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# **AGL Energy Limited**

2010 Interim Results 6 months to 31 December 2009

Delivering growth from the core

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### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

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# Half Year 2010 Highlights

Delivering growth from the core.

- > Underlying profit up 22.0%
- > Strong result from Retail Energy up 25.9%
- > Excellent wind farm performance, 450,000 MWh generated
- > Significant improvement in Loy Yang A profitability
- > 2P gas reserve entitlement up 18.2% to 1,308PJ
- > LTIFR down 25.9% from 2.7 to 2.0
- > Strong cash flow
- > Dividend increased to 29.0 cents per share up 11.5%









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## Interim 2010 Results

## Retail delivers strong growth.

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\$3,200.8m

**1** 6.9%

Underlying NPAT:

\$234.8m

**1** 22.0%

Statutory Profit:

\$183.7m

♦ 88.9%

Underlying EPS:

52.4 cps

**1** 21.0%

EBITDA / Net Interest:

15.9x (Dec 08: 7.3x)

**↑** 8.6x

Fully Franked, Interim Dividend:

29.0 cps (Dec 08: 26.0 cps)

**11.5%** 

# **OPERATIONAL**

- > Strong Retail result despite impact of warm winter on sales volumes. Key drivers:
  - > Increasing retail mass market gross margin per customer (up 16.8%),
  - > Increasing commercial & industrial gross margin (up 74.5%),
  - > Growth in dual fuel customers (up 76,500), and
  - > Unbilled customers at historic lows (down 85%)
- > Excellent availability of generation
- > High capacity factors across wind farm portfolio
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# **Group Financials**

Stephen Mikkelsen Chief Financial Officer



# Profit & Loss (excluding significant items & fair value movements)

Result on track to deliver 2010 profit guidance.

| 6 months to<br>\$m                                     | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change  |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Revenue  | 3,200.8     | 2,994.2     | 6.9%    |
| Operating EBITDA                                       | 425.7       | 443.9       | (4.1%)  |
| Operating EBIT   |             |             |         |
| Retail   | 183.5       | 145.7       | 25.9%   |
| Merchant   | 195.1       | 215.5       | (9.5%)  |
| Upstream Gas (incl. pro forma adjustment) <sup>1</sup> | 3.0         | 28.4        | (89.4%) |
| Energy Investments                                     | 43.4        | 33.0        | 31.5%   |
| Centrally managed expenses                             | (66.1)      | (63.5)      | 4.1%    |
| Total operating EBIT <sup>2</sup>                      | 358.9       | 359.1       | (0.1%)  |
| Less: Net finance costs                                | (26.8)      | (60.9)      | (56.0%) |
| Profit before tax                                      | 332.1       | 298.2       | 11.4%   |
| Less: Income tax expense                               | (97.3)      | (105.7)     | (7.9%)  |
| Underlying NPAT  | 234.8       | 192.5       | 22.0%   |

<sup>1.</sup> PNG D&A \$0.0m (Dec 08: \$27.0m).

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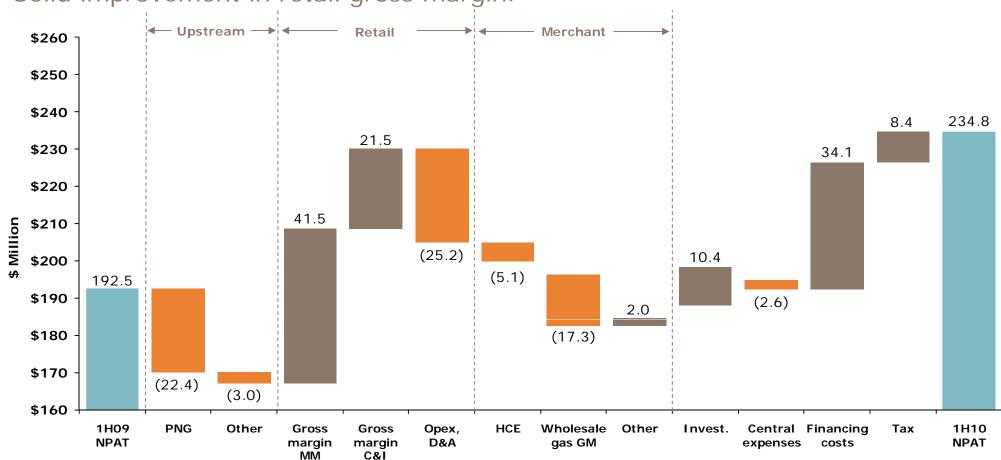


<sup>2. 10.1%</sup> EBIT growth from continuing operations (excluding PNG and Elgas).

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# **Group Underlying NPAT**

Solid improvement in retail gross margin.



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# Retail – Key Financial Metrics

Strong gross margin result partially offset by higher operating costs.

| 6 months to<br>\$m             | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Electricity Revenue            | 1,953.1     | 1,675.0     | 16.6%  |
| Gas Revenue                    | 771.9       | 809.9       | (4.7%) |
| Other Revenue (Fees & Charges) | 31.1        | 25.4        | 22.4%  |
| Total Revenue                  | 2,756.1     | 2,510.3     | 9.8%   |
| Cost of Sales <sup>1</sup>     | (2,382.8)   | (2,205.7)   | 8.0%   |
| Gross Margin                   | 373.3       | 304.6       | 22.6%  |
| Operating Costs (excl. D&A)    | (169.4)     | (143.3)     | 18.2%  |
| Operating EBITDA               | 203.9       | 161.3       | 26.4%  |
| D&A                            | (20.4)      | (15.6)      | 30.8%  |
| Operating EBIT                 | 183.5       | 145.7       | 25.9%  |

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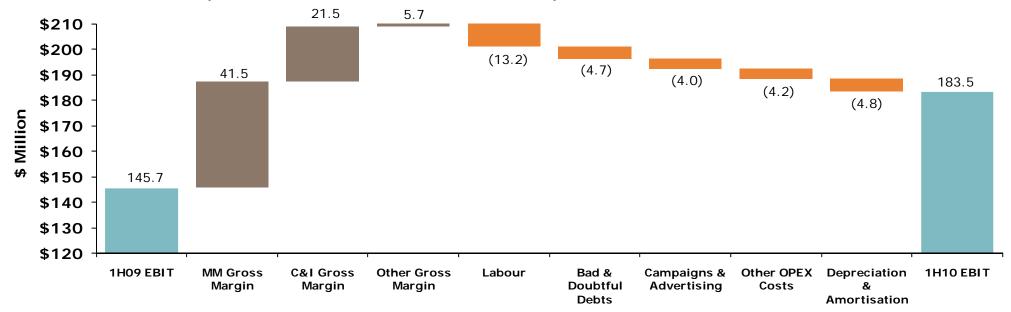


<sup>1.</sup> Includes \$1,144.1m electricity COGS (\$1,023.2m Dec 08) & \$367.7m gas COGS (\$400.7m Dec 08) transfer price from Merchant.

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# Retail - EBIT Drivers

Focus on value per customer drives EBIT improvement.



