first time:

Standard	Notes
• Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2014 –2016 Cycle	(a), (b)
• IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' (including 'Amendments to IFRS 15: Effective date of IFRS 15' and 'Clarifications to IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers')	(c)
• IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments'	(d)
• Amendments to IAS 40 'Investment Property: Transfers of Investment Property'	(a)
• Amendments to IFRS 2 'Share-based Payments: Clarification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions'	(a)
• Amendments to IFRS 4 'Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts'	(a)
• IFRIC 22 'Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration'	(a)

- (a) The application of these pronouncements has not had a material impact on the company's accounting policies, financial position or performance.
(b) This pronouncement includes amendments to three standards. The amendments to IFRS 1 'First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards' and IAS 28 'Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures' have been applied by the company effective 1 April 2018. The amendments to IFRS 12 'Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities' were applied by the company effective 1 April 2017.
(c) Refer to Note 1B2.1 for further information.
(d) Refer to Note 1B2.2 for further information.

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1 BASIS OF PREPARATION *continued*

C ACCOUNTING STANDARDS *continued*

C1 IMPACT OF NEW IFRS *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 or have not been endorsed by the EU, thus have not been implemented by the company:

Standard	Notes	IASB effective	
		date (for periods commencing on or after)	Planned date of application by the company
• IFRS 16 'Leases'	(e)	1 April 2019	1 April 2019
• IFRIC 23 'Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments'	(f)	1 April 2019	1 April 2019
• Amendments to IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments: Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation'	(f)	1 April 2019	1 April 2019
• Amendments to IAS 28 'Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures: Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures'	(f)	1 April 2019	1 April 2019
• Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2015-2017 Cycle	(f)	1 April 2019	1 April 2019
• Amendments to IAS 19 'Employee Benefits: Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement'	(f)	1 April 2019	1 April 2019
• Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards	(f),(g)	1 April 2020	1 April 2020
• Amendments to IFRS 3 'Business Combinations'	(f),(g)	1 April 2020	1 April 2020
• Amendments to IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' and IAS 8 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors': Definition of Material	(f),(g)	1 April 2020	1 April 2020
• IFRS 17 'Insurance Contracts'	(f),(g)	1 April 2021	1 April 2021
• IFRS 14 'Regulatory Deferral Accounts'	(f),(g),(h)	1 April 2016	To be decided
• 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'	(f),(g),(i)	Deferred indefinitely	To be decided

(e) Details of the impact of implementing IFRS 16 'Leases' is described at Note 1C2 below.

(f) The future application of this pronouncement is not expected to have a material impact on the company's accounting policies, financial position or performance.

(g) This pronouncement has not yet been endorsed by the EU.

(h) 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.

(i) The IASB set the effective date of this pronouncement 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 pronouncement has been postponed, awaiting a revised exposure draft from the IASB. The effective date will be amended in due course.

C2 IMPACT OF FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF IFRS 16

IFRS 16 'Leases' is effective for the company as from 1 April 2019. The impact of implementing this standard is detailed below. The impact of this standard will have no effect on the recorded cash flows.

From the lessors' perspective, IFRS 16 does not introduce any significant change. From the lessees' perspective, IFRS 16 removes the current classification of operating and finance leases and requires, for any lease agreements, that the lessee recognises the present value of the lease on the balance sheet as a right-of-use asset and a liability.

The company has carried out analysis in order to assess whether an agreement is, or contains, a lease at its inception considering the requirements of IFRS 16. In this analysis, in line with the Iberdrola group, the company has concluded that the assignment of land use does not constitute a lease when the landowner has the right to operate any kind of economic activity on the land in order to continue obtaining more than insignificant economic benefits as a result of that use.

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1 BASIS OF PREPARATION *continued*

C ACCOUNTING STANDARDS *continued*

C2 IMPACT OF FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF IFRS 16 *continued*

Within its ordinary business activities, the company enters into agreements whereby it obtains the right to use land owned by third parties for the purposes of electricity distribution. Clauses within these contracts allow the landowner to access the land and continue carrying out economic activities, provided that they do not interfere with the operation of the activities carried out by the company. In line with the Iberdrola group, the company has concluded that such contracts grant shared use of the land to both the owner and the company, thus the company does not have the right to control the use of the underlying asset. Therefore, such agreements do not contain a lease in accordance with IFRS 16.

The company will transition to IFRS 16 applying the modified retrospective method which does not require comparative periods to be restated but recognises the effect of the initial application of IFRS 16 on the date it is implemented i.e. 1 April 2019. Therefore, in lease agreements in which the company is the lessee, the lease liability will be measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, applying an appropriate discount rate as at the date of initial application. Generally, right-of-use assets will be measured as the same amount as the corresponding liabilities; both these assets and liabilities will be recognised on the balance sheet.

The right-of-use assets will be depreciated and the charge recorded within Depreciation and amortisation charge, allowances and provisions in the income statement; similarly the discount on the liabilities will unwind over the term of the lease and charged to Finance costs in the income statement. The expense in the year relating to minimum lease payments under operating leases will no longer be recognised in the income statement; a charge of £3.3 million was recognised in 2019 (refer to Note 3(b)).

Based on the scope exemptions available under IFRS 16, in line with the Iberdrola group, the company has opted not to apply it to lease agreements for intangible assets and short-term leases i.e. leases with a term of twelve months or less (which will continue being accounted for as now under IAS 17 'Leases').

A contract may include multiple lease components, not all of which would qualify as a lease. In line with the Iberdrola group, the company has opted to not separate multiple components for accounting purposes but will recognise them as a single component, except for certain agreements for which the separation may have a significant impact on the financial statements.

