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### ASX & Media Release

# AGL reports 4 percent growth in Underlying Profit after tax in first half of FY17



AGL Energy Limited (AGL) today reported Statutory Profit after tax of \$325 million for the six months ended 31 December 2016 (1H17). This was \$774 million more than the prior corresponding period, reflecting the impact of impairments and movements in the fair value of financial instruments in the prior corresponding period.

Underlying Profit after tax, which excludes significant items and movements in the fair value of financial instruments, was \$389 million, up 4 percent. The increase was primarily a result of strength in the wholesale electricity market and the ongoing delivery of AGL's cost reduction programs, offsetting a decline in gas margins.

AGL advises that it now expects Underlying Profit after tax for the full year to be within the upper half of its guidance range of \$720 million to \$800 million, subject to normal trading conditions for the remainder of the financial year.

AGL has declared an interim dividend of 41 cents per share, 80 percent franked, an increase of 9 cents per share on the previous interim dividend. The increase reflects AGL's adoption in September 2016 of a targeted dividend payout ratio of 75 percent of annual Underlying Profit after tax and a minimum franking of 80 percent.

### Profit and dividend summary

- Statutory Profit after tax: \$325 million, up \$774 million
- Underlying Profit after tax: \$389 million, up 4 percent
- Statutory earnings per share: 48.2 cents per share, up 114.7 cents per share
- Underlying earnings per share: 57.7 cents per share, up 2.1 cents per share
- Interim dividend: 41 cents per share (80 percent franked)

AGL Managing Director & CEO, Andy Vesey, said: "AGL has achieved a strong financial result for the first half and our projected transformation, productivity and performance improvement initiatives are on track. We continue to work hard to reduce key areas of uncertainty and to address key long-term strategic imperatives in relation to prospering in a carbon-constrained world, building customer advocacy and driving growth."

#### **Dividends**

The interim dividend of 41 cents per share will be payable on 27 March 2017 with a record date of 24 February 2017. Shares will trade ex-dividend on 23 February 2017.

The dividend will be 80 percent franked. The unfranked component of the dividend will be paid from conduit foreign income, meaning it will not be subject to dividend withholding tax for non-Australian shareholders.

AGL's dividend reinvestment plan (DRP) will operate with respect to the 2017 interim dividend. AGL will buy shares on market to satisfy the DRP and will allot these shares at no discount to the arithmetic average of the daily volume-weighted average price at which



AGL's shares trade during each of the 10 days commencing 28 February 2017. The last date at which shareholders can elect to participate in the DRP with respect to the FY17 interim dividend is 27 February 2017.

#### Outlook

AGL expects Underlying Profit after tax for the financial year ending 30 June 2017 to be within the upper half of its previously disclosed guidance range of \$720 million to \$800 million, subject to normal trading conditions for the remainder of the year.

My Vesey said: "This outlook reflects the strength of AGL's business and our continued discipline in relation to cost and price management.

"In our electricity portfolio, the impact of rising wholesale prices is expected to continue. The forward curve points to sustained improvement, although the impact will continue to be phased over time due to competition, customer affordability considerations and the timing of rollover of our contracted positions.

"Our guidance continues to take into account the headwinds in our gas portfolio that we have previously flagged, including: lower margins on the rollover of Queensland wholesale contracts; supply curtailment and disruption issues experienced in the first quarter; and the impacts of mild July/August weather."

#### Webcast and conference call

AGL will hold a webcast and conference call to discuss the result at 10.30am today. A copy of the webcast presentation follows. The webcast will be accessible via <a href="www.agl.com.au">www.agl.com.au</a> or the following dial-in details:

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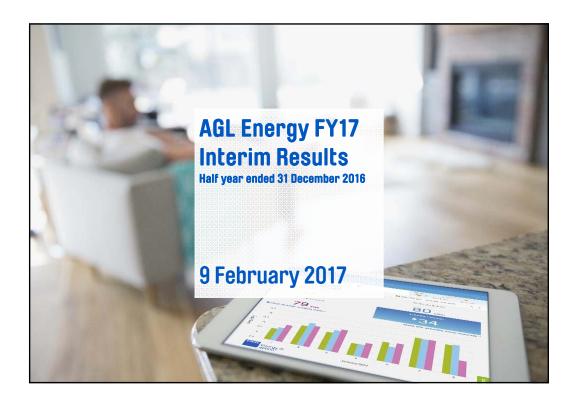
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### **About AGL**