### Key drivers:

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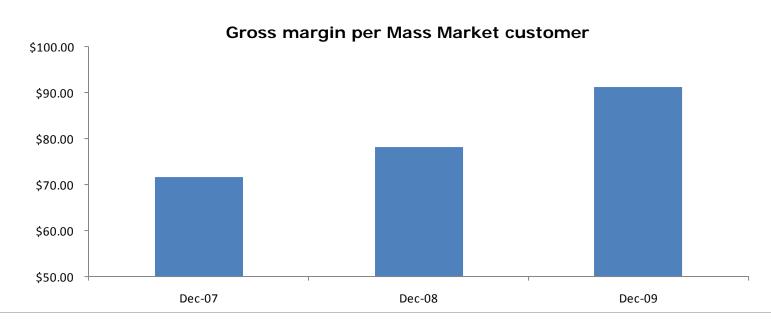
- > Despite a mild winter period where gas sales were down by 13.3% on the previous year, mass market gross margin performed strongly to the prior period. Increases were primarily driven by regulatory and contract price outcomes as well as targeting of higher value segments.
- > C&I gross margin increases due to targeting higher value customers through acquisition and recontracting activities.
- Increased labour costs to achieve billing improvements, service improvements, gross margin improvements and growth in new connections.
- > Higher bad and doubtful debt expenses were observed in the period largely due to the increase in the revenue base.
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# Retail – Key Operating Metrics

Gross margin per Mass Market customer up 16.8%; still not sufficient.

| 6 months to                             | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Mass Market gross margin (\$m)          | 291.6       | 250.2       | 16.5%  |
| Avg Mass Market customer numbers ('000) | 3,190       | 3,196       | (0.2%) |
| Gross margin per Mass Market customer   | \$91.41     | \$78.27     | 16.8%  |



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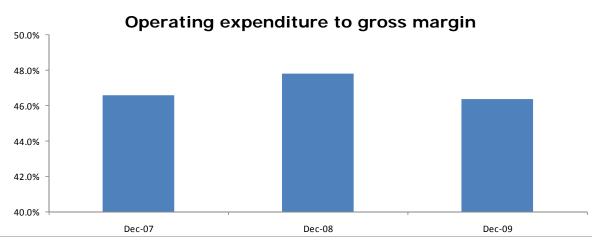
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# Retail – Key Operating Metrics

Operating expenditure to gross margin improvement of 1.4ppts.

| 6 months to<br>\$m                          | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change  |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Operating costs                             | (169.4)     | (143.3)     | 18.2%   |
| Depreciation and amortisation               | (20.4)      | (15.6)      | 30.8%   |
| Less fees and charges                       | 31.1        | 25.4        | 22.4%   |
| Net operating expenditure                   | (158.7)     | (133.5)     | 18.9%   |
| Gross margin                                | 373.3       | 304.6       | 22.6%   |
| Less fees and charges                       | 31.1        | 25.4        | 22.4%   |
| Gross margin less fees and charges          | 342.2       | 279.2       | 22.6%   |
| Operating expenditure to gross margin ratio | 46.4%       | 47.8%       | 1.4ppts |



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# Merchant – Key Financial Metrics

# Solid underlying result.

| 6 months to<br>\$m   | 31 Dec 2009           | 31 Dec 2008          | Change                      |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Operating EBITDA   | 225.4                 | 244.9                | (8.0%)                      |
| D & A  | (30.3)                | (29.4)               | 3.1%                        |
| EBIT Energy Portfolio Management (EPM) <sup>1</sup> Wholesale Electricity Gross Margin Wholesale Gas Gross Margin Eco-markets Gross Margin | 179.7<br>48.3<br>13.8 | 185.5<br>65.6<br>5.1 | (3.1%)<br>(26.4%)<br>170.6% |
| EPM Operating Expenses   | (12.8)                | (16.1)               | (20.5%)                     |
| Merchant Operations  | (50.0)                | (48.6)               | 2.9%                        |
| Energy Services  | 6.7                   | 13.9                 | (51.8%)                     |
| Power Development <sup>2</sup>   | 14.7                  | 14.2                 | 3.5%                        |
| Sundry   | (5.3)                 | (4.1)                | 29.3%                       |
| Operating EBIT   | 195.1                 | 215.5                | (9.5%)                      |

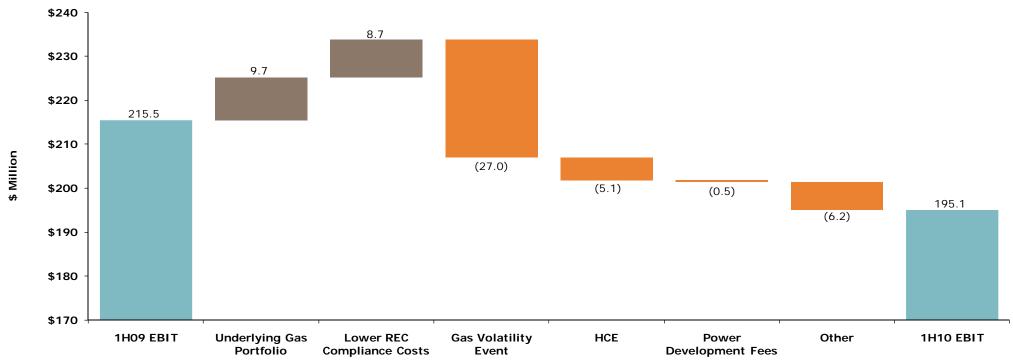
- 1. EPM operating expenses were previously reported in each of the EPM segments including Wholesale Electricity, Wholesale Gas and Eco-markets.
- 2. Includes development fees of \$16.0m (Dec 08: \$16.5m).
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## Merchant – EBIT Drivers

Gas volatility event affects prior half year comparison.



### **Key Drivers:**

- > Gas Volatility Event 1H09 included an LNG sales event of \$27.0 million arising from extreme Victorian pool prices in November 2008
- > Underlying Gas Portfolio effective management resulted in lower gas purchase costs in 1H10
- > Lower REC Compliance costs 1H10 benefitting from lower green compliance costs driven by lower REC prices
- > HC Extraction lower LPG prices and volumes
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# Underlying Operating Cash Flow<sup>1</sup>

Focus on cash flow yielding good results.

| 6 months to<br>\$m                                  | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Statutory net cash provided by operating activities | 126.8       | 266.5       |
| Cash flow relating to significant items             | 17.9        | 32.2        |
| Futures margin calls                                | (14.5)      | 10.7        |
| Timing of Hallett 1 construction payments           | -           | 23.6        |
| Underlying operating cash flow                      | 130.2       | 333.0       |
| Income tax paid / (refunded)                        | 181.9       | (59.3)      |
| Underlying operating cash flow before tax           | 312.1       | 273.7       |

- 1. See Supplementary Information for reconciliation of EBITDA to statutory cash flow.
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# **Financial Ratios**

## AGL a stable BBB rated entity.

- > BBB stable credit rating
- Discussions with S&P regarding treatment of wind farm PPAs are continuing:
  - » Expect outcome prior to 30 June 2010

| As at  | 31 Dec 2009 |
|--|-------------|
| FFO / interest cover (times) <sup>1</sup>              | 9.8         |
| FFO / interest cover S&P Adjusted (times) <sup>2</sup> | 5.7         |
| FFO to debt (times) <sup>1</sup>                       | 0.47        |
| FFO to debt S&P Adjusted (times) <sup>2</sup>          | 0.20        |
| Net debt / (Net debt + Equity)                         | 8.1%        |
| EBITDA / Net Interest (times)                          | 15.9        |

- 1. Adjustments as applied by Standard & Poor's excluding the notional adjustment for Operating Lease Agreements and Power Purchasing Agreements.
- 2. Adjustments as applied by Standard & Poor's.
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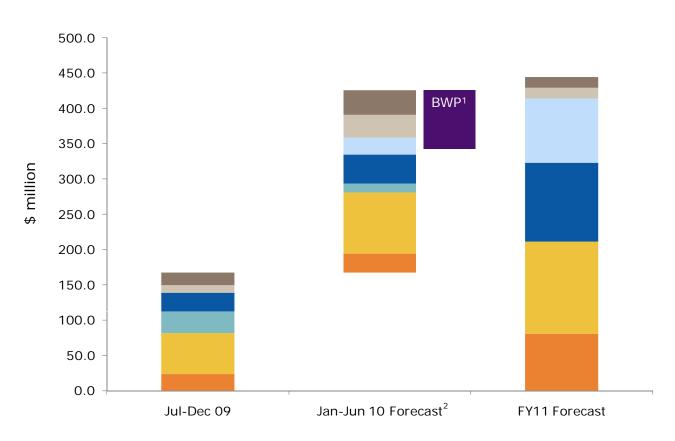
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# Capital Expenditure Committed Projects

Investing for future growth.