As at 1 April 2019, IFRS 16 will give rise to an increase in current and non-current liabilities totalling an estimated £11.5 million as noted below for the different types of underlying assets:

Estimated total lease liability as at 1 April 2019	£m
Buildings	4.8
Vehicles	5.0
Land	1.6
Other	0.1
Total	11.5

The total liability noted above is presented on a discounted net present value basis. As at the date of initial application, the range of discount rates used to calculate the above pertaining to Sterling were in the range of between 1.12% and 3.23%.

There is a difference between the future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases under the scope of IAS 17 as at 31 March 2019 (refer to Note 3(b)) and the lease liabilities to be recognised as at 1 April 2019 under IFRS 16 (see analysis above), the main reconciling items relate to the application of different discount rate assumptions.

The company will continue to refine its accounting policies and monitor emerging industry practice in relation to this standard.

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2 JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTIES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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 company, should it later be determined that a different choice would be more appropriate. The company has no such policies. At 31 March 2019, the company had no items which have significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the next financial year.

The principal accounting policies applied in preparing the company's Accounts are set out below.

- A REVENUE
- B PROCUREMENTS
- C PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT
- D LEASED ASSETS
- E IMPAIRMENT OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT
- F FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
- G INVENTORIES
- H RETIREMENT BENEFITS
- I TAXATION
- J CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

A REVENUE

The company has applied IFRS 15 for the first time from 1 April 2018. Information about the company's accounting policies and estimates in relation to contracts with customers is provided in Note 14. The effect of the initial application of IFRS 15 is disclosed in Note 1B2.1.

B PROCUREMENTS

Procurements principally comprises use of system charges from National Grid.

C PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

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, where appropriate, capitalised employee costs 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, where appropriate, to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use. Reviews of the estimated remaining lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment are undertaken annually. Residual values are assessed based on prices prevailing at each balance sheet date.

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

	Years
Distribution facilities	40
Meters and measuring devices	6 - 10
Other facilities and other items of property, plant and equipment	3 - 50

D 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 company 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.

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

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2 JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTIES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

E IMPAIRMENT OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

At each balance sheet date, the company reviews the carrying amount of its property, plant and equipment 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.

F FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

F1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES UNDER IFRS 9

F1.1 FINANCIAL ASSETS

(a) Recognition and initial measurement

The company's financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost. Trade receivables without a significant financing component and for which the company has applied the simplified ECL model are measured at the transaction price determined under IFRS 15 (refer to Note 14).

(b) Classification and subsequent measurement

(i) Classification

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the company changes its business model for managing financial assets in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model. These are expected to be infrequent and no other reclassifications are permitted.

The company's business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both. The business model of the company does not depend on the intentions of management for an individual instrument. Therefore, it is not an instrument-by-instrument classification approach and should be determined from a higher level of aggregation.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the 'SPPI' test.

(ii) Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment losses are recognised in the income statement. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in the company income statement.

The company's financial assets measured at amortised cost include trade receivables and trade receivables due from Iberdrola group companies.

Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset) is primarily derecognised (i.e. removed from the company's balance sheet) when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired.

(iii) Impairment of financial assets

Disclosures relating to impairment of financial assets are provided in Note 6.

The company has adopted the simplified ECL model for its trade receivables. In applying the simplified model, loss allowances for trade receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECL. The company has established a provision matrix based on its historical credit loss experience and where possible readily available forecast information.

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2 JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTIES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

F FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *continued*

F1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES UNDER IFRS 9 *continued*

F1.1 FINANCIAL ASSETS *continued*

(b) Classification and subsequent measurement *continued*

(iii) Impairment of financial assets *continued*

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. Twelve month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the twelve months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than twelve months). The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the company is exposed to credit risk.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the company expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Write-offs

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery.

F1.2 FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(a) Recognition and initial measurement

The company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables and loans and borrowings. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

(b) Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost. Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognised in the income statement. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in the income statement.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The effective interest method is included as Finance costs in the income statement.

The company derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the income statement.

F2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES UNDER IAS 39

As detailed in Note 1B2.2 on the initial application of IFRS 9, the company has elected not to restate comparative information. The accounting policies for the company under IAS 39 have therefore been presented below.

(a) Financial assets categorised as trade and other receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less a provision 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 company operates.

(b) Financial liabilities categorised as trade and other payables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount.

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2 JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTIES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

F FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *continued*

F2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES UNDER IAS 39 *continued*

- (c) 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.

G INVENTORIES

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all directly attributable costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

H RETIREMENT BENEFITS

ScottishPower operates two defined benefit schemes and one defined contribution retirement benefit scheme in the UK. SP Distribution plc is a participating company in these group arrangements, and the contributions for the defined benefit schemes are based on pension costs across all the participating companies. The company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities in the defined benefit schemes, as the scheme administrators do not calculate these separately for each of the various companies participating in the schemes and therefore treats these schemes as if they were defined contribution schemes. The amount charged to the income statement in respect of pension costs is the contributions payable in the period.

I TAXATION

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 to 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.

J CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and short-term deposits in the balance sheet comprise cash on hand and term deposits which are readily convertible into a known amount of cash without 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.