AGL is one of Australia's leading integrated energy companies. It is taking action to responsibly reduce its greenhouse gas emissions while providing secure and affordable energy to its customers. Drawing on over 175 years of experience, AGL serves its customers throughout eastern Australia with meeting their energy requirements, including gas, electricity, solar PV and related products and services. AGL has a diverse power generation portfolio including base, peaking and intermediate generation plants, spread across traditional thermal generation as well as renewable sources including hydro, wind, solar, landfill gas and biomass.



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#### Statutory Profit and Underlying Profit

Statutory Profit is prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards, which comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

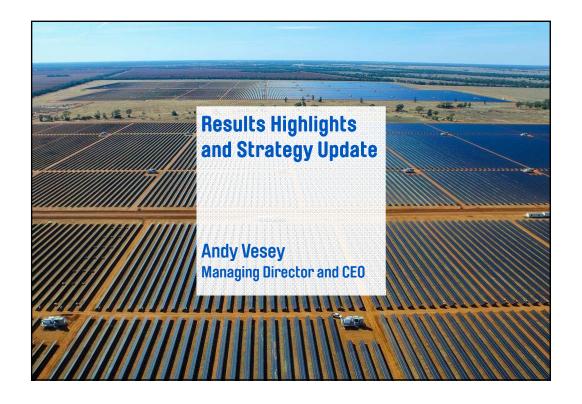
Underlying Profit is Statutory Profit adjusted for significant items and changes in the fair value of financial instruments.

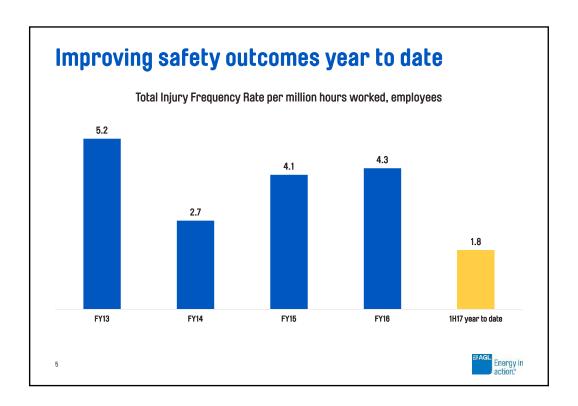
Underlying Profit has been presented with reference to the Australian Securities & Investments Commission's Regulatory Guide 230 "Disclosing non-IFRS financial information" issued in December 2011. AGL's policy for reporting Underlying Profit is consistent with this guidance. The Directors have had the consistency of the application of the policy reviewed by the external auditor of AGL.

 $Amounts\ presented\ as\ Statutory\ Profit/(Loss)\ and\ Underlying\ Profit\ are\ those\ amounts\ attributable\ to\ owners\ of\ AGL\ Energy\ Limited.$ 

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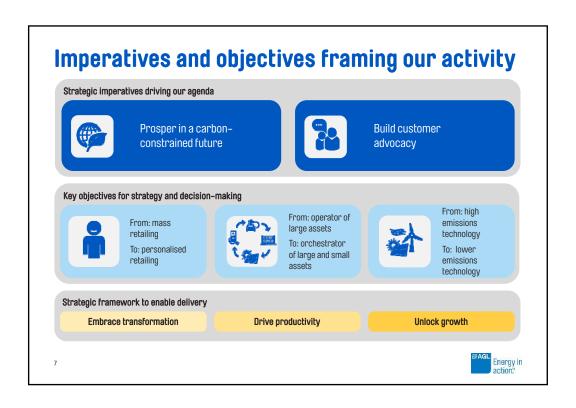
# Interim results: delivering on our strategy