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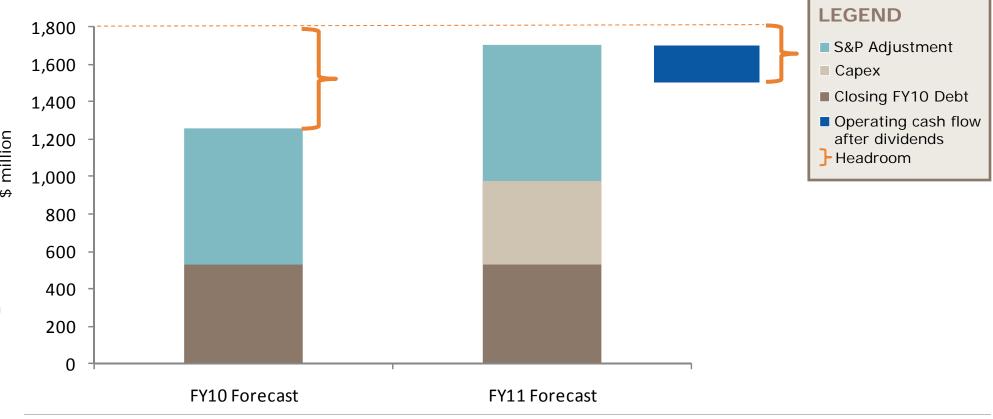
- Stay In Business
- Upstream Gas
- Oaklands
- Hallett 5
- Bogong
- Retail
- Other

- 1. Proceeds from expected sale of Berwyndale to Wallumbilla Pipeline (BWP).
- 2. ~\$100m delayed capex in FY10 compared to FY09 result forecast.
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# **Debt Capacity**

Excluding NSW privatisation, AGL has ample headroom to fund growth over the medium term.



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# **Operational Review**

Michael Fraser Managing Director & CEO

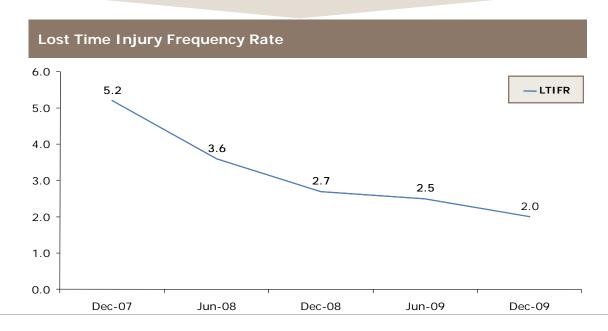


# People & Safety

Employee safety, engagement & capability – a strategic priority.

### Delivering on our three people initiatives:

- 1. Attract, retain and develop talent
- 2. Enable a high performance culture
- 3. Continued improvement in safety performance



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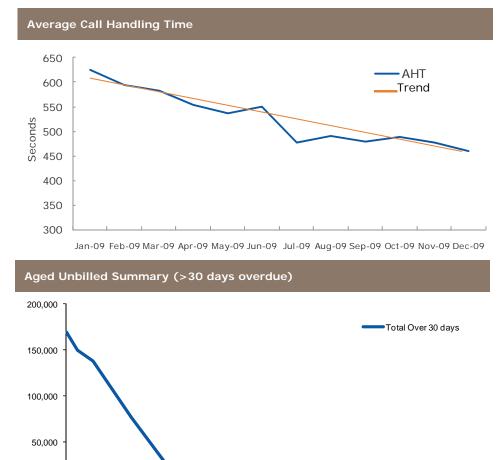
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# Retail – Improving Core Operations Good progress on Customer Service. Average Ca

- > Ongoing productivity and billing performance improvements:
  - » Average call handling times reduced to 470 seconds, in-line with expectations
  - » Unbilled customers are at historical low levels and customers >30 days overdue are immaterial
- Focus on growing margins, reducing costs and leveraging customer segmentation insights
- > Opex to Gross Margin improved by 1.4 ppts to December 2009
- Opex to Gross Margin forecast for FY10 in range of 48% to 50%



Aug-09 Sep-09 Oct-09 Nov-09 Dec-09

Apr-09 May-09 Jun-09

Jul-09



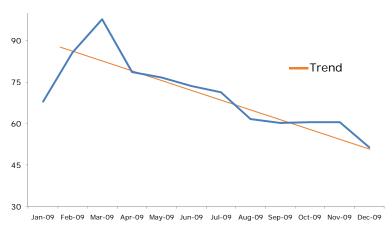
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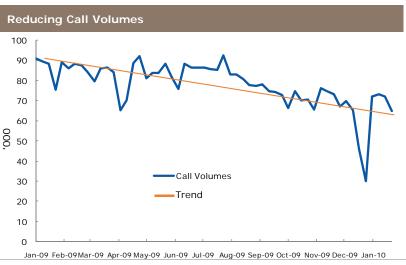
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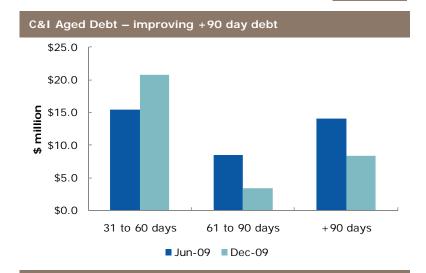
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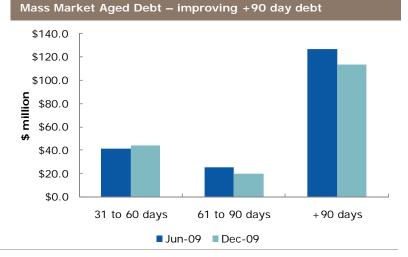
# Retail - Improving Core Operations

### Reducing Ombudsman Complaints per 10,000 customers









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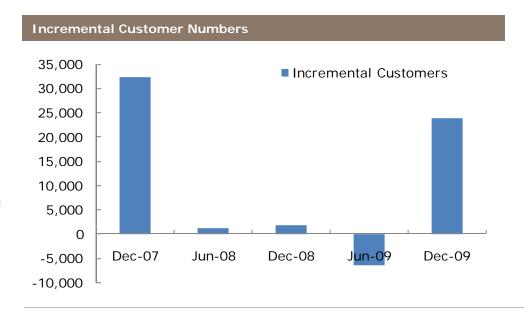


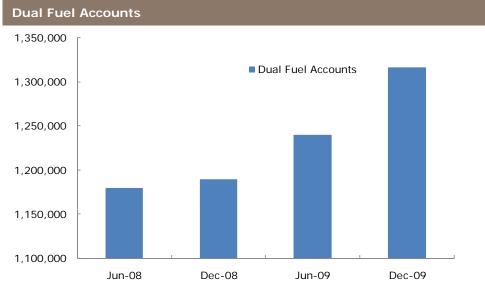
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# Retail – Customer growth

Accelerating growth in dual fuel customers.

- > Customer numbers up 23,800 (+0.7%) to 3.22 million
- > AGL churn at 14.8% better than market churn at 18.1%
- > Strong growth in Dual Fuel accounts, up 76,500 (+6.2%)



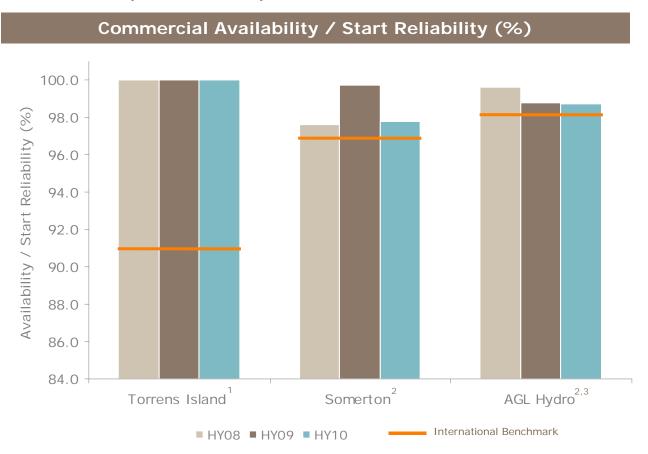


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## **Merchant Generation**

Excellent operational performance.