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3 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Movements in property, plant and equipment

	Distribution facilities	Meters and measuring devices	Other items of property, plant and equipment in use (Note (i))	Plant in progress (Note (ii))	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Year ended 31 March 2018					
Cost:					
At 1 April 2017	3,644.7	188.2	27.7	256.0	4,116.6
Additions (Note (iii))	6.1	1.8	-	175.5	183.4
Transfers from in progress to plant in use	265.1	-	0.9	(266.0)	-
Transfers from inventories	-	-	-	2.0	2.0
Disposals	(8.6)	(12.6)	(4.4)	-	(25.6)
At 31 March 2018	3,907.3	177.4	24.2	167.5	4,276.4
Depreciation:					
At 1 April 2017	1,137.9	152.4	9.2	-	1,299.5
Depreciation for the year	95.2	5.6	0.8	-	101.6
Disposals	(8.5)	(12.6)	(4.3)	-	(25.4)
At 31 March 2018	1,224.6	145.4	5.7	-	1,375.7
Net book value:					
At 31 March 2018	2,682.7	32.0	18.5	167.5	2,900.7
At 1 April 2017	2,506.8	35.8	18.5	256.0	2,817.1
The net book value of property plant and equipment at 31 March 2018 is analysed as follows:					
Property, plant and equipment in use	2,682.7	32.0	18.5	-	2,733.2
Property, plant and equipment in the course of construction	-	-	-	167.5	167.5
	2,682.7	32.0	18.5	167.5	2,900.7

	Distribution facilities	Meters and measuring devices	Other items of property, plant and equipment in use (Note (i))	Plant in progress (Note (ii))	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Year ended 31 March 2019					
Cost:					
At 1 April 2018	3,907.3	177.4	24.2	167.5	4,276.4
Additions (Note (iii))	2.0	1.5	1.8	183.4	188.7
Transfers from in progress to plant in use	187.0	-	0.1	(187.1)	-
Transfers from inventories	-	-	-	17.9	17.9
Disposals	(67.6)	(13.5)	-	-	(81.1)
At 31 March 2019	4,028.7	165.4	26.1	181.7	4,401.9
Depreciation:					
At 1 April 2018	1,224.6	145.4	5.7	-	1,375.7
Depreciation for the year	100.5	5.7	0.9	-	107.1
Disposals	(66.8)	(13.3)	-	-	(80.1)
At 31 March 2019	1,258.3	137.8	6.6	-	1,402.7
Net book value:					
At 31 March 2019	2,770.4	27.6	19.5	181.7	2,999.2
At 1 April 2018	2,682.7	32.0	18.5	167.5	2,900.7
The net book value of property plant and equipment at 31 March 2019 is analysed as follows:					
Property, plant and equipment in use	2,770.4	27.6	19.5	-	2,817.5
Property, plant and equipment in the course of construction	-	-	-	181.7	181.7
	2,770.4	27.6	19.5	181.7	2,999.2

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3 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT *continued*

(a) Movements in property, plant and equipment *continued*

- (i) The category Other items of property, plant and equipment in use principally comprises other technical installations, communications equipment and land.
- (ii) The category Plant in progress principally comprises distribution facilities in the course of construction.
- (iii) Additions of £1.8 million (2018 £143.7 million) were purchased from asset management entity Power Systems and other Iberdrola group companies, as shown in Note 23.
- (iv) The cost of fully depreciated property, plant and equipment still in use at 31 March 2019 was £180.6 million (2018 £238.2 million).
- (v) Included within the cost of property, plant and equipment as at 31 March 2019 are assets in use not subject to depreciation, being land of £9.2 million (2018 £9.2 million).

(b) Operating lease arrangements

	2019 £m	2018 £m
(i) Operating lease payments		
Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense in the year	3.3	0.5
Sublease payments recognised as an expense in the year	-	0.1
	3.3	0.6

The company leases land and equipment as a lessee under non-cancellable operating leases. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

	2019 £m	2018 £m
(ii) Operating lease commitments		
Within one year	2.5	0.6
Between one and five years	5.9	1.9
More than five years	3.9	3.1
	12.3	5.6

The company leases land and equipment as a lessee under non-cancellable operating leases. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

	2019 £m	2018 £m
(iii) Operating lease receivables		
The future minimum discounted lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:		
Within one year	0.7	0.7
Between one and five years	0.6	0.6
	1.3	1.3

The company leases land as a lessor under non-cancellable operating lease arrangements. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

Total sublease rentals recognised as income in the year ended 31 March 2019 amounted to £nil (2018 £0.2 million).

(c) Capital commitments

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Contracted but not provided	66.7	51.5

4 INVENTORIES

	Notes	2019 £m	2018 £m
Other inventories	(a), (b)	8.2	7.8

- (a) On 1 January 2018, as part of the change in the asset management processes of Energy Networks, Power Systems transferred £6.1 million of plant maintenance inventory to the company and an equivalent amount was paid as a cash outflow to the on demand group loan account.
- (b) Inventories with a value of £0.8 million (2018 £0.4 million) were recognised as an expense during the year.

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5 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Notes	2019 £m	2018 £m
Current receivables:			
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies - trade		17.0	13.6
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies - loans	(a)	-	6.3
Trade receivables (including accrued income)	(b)	50.8	47.1
Prepayments		-	0.1
	(c)	67.8	67.1

- (a) The current loan due from SPUK charged interest at the Bank of England Base Rate plus 1% and was repayable on demand.
(b) Information about the company's exposure to credit and market risks, and impairment losses for trade receivables are included in Note 6.
(c) Trade and other receivables includes £58.6 million of IFRS 15 receivables (refer to Note 14(c)).

6 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The effect of the initial application of IFRS 9 on the company's Accounts is detailed in Note 1B2.2. Due to the transition method chosen, comparative information has not been restated to reflect the new requirements.