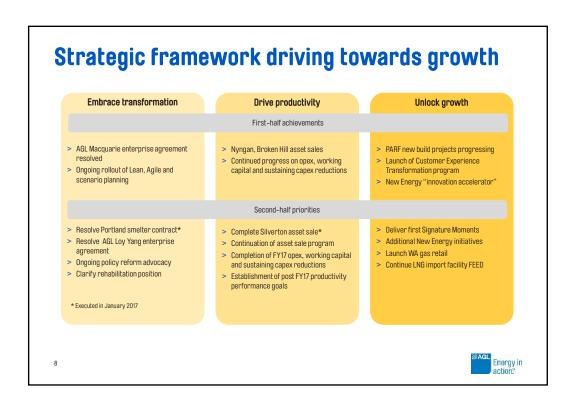
### Five key areas of achievement

- 1. Strong result supports outlook
- > Statutory Profit after tax \$325m
- Underlying Profit after tax \$389m, up 4%, driven primarily by wholesale electricity price and operating cost discipline
- > FY17 Underlying Profit after tax expected in upper half of \$720-800m guidance range
- > Interim dividend 41 cents per share, in line with new dividend policy, up 9 cents

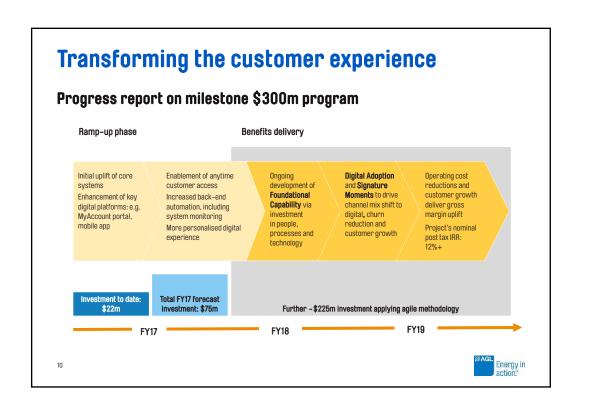
- 2. Transformation and productivity objectives on track
- 3. Progress on key uncertainties: Portland contract, industrial relations
- 4. Addressing key strategic imperatives: carbon and customer
- 5. Key growth and capital management initiatives under way