Operational performance continues to exceed international benchmarks, despite the continuing impacts of drought on hydro assets (Eildon with reduced capacity and Dartmouth off-line).

- Commercial availability is used to measure Torrens Island performance, and represents the percentage of times the plant is available to operate when required.
- Start reliability is used to measure the performance of Somerton and AGL Hydro. Start Reliability is the percentage of times the plant started successfully when asked to start.
- NERC North American Electric Reliability Corporation 5 Year average for Hydro facilities adjusted for the difference in operating regime between the North American fleet and AGL's fleet which operate as peaking plant which increases the frequency of starts and stops.

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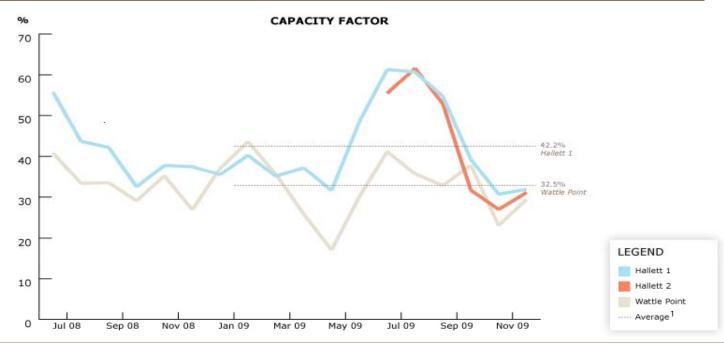


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## Merchant Generation - Wind farms

# Operational performance exceeds investment assumptions.

| Six months to 31 December 2009        | Unit | Wattle Point | Hallett 1 | Hallett 2 <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------------------------|------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Capacity                              | MW   | 90.8         | 94.5      | 71.4                   |
| Availability                          | %    | 95.4         | 95.9      | 93.5                   |
| Generated Energy <sup>3</sup>         | MWh  | 113,390      | 195,300   | 141,400                |
| Capacity Factor - Actual <sup>4</sup> | %    | 34.5         | 48.0      | 45.6                   |



### **Notes**

- 1. Capacity Factor (average) shown is for period 1/01/09-31/12/09.
- 2. Plant still in commissioning
- 3. Energy generated at node
- 4. Season variation impacts capacity factor

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## Generation – Wind farms

Long term customer contracts underpin entire wind portfolio.

### Melbourne Water contract win February 2010

- > 15 year contract
- > Supply of up to 180GWh p.a. plus associated RECs
- > Firm price with inbuilt escalators

### AGL's major renewable energy contracts

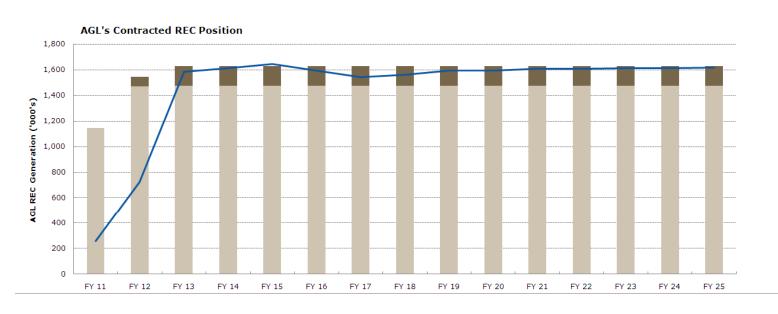
- > Victorian Desal Plant: Up to 860GWh p.a.
- > SA Desal Plant: Up to 500GWh p.a.
- > Melbourne Water: Up to 180GWh p.a.
- > Total: Up to 1,540GWh p.a.

### 1.6m RECs p.a. required to satisfy customer contracts Committed wind farms cover ~90% of contracted RECs

- 91 MW Wattle Point
- 95 MW Hallett 1
- 71 MW Hallett 2
- 67 MW Oaklands
- 132 MW Hallett 4

### Full contract coverage requires additional capacity

52 MW Hallett 5



### **LEGEND**

- Committed Wind Farms
- Hallett 5
- Long Term Customer Contracts

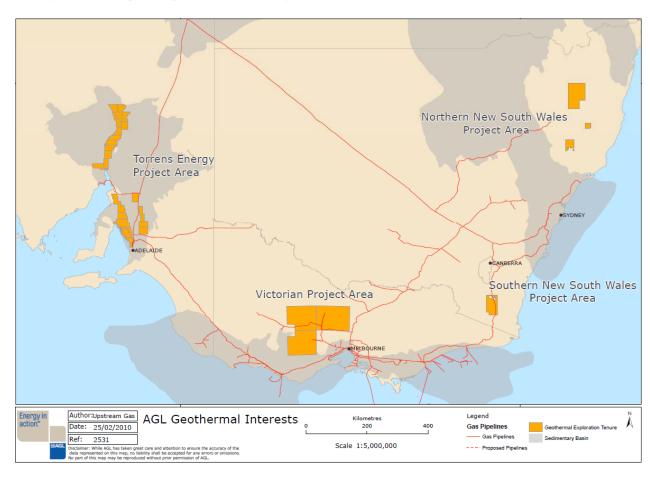
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# AGL's Geothermal Investments

Diversified portfolio - technically and geographically.

- NSW awarded 4 geothermal exploration permits
- VIC awarded 3 geothermal exploration permits
- SA 10% investment in Torrens Energy
  - Geothermal alliance agreement provides AGL rights to 50% JV interest in geothermal projects
- > Long term base load potential





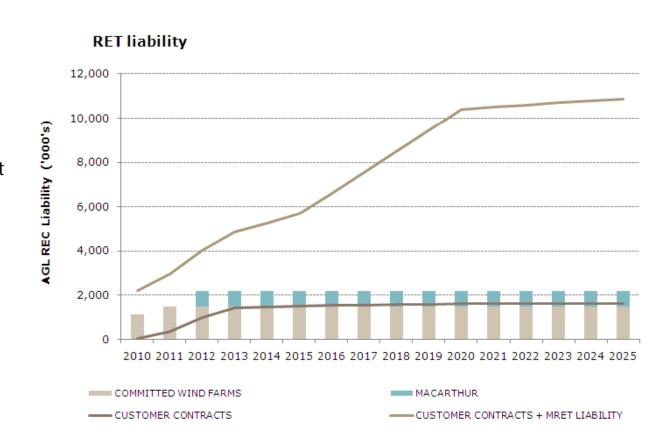
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# Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) obligations

Appropriate regulatory settings required to facilitate investment.

- > Macarthur (365MW) on hold
- Federal legislation requires
   AGL to surrender
   approximately 9 million RECs
   per annum by 2020
- > Strong pipeline of development opportunities
- Proven capability in site selection, project development and performance
- Development pipeline delayed until improved MRET policy framework



- 1. Excludes long-term supply agreements and Voluntary REC demands.
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# Upstream Gas – Positioning For Growth

Exploration program slowed in line with current gas market conditions.

- > Targeting 2,000PJ of certified 2P reserves
- > 2P reserves entitlement up 18% (201PJ); 3P reserves entitlement up 36% (839PJ)
- > Camden reflects production depletion only; reserves certification at Camden and Gloucester is planned for the end of financial year

| AGL share of CSG reserves      | As at | As at 31 Dec 09 |       | As at 31 Dec 09 As at 30 Jun 09 |      | 30 Jun 09 | Change |  |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------------|------|-----------|--------|--|
| PJ                             | 2P    | 3P              | 2P    | 3P                              | 2P   | 3P        |        |  |
| Moranbah (50%)                 | 506   | 1,027           | 497   | 1,079                           | 2%   | -5%       |        |  |
| Gloucester (100%)              | 423   | 630             | 423   | 630                             | -    | -         |        |  |
| Camden (100%)                  | 126   | 170             | 129   | 173                             | -2%  | -2%       |        |  |
| Spring Gully (various, small)  | 7     | 9               | 7     | 9                               | -    | -         |        |  |
| Sub-Total                      | 1,062 | 1,836           | 1,056 | 1,891                           | 1%   | -3%       |        |  |
| ATP 364P back-in rights (50%)* | 246   | 1,307           | 51    | 413                             | 382% | 216%      |        |  |
| Total                          | 1,308 | 3,143           | 1,107 | 2,304                           | 18%  | 36%       |        |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Under a 50-year project agreement that commenced in 2000, AGL has no effective exploration rights (or ongoing cost obligations) within exploration tenement ATP 364P as these were assigned to Arrow Energy Limited. However, AGL is entitled to participate up to a 50% interest in any commercial development by contributing its share of past costs. Past costs are anticipated to be less than \$0.05/GJ.