(a) Carrying value of financial instruments

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

	Notes	2019			2018		
		Carrying amount £m	Fair value £m	Classification under IFRS 9	Carrying amount £m	Fair value £m	Classification under IAS 39
Financial assets							
Receivables	(i)	67.8	67.8	Amortised cost	67.0	67.0	Loans and Receivables
Cash	(ii)	5.5	5.5	Amortised cost	0.9	0.9	Loans and Receivables
Financial liabilities							
Loans and other borrowings	(iii)	(1,149.1)	(1,267.0)	Amortised cost	(1,112.6)	(1,241.3)	Loans and Receivables
Payables	(i)	(106.9)	(106.9)	Amortised cost	(109.0)	(109.0)	Loans and Receivables

The carrying amount of these financial instruments is calculated as set out in Note 2. 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 (iii) below.

- (i) Balances outwith the scope of IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosure' have been excluded, namely prepayments, payments received on account and other taxes and social security.
(ii) As a general rule, cash deposited with banks earns interest at rates similar to market rates on daily deposits. Cash as at 31 March 2019 included deposits with banks of £5.5 million (2018 £0.5 million) in respect of ring-fenced funds received from third parties for use on specific innovation projects and are not available to finance the company's day-to-day operations.
(iii) 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) Financial risk management

The company's principal financial liabilities comprise loans and borrowings and trade and other payables. The main purpose of these financial liabilities is to finance the company's operations. The company has trade receivables and cash that arise directly from its operations.

The company has exposure to the following risks arising from the above financial instruments:

- Credit risk; and
- Treasury risk (comprising both liquidity and market risk).

An extensive description of this risk management framework of ScottishPower, and therefore the company, can be found in the most recent Annual Report and Accounts of SPL.

(i) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its contractual obligations under a financial instrument or customer contract, leading to a financial loss. The company is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities (primarily trade receivables) and from its financing activities, including deposits with banks and financial institutions.

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure to the company.

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6 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *continued*
(b) Financial risk management *continued*
(i) Credit risk *continued*

Credit risk management

The company is exposed to both settlement risk (defined as the risk of a counterparty failing to pay for 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).

Further details on the credit risk management strategy adopted for significant types of financial asset are set out below.

- Credit risk in respect of customers is mitigated by contracting with multiple counterparties and limiting exposure to individual counterparties to clearly defined limits based upon the risk of counterparty default.
- Credit risk from balances with banks and financial institutions is managed by ScottishPower's treasury department in accordance with Iberdrola's cash investment procedure. Investments of surplus funds are made only with approved counterparties and within credit limits assigned to each counterparty by Corporate Risk Management.

At 31 March 2019 and 2018, the company evaluated the concentration of risk with respect to financial assets as low, with no material concentration of credit risk in the company arising from one particular counterparty.

Expected credit loss assessment

For trade receivables the company applies the simplified approach for calculation of ECLs.

Trade receivables

The company uses the simplified model approach to measure ECLs for trade receivables. The provision rates represent a lifetime ECL and are based on the Iberdrola group's historical loss experience and default rates.

The table below illustrates the ECL on trade receivables:

	0 - 6 months £m	Greater than 6 months £m	Total £m
At 31 March 2019			
Weighted Average Expected Loss Rate (%)	2.5%	66.7%	3.2%
Gross Carrying Value	51.9	0.6	52.5
Loss allowance	(1.3)	(0.4)	(1.7)
Net Carrying Amount	50.6	0.2	50.8
	0 - 6 months £m	Greater than 6 months £m	Total £m
At 1 April 2018			
Weighted Average Expected Loss Rate (%)	0.6%	83.3%	1.7%
Gross Carrying Value	46.9	0.6	47.5
Loss allowance	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.8)
Net Carrying Amount	46.6	0.1	46.7

Trade receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the company.

Refer to the table below reconciling the movement in the opening to the closing loss allowance.

Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies £17.0 million (2018 £19.9 million)

On initial application of IFRS 9, the group recognised an impairment allowance as at 1 April 2018 of less than £0.1 million. The movement in the ECL in the year to 31 March 2019 was also less than £0.1 million.

Cash

The company held cash of £5.5 million (2018 £0.9 million) at 31 March 2019. The cash deposits are held with banks and financial institution counterparties, which are rated BBB- to AAA, based on Standard & Poor's ratings. Impairment on cash deposits has been measured on a three month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The company considers that its cash deposits have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties. On initial application of IFRS 9, the company recognised an impairment allowance as at 1 April 2018 of less than £0.1 million. The loss allowance in the year to 31 March 2019 is less than £0.1 million.

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6 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *continued*
(c) Financial risk management *continued*
(i) Credit risk *continued*

Reconciliation of opening to closing loss allowance

The closing loss allowances for all financial assets measured at amortised cost, as at 31 March 2019 reconciles to the opening loss allowances as follows:

	£m
Balance at 31 March 2018 under IAS 39 (trade and other receivables)	0.4
Adjustment on initial application of IFRS 9	0.4
Balance at 1 April 2018 under IFRS 9	0.8
Increase in loss allowance recognised in the income statement	0.9
At 31 March 2019	1.7

The overall increase in the loss allowance of £0.9 million from 1 April 2018 is primarily due to an increase in customers in liquidation.

(ii) Treasury risk

Treasury risk is comprised of liquidity risk and market risk. ScottishPower's cash management and short-term financing activity, and therefore that of the company, is integrated with Iberdrola's. The company produces short-term rolling cash-flow requirements and if necessary any required funding is obtained via ScottishPower's credit facilities already in place.

Treasury liquidity risk management

ScottishPower's liquidity position and short-term financing activities, and therefore that of the company, are integrated and aligned with Iberdrola's. Liquidity risk, the risk that the company will have insufficient funds to meet its liabilities, is managed by Iberdrola group Treasury, who are responsible for arranging banking facilities on behalf of ScottishPower and therefore the company. Scottish Power UK plc is the principal counterparty for the loan balances due by the company.