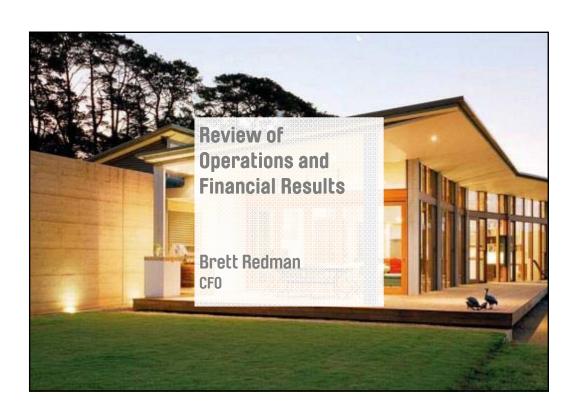


# **Accelerating innovation at AGL**

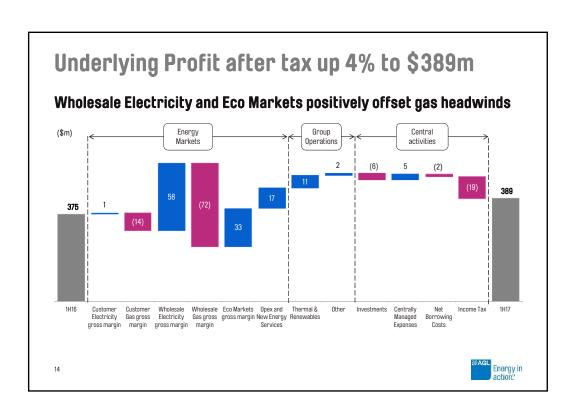
### New Energy progress scorecard

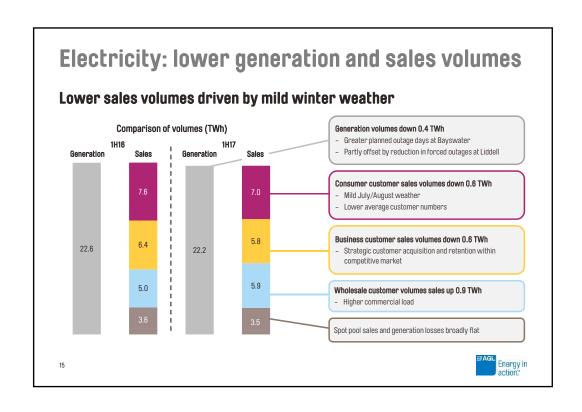
Key initiative	Details	1H17 output	Next steps
Connected home and digital apps	Solar Command 1.0 launched: real- time solar performance monitoring \$6m expense incurred including investment in Solar Analytics	4,250 Solar Command customers signed up to market testing pilot	Develop, scale and iterate subsequent products (e.g. Solar Command 2.0)
Residential storage and orchestration	5 MW Virtual Power Plant launched Leverages US\$20m Sunverge investment	175 packages sold and 31 installed to date (ahead of target) under pilot program	1,000 connected customers and 5 MW controllable load by end FY18 Learn and iterate proven concept
Energy Impact Partners	US\$50m AGL investment commitment Portfolio to date: AutoGrid, Sense Labs, OpusOne	- US\$7m of AGL US\$50m commitment called to date	Identification of further targets for EIF investment and/or AGL acquisition

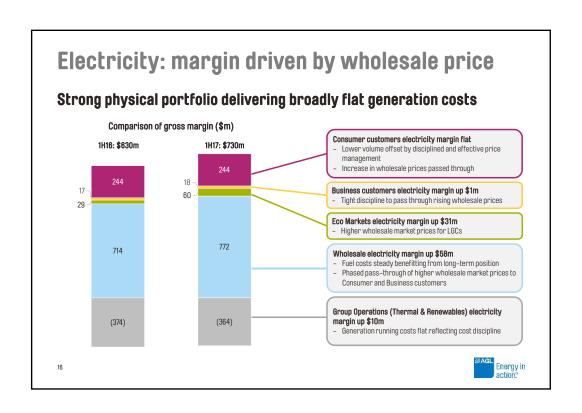
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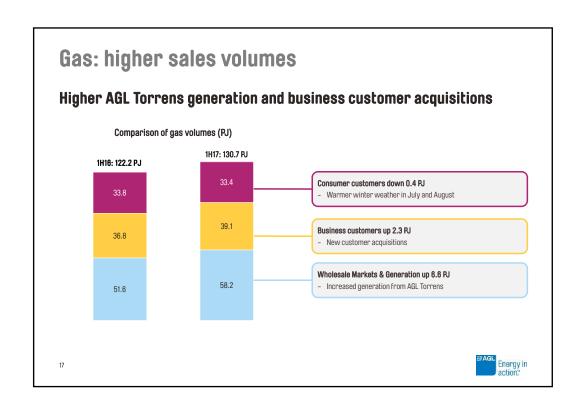


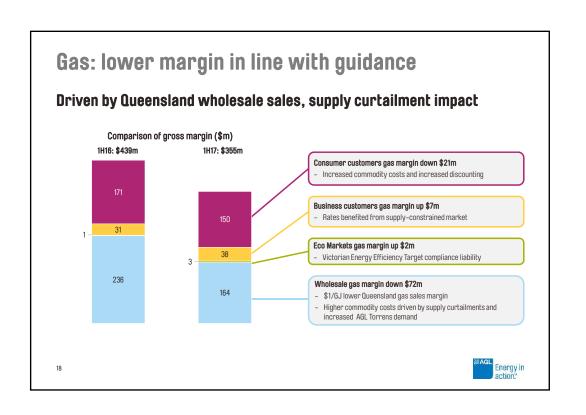
Solid profit growth; cash flow im	pacted by worl	king capital ı	novements
	1H17	1H16	Change
Statutory Profit/(Loss) after tax (\$m)	325	(449)	<b>↑</b> 172%
Underlying Profit after tax (\$m)	389	375	<b>1</b> 4%
Statutory EPS (cents)	48.2	(66.5)	<b>↑</b> 172%
Underlying EPS (cents)	57.7	55.6	<b>1</b> 4%
Statutory operating cash flow after tax (\$m)	471	658	<b>↓</b> 28%
Underlying cash flow from operations (\$m)	699	866	<b>↓</b> 19%
Dividend per share (cents)	41	32	<b>↑</b> 28%
Return on equity (%, rolling 12 months)	8.9	7.9	↑ 1.0 pts