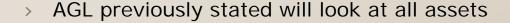
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# NSW electricity privatisation

Disciplined bidding approach if process proceeds.



- Only bid for assets if accretive to EPS
- Maintain BBB credit rating
- Capital raising, if required, likely to be an entitlement offer favouring existing shareholders









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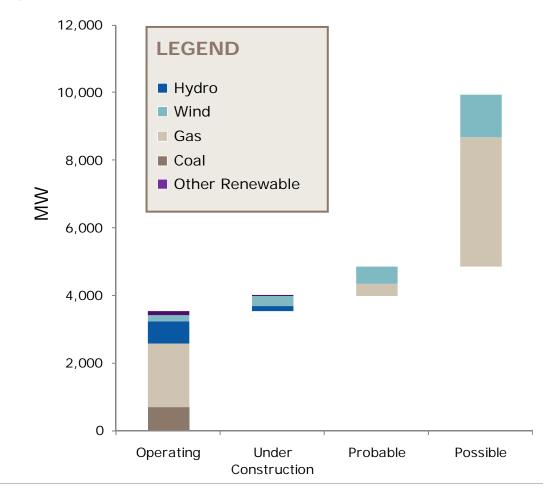


# Generation Growth Options<sup>1</sup>

Strong pipeline of Gas & Renewable generation.

- > Existing portfolio of generation assets:
  - » Strategically well-positioned with installed capacity of 3,530 MW
  - » Diversified portfolio of assets diminish exposure to extreme weather
- > Fundamental change in generation mix
  - » Strong growth in Renewable generation assuming revised policies
  - » OCGT peaking plant required ahead of CCGT base plant
- Oaklands, Hallett 4 and Hallett 5 under construction
- > High-quality wind farm sites secured





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# Summary

Strong start to FY10.

- Excellent performance by Retail Energy
  - » Significant progress on improving customer service issues
  - » Well-positioned to continue acquiring high value customers
- Merchant Energy delivered solid result
- > Upstream Gas executing strategy on enhancing gas reserves
- > Ample balance sheet capacity to fund growth over medium term
- > Growth in dividend reflecting strong start to the year
- > On track to meet FY10 earnings guidance
  - » Underlying NPAT of between \$390 million to \$420 million









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# Supplementary Information



# Operating EBITDA to Statutory Cash Flow Reconciliation

| 6 months to<br>\$m   | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Operating EBITDA   | 425.7       | 443.9       |
| Equity accounting  | (19.1)      | 4.6         |
| Onerous gas contract   | (10.4)      | (10.4)      |
| Receivables  | 67.7        | 125.5       |
| Net movement in green assets / liabilities                   | 2.9         | 2.0         |
| Inventories  | (33.1)      | (4.4)       |
| Net PNG oil & foreign exchange hedge payments                | -           | (8.8)       |
| Creditors  | (23.3)      | (146.9)     |
| Futures margin calls   | 14.5        | (10.7)      |
| Net derivative premiums paid / roll-offs                     | (27.7)      | (58.7)      |
| Net movement in GST recoverable / payable                    | (31.7)      | 5.4         |
| Timing of Hallett 1 construction payments                    | -           | (23.6)      |
| Other  | (10.0)      | (15.1)      |
| Total working capital movements                              | (40.7)      | (135.3)     |
| Operating cash flow before interest, tax & significant items | 355.5       | 302.8       |
| Net finance costs  | (28.9)      | (63.4)      |
| Tax (paid) / refunded  | (181.9)     | 59.3        |
| Cash flow relating to significant items                      | (17.9)      | (32.2)      |
| Statutory net cash provided by operating activities          | 126.8       | 266.5       |

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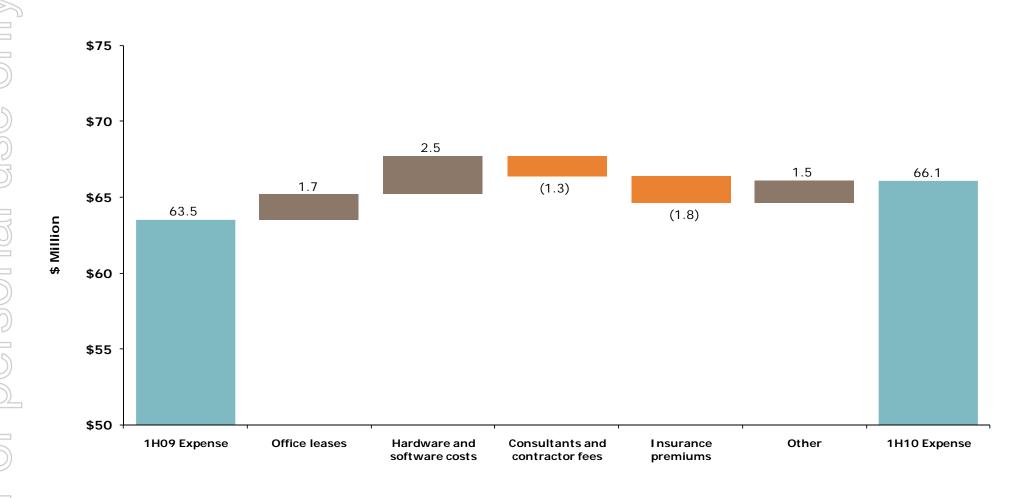
# **Energy Investments**

| 6 months to<br>\$m | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| EBIT               |             |             |        |
| ActewAGL           | 17.5        | 17.1        | 2.3%   |
| Elgas <sup>1</sup> | -           | 10.6        | -      |
| Loy Yang           | 22.8        | 2.5         | 812.0% |
| Investments Other  | 3.1         | 2.8         | 10.7%  |
| Total EBIT         | 43.4        | 33.0        | 31.5%  |

- 1. AGL disposed of its 50% ownership interest in Elgas on 2 October 2008.
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### Centrally Managed Expenditure



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# Significant Items<sup>1</sup>

| 6 months to 31 Dec 2009<br>\$m | Pre Tax | Tax   | After Tax |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Phoenix change program costs   | (11.7)  | 3.5   | (8.2)     |
| Other                          | (6.2)   | (0.3) | (6.5)     |
| Total significant items        | (17.9)  | 3.2   | (14.7)    |

- 1. Full detail in Appendix 4D, Section 2.
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# Capital Expenditure

| 6 months to 31 Dec 09<br>\$m | SIB  | Discretionary | Total |
|------------------------------|------|---------------|-------|
| Merchant Energy              | 19.0 | 92.8          | 111.8 |
| Upstream Gas                 | -    | 58.2          | 58.2  |
| Retail Energy                | -    | 11.3          | 11.3  |
| Corporate Other              | -    | 9.1           | 9.1   |
| Total                        | 19.0 | 171.4         | 190.4 |



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### **Debt Position**

> No group debt maturing until October 2011

| Facilities @ 31 Dec 2009 \$m        | Limit   | Usage   | Available | Maturity |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Current                             |         |         |           |          |
| Nil                                 | N/A     | N/A     | N/A       | N/A      |
| Non Current                         |         |         |           |          |
| Term facilities Tranche C           | 886.7   | 886.7   | -         | Oct 11   |
| Term facilities Tranche A           | 200.0   | 200.0   | -         | Jun 12   |
| Revolving credit facility Tranche B | 600.0   | -       | 600.0     | Jun 12   |
| Total debt facilities               | 1,686.7 | 1,086.7 | 600.0     |          |
| Cash                                | -       | 576.5   | -         |          |
| Net Debt                            | -       | 510.2   | -         |          |