The tables below summarise the maturity profile of the company's financial liabilities as at 31 March based on contractual undiscounted payments.

2019						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 and thereafter
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Cash outflows						
Loans and other borrowings	384.6	157.6	68.6	153.0	64.1	537.9
Payables*	89.6	0.1	-	-	-	-
	474.2	157.7	68.6	153.0	64.1	537.9
						1,455.5
2018						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 and thereafter
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Cash outflows						
Loans and other borrowings	313.6	73.8	158.3	69.4	153.5	603.3
Payables*	90.9	-	-	-	-	-
	404.5	73.8	158.3	69.4	153.5	603.3
						1,462.8

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

The interest payments on variable interest rate loans and bond issues in the table above reflect market forward interest rates at the reporting date and these amounts may change as market interest rates change.

Treasury market risk management

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

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6 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *continued*

(b) Financial risk management *continued*

(ii) Treasury risk *continued*

Interest rate risk

In order to adequately manage and limit this risk, the Iberdrola group annually determines the desired structure of the debt between fixed and floating interest rate, taking into account the indexing of income either interest rate or price index. ScottishPower Treasury then take actions over the course of the year to work towards these desired Iberdrola group ratios. Actions to be carried out over the course of a year may include obtaining new sources of financing (at a fixed, floating or indexed rate) and/or utilising interest rate derivatives. The table below shows the debt structure of the company after taking hedging derivatives into account.

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Interest rate analysis of debt		
Fixed rate	637.9	762.6
Variable rate	511.2	350.0
	1,149.1	1,112.6

The company's borrowings are held at amortised cost. The reference interest rates for the floating rate borrowings are London Inter-Bank Offer Rate ("LIBOR") and Bank of England Base Rate ("Base").

The variable rate debt consists of £200.0 million (2018 £350.0 million) LIBOR debt and £311.2 million (2018 £nil) loan linked to Base.

Sensitivity analysis on interest rate changes

The table below illustrates the impact on the annual interest rate charge considering various rate changes. The analysis assumes all other factors remain constant.

Debt category	Interest rate	Change in rate	Impact on interest rate charge	Impact on interest rate charge
			2019 £m	2018 £m
LIBOR debt	LIBOR	+0.25%	0.5	0.9
		+0.50%	1.0	1.8
		-0.25%	(0.5)	(0.9)
		-0.50%	(1.0)	(1.8)
Short-term variable rate debt	Base	+0.25%	0.8	-
		+0.50%	1.6	-
		-0.25%	(0.8)	-
		-0.50%	(1.6)	-

7 SHARE CAPITAL

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Allotted, called up and fully paid shares:		
300,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2018 300,000,000)	300.0	300.0

- (a) Holders of these ordinary shares are entitled to dividends as declared from time to time; amounts on the capitalisation of profits and reserves; and notice and attendance at general meetings of the company, with every member entitled to one vote on a show of hands and on a poll one vote for every share held.

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8 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDER OF SP DISTRIBUTION PLC

	Share capital £m	Retained earnings (Note(a)) £m	Total £m
At 1 April 2017	300.0	592.3	892.3
Profit for the year attributable to equity holders of SP Distribution plc	-	104.0	104.0
Dividends	-	(94.3)	(94.3)
At 1 April 2018	300.0	602.0	902.0
Adjustments due to IFRS 9	-	(0.3)	(0.3)
Adjusted balance at 1 April 2018	300.0	601.7	901.7
Profit for the year attributable to equity holders of SP Distribution plc	-	117.0	117.0
Dividends	-	(72.0)	(72.0)
At 31 March 2019	300.0	646.7	946.7

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

9 DEFERRED INCOME

	At 1 April 2017 £m	Receivable during year £m	Released to income statement £m	At 31 March 2018 £m	
Year ended 31 March 2018					
Transfer of assets from customers	611.1	37.0	(19.8)	628.3	
	At 1 April 2018 £m	Receivable during year £m	Released to income statement £m	At 31 March 2019 £m	
Year ended 31 March 2019	Note				
Transfer of assets from customers	(a)	628.3	21.5	(21.7)	628.1

(a) On first application of IFRS 15 on 1 April 2018, transfer of assets from customers is an IFRS 15 contract liability (refer to Note 14(c)).

10 PROVISIONS

		At 1 April 2017	Transfers	Utilised during year	At 31 March 2018	
		£m	£m	£m	£m	
Year ended 31 March 2018						
Overtime and commission	(a)	-	1.1	-	1.1	
Environmental costs	(b)	0.4	-	(0.2)	0.2	
		0.4	1.1	(0.2)	1.3	
		At 1 April 2018	New provisions	Utilised during year	Released during year	At 31 March 2019
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Year ended 31 March 2019						
Overtime and commission	(a)	1.1	0.2	(1.0)	(0.3)	-
Environmental costs	(b)	0.2	-	-	-	0.2
Insurance	(c)	-	0.7	-	-	0.7
		1.3	0.9	(1.0)	(0.3)	0.9
				2019	2018	
Analysis of total provisions				£m	£m	
Non-current				0.5	-	
Current				0.4	1.3	
				0.9	1.3	

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10 PROVISIONS *continued*

- (a) The provision for overtime and commission comprises probable holiday pay entitlements under the Working Time Regulations arising from commission and overtime. It relates to employees whose contracts of service were transferred from Power Systems on 1 January 2018, as part of the change in the role of Power Systems. This provision was fully utilised or released during the year.
- (b) The provision for environmental costs relates to obligations under the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations. Costs are expected to be incurred in the next financial year.
- (c) The provision for insurance principally represents the value of claims reserves. The provision is expected to be utilised between 2019 and 2020.