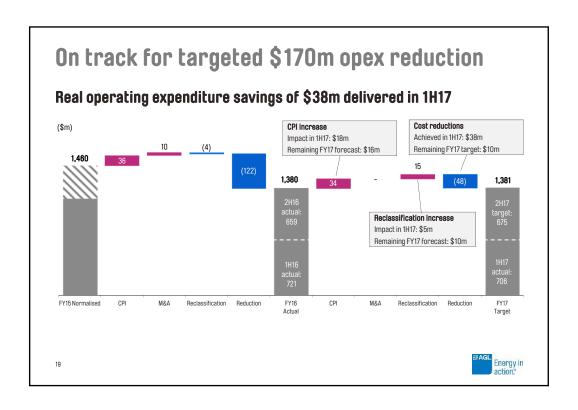


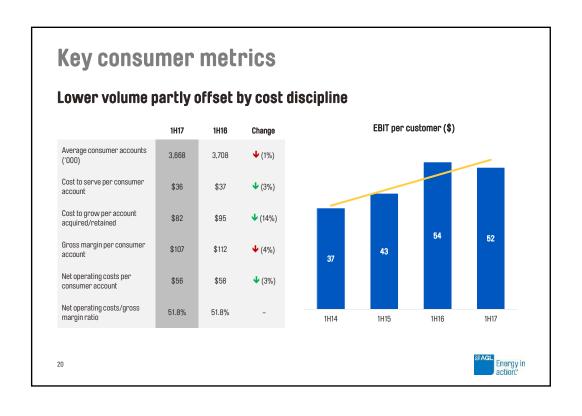












### Working capital impact on cash flow

- > Movement in futures margin calls to be offset by future benefit of rising wholesale prices
- > Receivables impacts largely timing related including early collections in 2H16 reducing 1H17
- > Objective for \$200m reduction in underlying working capital remains on track (see slide 45)

(\$m)	1H17	1H16
Receivables	105	226
Creditors	(205)	(196)
Inventories	87	31
Net derivative premiums	(25)	(35)
Futures margin calls	(112)	(24)
Net movement in green assets and liabilities	9	8
Other	(31)	8
Total working capital movements	(172)	18

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# Sustainable cash position remains strong

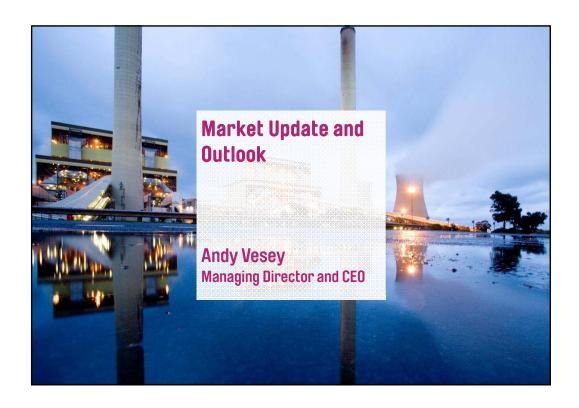
(\$m)	1H17	1H16	Commentary
Operating expenditure	(706)	(721)	Significant reduction in 1H17; on track to achieve \$170m real reduction target in FY17 $$
Underlying EBITDA	924	885	Consistent with Underlying Profit growth
EBITDA/cash conversion	76%	98%	Short-term impacts from negative movements in working capital
Underlying cash flow from operations	699	866	Reduction driven by short-term working capital impact
Interest paid	(84)	(91)	Reduction due to lower average net debt
Tax paid	(144)	(96)	Higher tax payment due to asset sales
Sustaining capital expenditure*	(135)	(204)	Significant reduction in 1H17, on track to achieve \$315m target in FY17
Dividends paid	(243)	(230)	FY16 final dividend of 36 cents per share paid in September 2016
Cash available	93	245	Reduction driven by short-term working capital impact
Disposals*	260	532	Sale of Solar assets in November 2016
Acquisitions/investments	(18)	(1)	Investments in PARF and Energy Impact Fund
Growth capital expenditure*	(93)	(89)	FY17 forecast: \$240m driven by metering and Customer Experience Transformation
Share buy-back	(51)	-	On-market share buy-back of 0.4% of issued share capital to date