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### **Balance Sheet**

| As at<br>\$m                  | 31 Dec 2009 | 30 Jun 2009 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current assets                | 2,594.4     | 2,473.7     |
| PPE, E&E and oil & gas assets | 2,876.7     | 2,974.2     |
| Other non current assets      | 3,561.4     | 3,586.8     |
| Total Assets                  | 9,032.5     | 9,034.7     |
| Current liabilities           | 1,505.9     | 1,505.7     |
| Total debt                    | 1,099.0     | 1,120.2     |
| Other non current liabilities | 482.3       | 563.1       |
| Total Liabilities             | 3,087.2     | 3,189.0     |
| Net Assets                    | 5,945.3     | 5,845.7     |
| Contributed equity            | 4,048.6     | 4,030.3     |
| Reserves                      | 24.4        | 13.0        |
| Retained earnings             | 1,872.3     | 1,802.4     |
| Total Equity                  | 5,945.3     | 5,845.7     |



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### Fair Value Reconciliation

| As at  | Net /       | Net Assets (Liabilities) |        |  |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|--------|--|
| \$m  | 31 Dec 2009 | 30 Jun 2009              | Change |  |
|  |             |                          |        |  |
| Electricity derivative contracts                           | (84.1)      | (48.2)                   | (35.9) |  |
| Interest rate swap & foreign currency derivative contracts | (8.6)       | (22.8)                   | 14.2   |  |
| Total net liabilities for derivative contracts             | (92.7)      | (71.0)                   | (21.7) |  |
| Change in derivative net liability                         | (21.7)◀     |                          |        |  |
| Premiums paid  | (65.1)      |                          |        |  |
| Equity accounted fair value                                | 2.3         |                          |        |  |
| Premium roll off   | 37.4        |                          |        |  |
| Total change in fair value                                 | (47.1)      |                          |        |  |
|  |             |                          |        |  |
| Recognised in equity hedge reserve                         | 5.7         |                          |        |  |
| Recognised in profit and loss                              | (52.8)      |                          |        |  |
| Total change in fair value                                 | (47.1)      |                          |        |  |



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### Gas Sales Volume

| 6 months to<br>PJ                             | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change  |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Mass Market                                   |             |             |         |
| VIC   | 15.9        | 18.9        | (15.9%) |
| SA  | 1.1         | 1.1         | 0.0%    |
| NSW   | 13.4        | 15.3        | (12.4%) |
| QLD   | 1.5         | 1.5         | 0.0%    |
| Mass Market Total                             | 31.9        | 36.8        | (13.3%) |
| C & I   |             |             |         |
| VIC   | 13.3        | 17.1        | (22.2%) |
| SA  | 1.9         | 1.0         | 90.0%   |
| NSW   | 20.0        | 23.7        | (15.6%) |
| QLD   | 7.6         | 6.7         | 13.4%   |
| C & I Total                                   | 42.8        | 48.6        | (11.9%) |
| Wholesale Customers & Generation <sup>1</sup> | 35.8        | 38.1        | (6.0%)  |
| Total   | 110.5       | 123.5       | (10.5%) |

<sup>1.</sup> Includes volumes sold to TIPS and Yabulu during half year Dec 09 13.7PJ (Dec 08 17.3PJ). Decrease due to lower generation.

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## **Electricity Sales Volume**

| 6 months to<br>GWh        | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change  |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Mass Market               |             |             |         |
| VIC                       | 2,595       | 2,559       | 1.4%    |
| SA                        | 1,704       | 1,650       | 3.3%    |
| NSW                       | 1,566       | 1,304       | 20.1%   |
| QLD                       | 1,713       | 1,837       | (6.8%)  |
| Mass Market Total         | 7,578       | 7,350       | 3.1%    |
| C & I                     |             |             |         |
| VIC                       | 3,011       | 2,935       | 2.6%    |
| SA                        | 1,517       | 1,235       | 22.8%   |
| NSW                       | 2,712       | 2,642       | 2.6%    |
| QLD                       | 2,770       | 3,215       | (13.8%) |
| C & I Total               | 10,010      | 10,027      | (0.2%)  |
| Total (excl. ActewAGL )   | 17,588      | 17,377      | 1.2%    |
| Purchased volume ActewAGL | 1,563       | 1,501       | 4.1%    |



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### Retail - Mass Market Key Indicators (includes SME)

| 6 months to<br>Electricity  | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Volume (GWh)                | 7,578       | 7,350       | 3.1%    |
| Mass Market Accounts ('000) | 1,824       | 1,791       | 1.8%    |
| Revenue (\$m)               | 1,084.2     | 921.7       | 17.6%   |
| Gross Margin (\$m)          | 185.9       | 155.8       | 19.3%   |
| Gross Margin                | 17.1%       | 16.9%       | 1.2%    |
| 6 months to<br>Gas          |             |             |         |
| Volume (PJ)                 | 31.9        | 36.8        | (13.3%) |
| Mass Market Accounts ('000) | 1,380       | 1,407       | (2.0%)  |
| Revenue (\$m)               | 522.9       | 548.7       | (4.7%)  |
| Gross Margin (\$m)          | 105.7       | 94.4        | 12.0%   |
| Gross Margin                | 20.2%       | 17.2%       | 17.4%   |



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## Retail – C & I Key Indicators

| 6 months to<br>Electricity | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change  |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Volume (GWh)               | 10,010      | 10,027      | (0.2%)  |
| C & I Accounts ('000)      | 15.4        | 13.8        | 11.6%   |
| Revenue (\$m)              | 868.9       | 753.4       | 15.3%   |
| Gross Margin (\$m)         | 27.7        | 12.6        | 119.8%  |
| \$ / MWh                   | \$2.77      | \$1.26      | 120.2%  |
| 6 months to<br>Gas         |             |             |         |
| Volume (PJ)                | 42.8        | 48.6        | (11.9%) |
| C & I Accounts ('000)      | 1.0         | 1.0         | 0.0%    |
| Revenue (\$m)              | 248.9       | 261.2       | (4.7%)  |
| Gross Margin (\$m)         | 22.9        | 16.4        | 39.6%   |
| \$ / GJ                    | \$0.54      | \$0.34      | 58.9%   |

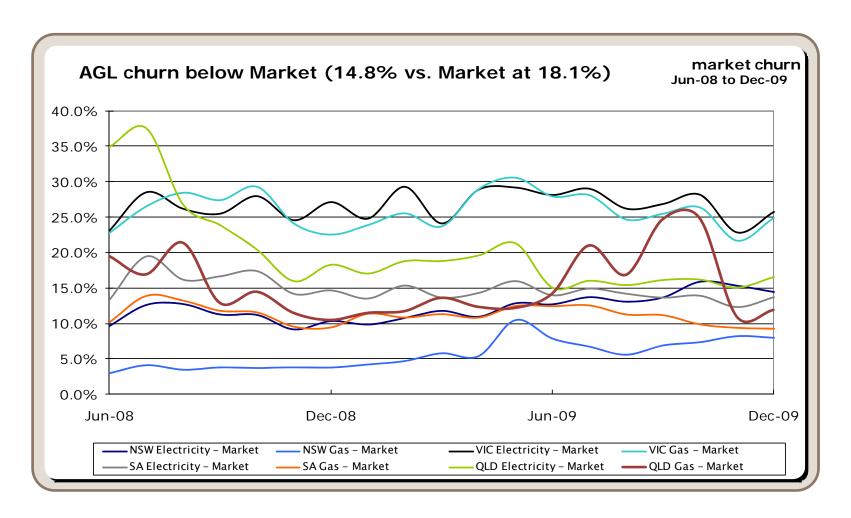


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### Retail - Customer Accounts (6 months to 31 Dec 2009)

| State                          | Gas                                       | Electricity                                    | Total           |
|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| VIC                            | <b>470,700</b><br>(FY09: 472,600)         | <b>644,300</b> (FY09: 652,000) <sup>1</sup>    | 1,115,000       |
| SA                             | <b>91,500</b><br>(FY09: 85,000)           | <b>469,600</b><br>(FY09: 463,900) <sup>1</sup> | 561,100         |
| NSW                            | <b>740,000</b><br>(FY09: 752,300)         | <b>358,200</b><br>(FY09: 329,100) <sup>1</sup> | 1,098,200       |
| QLD                            | <b>78,500</b> (FY09: 79,000) <sup>1</sup> | <b>367,300</b> (FY09: 362,400) <sup>1</sup>    | 455,800         |
| Total accounts (Net) 31 Dec 09 | 1,380,700                                 | 1,839,400                                      | 3,220,100       |
| Total accounts (Net) 30 Jun 09 | 1,388,900                                 | 1,807,400 <sup>1</sup>                         | 3,196,300       |
| Change                         | <b>-8,200</b> (-0.6%)                     | +32,000 (+1.8%)                                | +23,800 (+0.7%) |

| Dual fuel accounts 31 Dec 09 | 1,316,500 |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Dual fuel accounts 31 Dec 09 | +76,500   |