11 LOANS AND OTHER BORROWINGS

(a) Analysis by instrument and maturity

Instrument	Notes	Interest rate*	Maturity	2019 £m	2018 £m
Loans with Iberdrola group companies - SPUK		Base + 1%	On demand	311.2	-
Loans with Iberdrola group companies - SPL		LIBOR + 0.34%	17 December 2018	-	150.0
Loans with Iberdrola group companies - SPUK	(i), (ii)	3.416%	21 December 2022	170.0	255.0
Loans with Iberdrola group companies - SPUK	(i), (iii)	2.821%	31 March 2025	120.0	160.0
£350 million euro-sterling bond	(iv), (v)	5.875%	17 July 2026	347.9	347.6
Loans with Iberdrola group companies - SPUK	(i), (vi)	LIBOR + 0.78%	20 December 2027	200.0	200.0
				1,149.1	1,112.6

*Base -- Bank of England Base Rate; LIBOR -- London Inter-Bank Offer Rate

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Analysis of total loans and other borrowings		
Non-current	798.2	837.9
Current	350.9	274.7
	1,149.1	1,112.6

- (i) Under the conditions of the long-term loan agreements between the company and Scottish Power UK plc ("SPUK"), the company has an option, without fee or penalty, to make a repayment in whole or in part, of the then outstanding loan principal, plus accrued interest thereon, by providing SPUK with written notice at least five business days before the intended repayment date.
- (ii) The intercompany loan with SPUK that is repayable in December 2022, is repayable in equal instalments on a bi-annual basis. The repayment of £85.0 million that was due in 2019 is classified as current in the 2018 analysis above.
- (iii) The intercompany loan with SPUK that is repayable in March 2025, is repayable in equal instalments on a bi-annual basis. The repayment of £40.0 million that was due in 2019 is classified as current in the 2018 analysis above.
- (iv) This bond contains a 'Loss of licences' covenant that will require repayment of the outstanding amount should the company lose its relevant licences.
- (v) 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 company at a higher redemption price (as determined by a financial advisor appointed by the company and Fiscal Agent) giving 30 to 60 days' notice. The bond is shown net of finance costs of (£0.3) million (2018 £(0.3) million), which are classified as current in the analysis above.
- (vi) The intercompany loan with SPUK that is repayable in December 2027, is repayable in equal instalments on a bi-annual basis. The repayment of £40.0 million that is due in 2020 is classified as current in the 2019 analysis above.

(b) Borrowing facilities

The company has no undrawn committed borrowing facilities at 31 March 2019 (2018 £nil).

(c) Reconciliation of movements of liabilities to cash flows arising from financing activities

	Liabilities			
	Loans and other borrowings (Current)	Loans and other borrowings (Non-current)	Interest payable (Current) (Note (i))	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
At 1 April 2017	134.5	912.6	17.6	1,064.7
(Decrease)/increase in amounts due to Iberdrola group companies (Note (ii))	(134.8)	200.0	-	65.2
Interest paid	-	-	(36.5)	(36.5)
Total movements from financing cashflows	(134.8)	200.0	(36.5)	28.7
Other movements	275.0	(274.7)	37.0	37.3
Total liability-related movements	275.0	(274.7)	37.0	37.3
At 31 March 2018	274.7	837.9	18.1	1,130.7

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11 LOANS AND OTHER BORROWINGS *continued*

(c) Reconciliation of movements of liabilities to cash flows arising from financing activities *continued*

	Liabilities			Total £m
	Loans and other borrowings (Current) £m	Loans and other borrowings (Non-current) £m	Interest payable (Current) (Note (i)) £m	
At 1 April 2018	274.7	837.9	18.1	1,130.7
Increase in amounts due to Iberdrola group companies	36.2	-	-	36.2
Interest paid	-	-	(37.8)	(37.8)
Total movements from financing cash flows	36.2	-	(37.8)	(1.6)
Other movements	40.0	(39.7)	36.9	37.2
Total liability-related movements	40.0	(39.7)	36.9	37.2
At 31 March 2019	350.9	798.2	17.2	1,166.3

- (i) External interest payable of £14.5 million (2018 £14.5 million) and internal interest payable of £2.7 million (2018 £3.6 million) are included within Trade and other payables (refer to Note 12).
- (ii) The cash inflow in the cash flow statement for 'Net increase/(decrease) in amounts due to Iberdrola group companies -- current loans' of £42.5 million (2018 cash outflow of (£141.1) million) comprises an increase of £36.2 million (2018 decrease of £134.8 million) in current loans due to Iberdrola group companies (above) and a decrease of £6.3 million (2018 increase of £6.3 million) in current loans receivable from Iberdrola group companies (included within Trade and other receivables - refer to Note 5).

12 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Notes	2019 £m	2018 £m
Current trade and other payables:			
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies - trade		18.9	16.6
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies - interest		2.7	3.6
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies - other	(a)	10.4	10.4
Trade payables		46.5	53.5
Other taxes and social security		8.5	9.7
Payments received on account		50.3	31.2
Capital payables and accruals		6.5	4.0
Other payables	(a)	21.8	20.9
	(b)	165.6	149.9
Non-current other payables:			
Other payables		0.1	-
		0.1	-

- (a) The company utilises forms of collateral to manage its credit exposure in respect of the provision of network services. All collateral held is settled in cash. At 31 March 2019, the company held cash collateral of £15.9 million (2018 £14.6 million) of which £10.4 million (2018 £10.4 million) is payable to Iberdrola group companies.
- (b) Trade and other payables includes £50.3 million of IFRS 15 contract liabilities (refer to Note 14 (c)).
- (c) On 1 January 2018, as part of a change in the role of Power Systems, £10.2 million of trade and other payables was transferred to the company from Power Systems and an equivalent amount received as a cash inflow to the on demand group loan account.