- 1. As a result of the Hansen Hub conversion and relevant customer account reconciliations following this, an adjustment has been made to the opening balance for the year of 7,400 in Queensland Gas.
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### Retail - Cost to Serve

| 6 months to   | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Net operating expenditure                               | 158.7m      | 133.5m      | 18.9%  |
| Net operating cost per customer account                 | \$49.51     | \$41.59     | 19.0%  |
| Cost to grow/retain                                     | 36.9m       | 34.9m       | 5.7%   |
| Cost to grow per account acquired/retained <sup>1</sup> | \$81.21     | \$82.70     | (1.8%) |
| Cost to serve   | 121.8m      | 98.6m       | 23.5%  |
| Cost to serve per customer account <sup>2</sup>         | \$37.99     | \$30.72     | 23.7%  |

- Cost to grow per acquisition / retention favourable due to an increased number of churn in's despite a slight increase in costs
- Cost to serve per customer account up labour cost increase due to maintaining unbilled levels, increased sales and support for C&I customers and increased connections and transfers, higher bad and doubtful debt expenses and higher ombudsman costs
- 1. Cost to grow per account acquired / retained = costs to win and retain market contracts & transfer customers to AGL DIVIDED by contracts acquired PLUS contracts retained.
- $2. \ \, \text{Cost to serve per customer account = net operating costs LESS cost to grow DIVIDED by average customer accounts}.$
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## Retail – EBIT / Sales Analysis

| 6 months to<br>\$m            | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Electricity revenue           | 1,953.1     | 1,675.0     | 16.6%   |
| Gas revenue                   | 771.9       | 809.9       | (4.7%)  |
| Other fees and charges        | 31.1        | 25.4        | 22.4%   |
| Total revenue                 | 2,756.1     | 2,510.3     | 9.8%    |
| Cost of sales                 | (2,382.8)   | (2,205.7)   | 8.0%    |
| Gross margin                  | 373.3       | 304.6       | 22.6%   |
| Operating costs (excl D & A)  | (169.4)     | (143.3)     | 18.2%   |
| EBITDA                        | 203.9       | 161.3       | 26.4%   |
| Depreciation and amortisation | (20.4)      | (15.6)      | 30.8%   |
| EBIT                          | 183.5       | 145.7       | 25.9%   |
| EBIT / Sales (%)              | 6.7%        | 5.8%        | 0.9ppts |

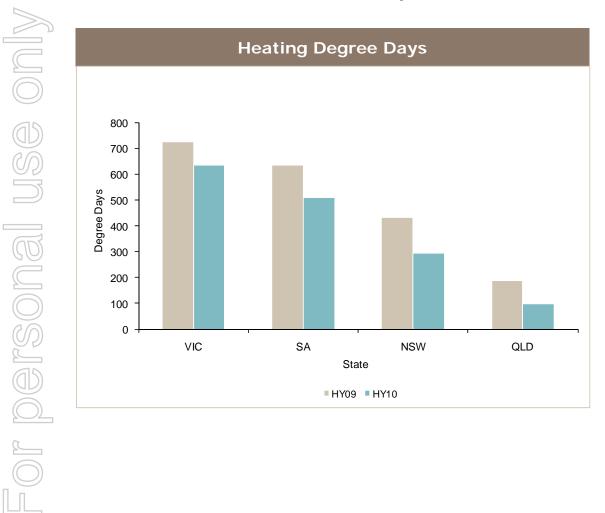


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### Retail – Weather Impact



- > NSW exceptionally warm winter/early spring:
  - » Aug 09 second warmest on record with high number over 20 degrees
- > VIC average winter and hot spring:
  - » Nov 09 mean temperature was 4.4 degrees above the long term average
  - » Cold Aug 08 in prior year with temperatures well below the long term average
- > SA exceptionally warm winter and spring:
  - » Winter 2009 warmest since area temperature records start in 1950
  - » Nov 09 first recorded November heatwave back to 1887
- > Old record high winter/above average spring:
  - » Old had a record high winter daily maximum temperatures and an above average spring

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### Merchant - EBIT Analysis

| 6 months to<br>\$m                          | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Revenue from Retail Business                |             |             |        |
| - Electricity (COGS transfer price)         | 1,144.1     | 1,023.2     | 11.8%  |
| - Gas (COGS transfer price)                 | 367.7       | 400.7       | (8.2%) |
| External Revenue                            |             |             |        |
| - Generation Revenue                        | 145.5       | 109.9       | 32.4%  |
| - ActewAGL <sup>1</sup>                     | 136.0       | 135.5       | 0.4%   |
| - External (3rd Party) Revenue <sup>2</sup> | 147.4       | 126.6       | 16.4%  |
| - Wind Farm Development Fees                | 16.0        | 16.5        | (3.0%) |
| Total Merchant Revenue                      | 1,956.7     | 1,812.4     | 8.0%   |
| Cost of Goods Sold                          |             |             |        |
| - Electricity COGS <sup>3</sup>             | (1,275.3)   | (1,025.5)   | 24.4%  |
| - Electricity CFD's                         | 92.5        | (20.6)      | NA     |
| - Gas COGS                                  | (437.5)     | (444.5)     | (1.6%) |
| - Green Certificates                        | (58.4)      | (25.3)      | 130.8% |
| Gross Margin                                | 278.0       | 296.5       | (6.2%) |
| Operating Costs                             | (52.7)      | (51.6)      | 2.1%   |
| EBITDA                                      | 225.4       | 244.9       | (8.0%) |
| D&A   | (30.3)      | (29.4)      | 3.1%   |
| EBIT  | 195.1       | 215.5       | (9.5%) |

- ActewAGL Dec 09: Electricity sales 61%, Gas sales 32%; Other sales 7%; Dec 08: Electricity sales 64%, Gas sales 29%; Other sales: 7%.
- External Revenue Dec 09: Gas sales 50%, Other sales 50%; Dec 08: Gas sales 56%, Other sales 44%.
- Electricity COGS includes \$59.6m (Dec 08: \$70.7m) of gas costs for gas fired generation (TIPS, Oakey, Somerton, and Yabulu) which is reported in Wholesale Electricity EBIT.