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13 DEFERRED TAX

Deferred tax provided in the Accounts is as follows:

	Property, plant and equipment £m	Other temporary differences £m	Total £m
At 1 April 2017	162.6	-	162.6
Charge to the income statement	5.4	-	5.4
At 1 April 2018	168.0	-	168.0
Adjustments due to IFRS 9	-	(0.1)	(0.1)
Adjusted balance at 1 April 2018	168.0	(0.1)	167.9
Charge to the income statement	5.5	-	5.5
At 31 March 2019	173.5	(0.1)	173.4

- (a) Legislation has been enacted to reduce the rate of UK Corporation Tax to 17% on 1 April 2020. This reduces the tax rates expected to apply when temporary differences reverse and impacts the deferred tax charge.

14 REVENUE

The effect of the initial application of IFRS 15 on the Accounts is detailed in Note 1B2.1

(a) Disaggregation of revenue for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Total £m
Electricity distribution	416.5
Transfers of assets from customers	21.7
	438.2

All revenue is recognised over time and arises from operations within the UK.

(b) Accounting policies

The company recognises revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services.

(i) Electricity distribution

The company provides a service of making its distribution network available to customers. This performance obligation is satisfied over time as the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits of the company's performance as it makes the distribution network available. The company has a right to consideration in an amount that corresponds directly with the value to the customer of the company's performance to date. Revenue is therefore recognised in the amount to which the company has a right to invoice based on the amount of allowed revenue for the year set by the price control. Due to the nature of the electricity settlements industry process, revenue includes unbilled income recognised as a receivable relating to units transferred over the network but not yet invoiced at the end of the year. Invoices are raised a month in arrears and are typically settled within a month.

(ii) Transfers of assets from customers

Pursuant to the applicable industry regulations, the company occasionally receives contributions from its customers for the construction of grid connection facilities, or is assigned assets that must be used to connect those customers to a network. Both the cash received and the fair value of the facilities received are credited to Deferred income in the balance sheet (this is a contract liability). Revenue is subsequently recognised in line with the period over which the facilities are depreciated.

(c) Contract balances

	Notes	31 March 2019 £m	1 April 2018 £m
Receivables	(i)	58.6	57.3
Contract liabilities	(ii), (iii)	(678.4)	(659.5)

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14 REVENUE *continued*

(c) Contract balances *continued*

- (i) Included within Trade and other receivables (refer to Note 5).
- (ii) £628.1 million (1 April 2018 £628.3 million) of contract liabilities relates to the transfer of assets from customers which is recorded within Deferred income (refer to Note 9). The remainder is included with Trade and other payables (refer to Note 12).
- (iii) The movement in the contract liabilities in the year comprises an increase in transfers of assets from customers and payments on account of £40.6 million less contract liabilities recognised as income in the year of £21.7 million.
- (iv) £0.9 million of impairment losses were recognised during the year on receivables arising from the company's contracts with customers.

15 EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

(a) Staff costs

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Wages and salaries	40.5	10.9
Social security costs	4.3	1.2
Pension and other costs	12.2	3.3
Total staff costs	57.0	15.4
Less: capitalised staff costs	(44.3)	(8.7)
Charged to the income statement	12.7	6.7

- (i) The employee costs do not include the directors of the company as they do not have a contract of service with the company. The emoluments of all directors are included within the employee costs of other ScottishPower group companies. Details of directors' emoluments are set out in Note 23(c).
- (ii) On 1 January 2018, 797 staff had their contracts of service transferred from Power Systems to the company.

(b) Employee numbers

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

	Year end 2019	Average 2019	Year end 2018	Average 2018
Administrative staff	218	221	260	72
Operations	562	569	551	138
Total	780	790	811	210

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

	Year end 2019	Average 2019	Year end 2018	Average 2018
Total	776	785	805	208

(c) Pensions

The company's contributions payable in the year were £11.4 million (2018 £3.2 million). The company contributes to the ScottishPower group's defined benefit and defined contribution schemes in the UK and the contributions payable in the year reflect the contributions payable in respect of active participants in the group schemes who are employed by the company. Full details of these schemes are provided in the most recent Annual Report and Accounts of SPL. As at 31 December 2018, the deficit in ScottishPower's defined benefit schemes in the UK amounted to £512.7 million (2017 £564.8 million). The employer contribution rate for these schemes in the year ended 31 December 2018 was 45.0% - 48.0%.

16 TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAX

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Property taxes	35.8	34.8

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17 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION CHARGE, ALLOWANCES AND PROVISIONS

	2019 £m	2018 Restated* £m
Property, plant and equipment depreciation charge	107.1	101.6
Charges and provisions, allowances and impairment of assets	1.6	0.1
	108.7	101.7

* Comparative figures have been restated (refer to Note 182.2).