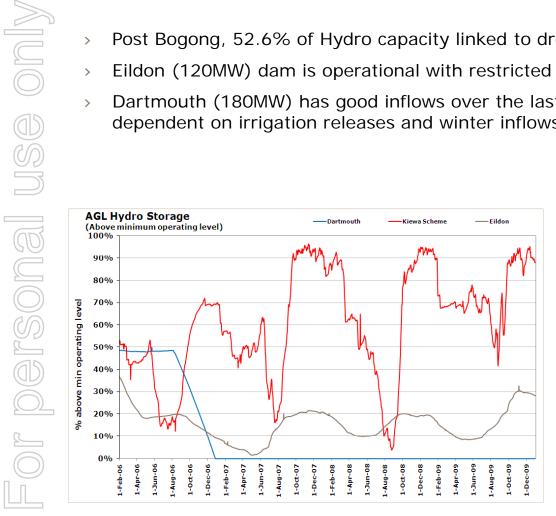
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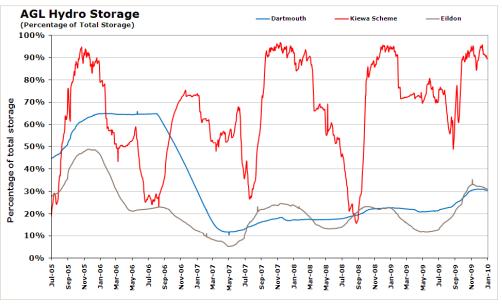
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### Merchant – Hydrology

- Post Bogong, 52.6% of Hydro capacity linked to drought resistant Kiewa Scheme
- Eildon (120MW) dam is operational with restricted generation output capability
- Dartmouth (180MW) has good inflows over the last 12 months, a return to service date is heavily dependent on irrigation releases and winter inflows





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- AGL Risk Management Policy is set by the Board and establishes the requirements for the management of wholesale risk
- Clearly defined and approved commodity and transaction limits
- > Counter party credit limit tier allocation
- Market price risk is contained with requirements for hedging based upon physical limits and financial limits:
  - » Physical Limits: Appropriate hedges to meet minimum fraction of expected energy load
  - » Financial Limits: Additional limits defined on basis of detailed economic analysis of portfolio dynamics of load, hedge contracts, generation and volatile prices:
    - Earnings at Risk limits are established as the worst outcome expected 1 year in every 10

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### Merchant - Electricity Hedging: Position

# AGL Energy Hedge Position - All States Contingent Gas Fired Generation Expected Generation Derivatives (Swaps Only)

### **Key Points**

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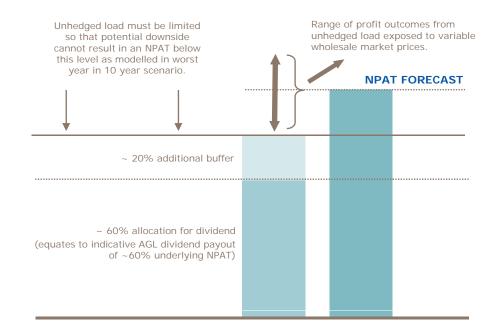
- > Positions across all states and time periods have been aggregated
- Reference load is average annual energy (in MWh) for 100% of (C&I Contracted Load + Expected Mass Market Load)

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- > Expected Generation represents AGL's internal estimate of the amount of energy likely to be generated based on pool price, fuel cost and hydrology assumptions
- > Contingent Gas Fired Generation is the maximum amount of energy that AGL's portfolio could generate if required
- Position does not include AGL's passive investment in Loy Yang A

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### Satisfying Financial Risk Limits



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### Merchant – Wholesale Electricity Prices

- Record hot weather at the beginning of 2009 drove a rally in the forward market
- Relatively benign temperatures thereafter saw a return to lower levels
- The delay in May of the start date of ETS from 1 July 2010 to 1 July 2011 caused a rapid sell-off of the carbon premium in the forward curve
- Significantly lower underlying prices and lack of spot volatility through winter resulted in a further decline of the forward curve to near three-year lows





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## Upstream Gas – Key Financial Metrics

| 6 months to<br>\$m                                    | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 | Change   |
|---|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Operating EBITDA                                      | 13.8        | 62.8        | (78.0%)  |
| D & A   | (10.8)      | (7.4)       | (45.9%)  |
| Pro forma D & A adjustment                            | -           | (27.0)      | NA       |
| EBIT  |             |             |          |
| PNG Upstream Investment (net of pro forma adjustment) | -           | 22.4        | NA       |
| Upstream Gas  |             |             |          |
| Queensland / South Australia                          | 3.4         | 3.7         | (8.1%)   |
| New South Wales                                       | 2.0         | 0.7         | 185.7%   |
| Equity Investments                                    | (0.1)       | 2.4         | NA       |
| Sundry  | (2.3)       | (0.8)       | (187.5%) |
| Operating EBIT  | 3.0         | 28.4        | (89.4%)  |



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### Upstream Gas Interests – Permit Details

| Basin             | Project                                   | Permits  |   | Working  |
|-------------------|---|--|---|--|
|                   |   | Exploration<br>(Area km²)  | Production<br>(Area km²)  | Interest   |
| Sydney            | Camden Gas Project                        | PEL 2 (6,696) PEL 5 (400)  | -<br>PPL 1 (48)<br>PPL 2 (1)<br>PPL 4 (55)<br>PPL 5 (103)<br>PPL 6 (7)                      | 100%<br>100%<br>100%<br>100%<br>100%<br>100%<br>100% |
|                   | Hunter Gas Project                        | PEL 4 (5,076)<br>PEL 267 (4,913)                                     | -   | 100%<br>100%   |
| Gloucester        | Gloucester Gas Project                    | PEL 285 (1,018)  | -   | 100%   |
| Bowen             | Moranbah Gas Project Spring Gully Project | ATP 364P (4,494) ATP 592P (1,738)                                    | PL 191 (220) PL 196 (38) PLA 222 (108) PL 223 (166) PL 224 (70) - PL 195 (257) PL 203 (259) | 99%* 50% 50% 50% 50% 50% 0.75% 0.75%                 |
| Calilaa           | Colling Fundamentian Durings              | -<br>ATD 520D (5.040)  | PL 204 (220)  | 0.0375%<br>50%**                                     |
| Galilee           | Galilee Exploration Project               | ATP 529P (5,949)<br>PEL 101 (154)                                    | -   | 35%**  |
| Cooper / Eromanga | Conventional oil and gas targets          | PEL 101 (134)<br>PEL 103 (177)<br>PEL 103A (56)                      | -<br>-<br>-   | 37.5%**<br>37.5%**                                   |
| Geothermal        | Victoria                                  | GEP 1 (5,783)<br>GEP 2 (6,962)<br>GEP 3 (5,578)                      | -<br>-<br>-   | 100%<br>100%<br>100%                                 |
|                   | New South Wales                           | EL 7384 (273)<br>EL 7385 (695)<br>EL 7386 (1,729)<br>EL 7387 (3,559) | -<br>-<br>-<br>-  | 100%<br>100%<br>100%<br>100%                         |

<sup>\*</sup> Under a 50-year project agreement that commenced in 2000, AGL has no effective exploration rights (or ongoing cost obligations) within exploration tenement ATP 364P as these were assigned to Arrow Energy Limited. However, AGL is entitled to participate up to a 50% interest in any commercial development by contributing its share of past costs. Past costs are anticipated to be less than \$0.05/GJ.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Working interests reflect AGL's final position after respective farm-in programs are completed.

### Loy Yang A: Financial Performance

| 6 months to<br>\$m   | 31 Dec 2009 | 31 Dec 2008 <sup>3</sup> | Change |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Generation Volume (GWh)  | 7,775       | 7,400                    | 5.1%   |
| Average Price (\$/MWh) <sup>1</sup>                            | \$42.68     | \$35.46                  | 20.4%  |
|  |             |                          |        |
| Sales Revenue <sup>2</sup>                                     | 359.0       | 296.4                    | 21.1%  |
| Other Revenue  | 14.2        | 10.1                     | 40.6%  |
| Expenses   | (137.5)     | (123.1)                  | 11.7%  |
| Depreciation   | (56.0)      | (56.0)                   | 0.0%   |
| Borrowing costs  | (125.9)     | (136.2)                  | (7.6%) |
| Profit (loss) after tax before fair value changes <sup>4</sup> | 53.8        | (8.8)                    | NA     |
| AGL share of profit (loss) after tax before fair value         | 17.9        | (2.9)                    | NA     |
| Interest on loan note  | 4.9         | 5.4                      | (9.3%) |
| Operating EBIT   | 22.8        | 2.5                      | 812.0% |

- Weighted average.
- 2. Sales Revenue includes revenue from generation, mining and infrastructure services.
- 3. Prior period change reflects adjustments post year end.
- 4. Excludes fair value changes.
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