18 FINANCE COSTS

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Interest on amounts due to Iberdrola group companies	16.3	16.4
Interest on other borrowings	20.9	20.9
	37.2	37.3

19 INCOME TAX

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Current tax:		
UK Corporation tax on profits for the year	21.3	19.0
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	(0.3)
Current tax for the year	21.3	18.7
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	6.3	5.9
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(0.1)	0.1
Impact of tax rate change	(0.7)	(0.6)
Deferred tax for the year	5.5	5.4
Income tax expense for the year	26.8	24.1

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

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Corporation tax at 19% (2018 19%)	27.3	24.3
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(0.1)	(0.2)
Impact of tax rate change	(0.7)	(0.6)
Non - deductible expenses and other permanent differences	0.3	0.6
Income tax expense for the year	26.8	24.1

Legislation has been enacted to reduce the rate of UK Corporation Tax to 17% on 1 April 2020. This reduces the tax rates expected to apply when temporary differences reverse and impacts the deferred tax charge.

20 DIVIDENDS

	2019 pence per ordinary share	2018 pence per ordinary share	2019 £m	2018 £m
Interim dividend paid	24.0	31.4	72.0	94.3

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21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As part of the exercise to achieve legal separation of SPUK's businesses pursuant to the provision of the Utilities Act 2000, the company and other subsidiary companies of SPUK have provided guarantees to external lenders of SPUK for debt existing in that company at 1 October 2001. The value of debt guaranteed by these companies, which was still outstanding at 31 March 2019 was £1,047.9 million (2018 £1,037.9 million).

22 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Other contractual commitments

2019							
	2020 £m	2021 £m	2022 £m	2023 £m	2024 £m	2025 and thereafter £m	Total £m
Other contractual commitments	8.9	0.5	-	-	-	-	9.4
2018							
	2019 £m	2020 £m	2021 £m	2022 £m	2023 £m	2024 and thereafter £m	Total £m
Other contractual commitments	8.6	-	-	-	-	-	8.6

23 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

	2019			2018		
	UK parent (SPL)	Immediate parent (SPENH)	Other Iberdrola group companies	UK parent (SPL)	Immediate parent (SPENH)	Other Iberdrola group companies
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Types of transaction						
Sales and rendering of services	-	-	86.8	-	-	88.0
Purchases and receipt of services	-	-	(75.5)	-	-	(78.7)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	-	-	(1.8)	-	-	(143.7)
Transfers of inventories (Note (i))	-	-	-	-	-	(6.1)
Transfers of trade and other payables (Note (i))	-	-	-	-	-	10.2
Transfers of provisions (Note (i))	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Interest costs	(1.1)	-	(15.2)	(1.3)	-	(15.1)
Dividends paid	-	(72.0)	-	-	(94.3)	-
Balances outstanding						
Loans receivable	-	-	-	-	-	6.3
Trade and other receivables	-	-	17.0	-	-	13.6
Loans payable	-	-	(801.2)	(150.0)	-	(615.0)
Trade and other payables	-	-	(29.3)	-	-	(27.0)
Interest payable	-	-	(2.7)	(0.4)	-	(3.2)

- (i) On 1 January 2018, as part of a change in the role of Power Systems, £10.2 million of trade and other payables, £1.1 million of other provisions and £6.1 million of inventories was transferred to the company from Power Systems along with £5.2 million received as a cash inflow to the on demand group loan account.
- (ii) During the year ended 31 March 2019, SPUK made pension contributions of £11.4 million on behalf of the company (2018 £3.2 million).
- (iii) The amounts outstanding are unsecured and will be settled in cash. No guarantees have been given or received in relation to the above related party transactions.

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(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 Energy Networks, it has not been possible to apportion the remuneration specifically in respect of services to this company. Of the 13 (2018 13) key management personnel 12 (2018 13) were remunerated by other ScottishPower group companies during the year.

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Short-term employee benefits	1,862	1,862
Post-employment benefits	328	465
Share-based payments	1,028	1,700
	3,218	4,027

(c) Directors' remuneration

The total remuneration of the directors that provided qualifying services to the company are shown below. As these directors are remunerated for their work for Energy Networks, it has not been possible to apportion the remuneration specifically in respect of services to this company. Of the seven (2018 six) directors six (2018 six) were remunerated by other ScottishPower group companies during the year.

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Executive directors		
Aggregate remuneration in respect of qualifying services	1,270	1,141
Number of directors who exercised share options	3	2
Number of directors who received shares under a long-term incentive scheme	3	3
Number of directors accruing retirement benefits under a defined benefit scheme	3	2

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Highest paid director		
Aggregate remuneration	714	619
Accrued pension benefits	99	96

- (i) The highest paid director received shares under a long-term incentive scheme during both years.
(ii) The highest paid director exercised share options during both years.

(d) Ultimate and immediate parent company

The immediate parent company is SPENH. The registered office of SPENH is Ochil House, 10 Technology Avenue, Hamilton International Technology Park, Blantyre, G72 0HT.

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 UK plc ("SPUK").

Copies of the consolidated Accounts of Iberdrola, S.A. may be obtained from the registered office of the company at Iberdrola, S.A., Torre Iberdrola, Plaza Euskadi 5, 48009, Bilbao, Spain. Copies of the consolidated Accounts of SPUK may be obtained from its registered office, 320 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5AD.

Apart from the parent undertakings disclosed above, the company has no other related undertakings.

24 AUDITOR REMUNERATION

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Audit of the company's annual accounts and regulatory accounts	0.1	0.1

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25 GOING CONCERN

The company'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 11.

The company has recorded a profit after tax in both the current year and previous financial year and the company's balance sheet shows that it has net current liabilities of £452.2 million and net assets of £946.7 million at its most recent balance sheet date.

The company is ultimately owned by Iberdrola, S.A. and it participates in the Iberdrola group's centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking facilities with its parent companies and fellow subsidiaries. As a consequence, the company depends, in part, on the ability of the Iberdrola group to continue as a going concern. The directors have considered the company'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 does not have the ability to and will not continue to fund the company, should it become necessary, to enable it to continue in operational existence.

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