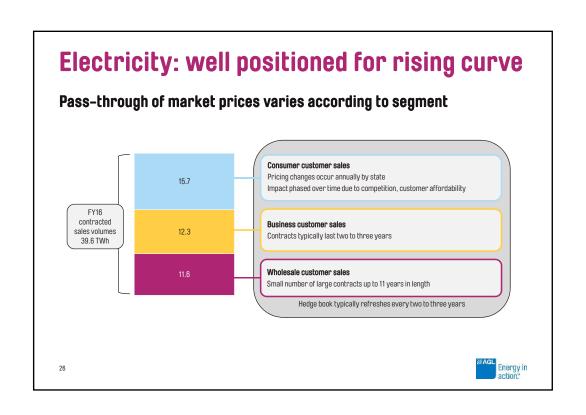
\* Shown on accruals basis



### **Balance sheet and liquidity position** Strong liquidity enabling capital management strategy Debt maturity profile (at 9 February 2017) Cash balance of \$969m at 31 December 2016 700 Net debt \$2.6b, down \$154m during 1H17 600 Debt headroom ~\$2b 500 Moody's Baa2 credit rating, stable outlook 400 \$500m of Syndicated Term facility repaid February 2017 300 Revolving facility maturing FY17 to be refinanced with 200 September 2020 maturity 100 On-market share buy-back to continue 0.4% of issued share capital acquired to date Further 4.6% of issued capital can be acquired to October 2017 ■ Drawn Bank Debt ■ Bond Debt ं Undrawn Bank Debt Energy in action: 23

#### Update on rehabilitation review process Anticipated completion in time for FY17 results **Current status** By end FY17 Financial impact Outline community engagement Review underway as part of FY17 - balance sheet: and consultation strategy periodic assessment of corresponding non-cash rehabilitation options and costs: AGL Board review of adjustment in provision balance - Third-party assessment of all and asset value recommendations relevant sites FY18 onwards - income Finalise financial modelling - AGL review of third-party statement: any change in provision and asset balance to affect depreciation charge and - Financial modelling of non-cash interest expense potential rehabilitation options



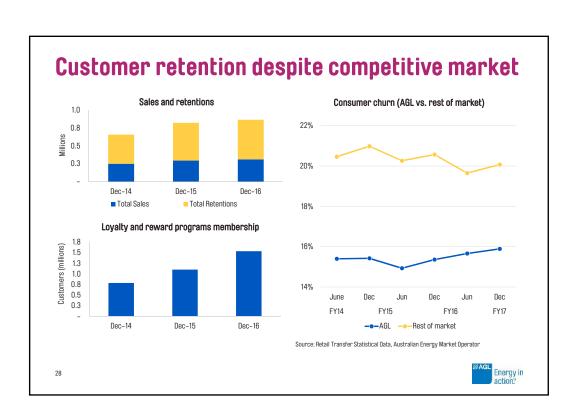


### Gas: multiple options to strengthen supply

### Portfolio development to respond to dynamic, volatile market

- > Expectation remains for at least \$100m Underlying EBIT impact on gas margin in FY17 from reduced Queensland gas margin, supply curtailment and other issues
- > Progress in FY17 to date to further strengthen AGL's supply portfolio:
  - Flexible transportation arrangements executed with Epic and APA during 1H17 enable bi-directional gas movement, supporting AGL to meet household and generation demand
  - Binding heads of agreement with Cooper Energy's Sole project signed January 2017 expands supply by 12 PJ from CY19, pending project final investment decision
  - Continued domestic engagement to source further competitive supply and leverage flexibility provided by strengthened storage position
  - Feasibility study for LNG import terminal progressing; expected selection of final site mid CY17





## On track to deliver FY17 guidance

Underlying Profit after tax expected to be in the upper half of \$720-800m guidance range, subject to normal trading conditions

- > Electricity: impact of rising wholesale prices expected to continue
  - Forward curve points to sustained improvement
  - Impact phased over time due to competition, customer affordability and timing of contracted positions
- > Gas: headwinds as previously flagged
  - Lower margin on rollover of Queensland wholesale contracts, mild July/August weather and supply issues
  - Resulting in \$84m lower first-half gas margin; at least \$100m lower margin FY17 vs. FY16
- > Discipline around cost and price management to continue





# **Reconciliation of Statutory to Underlying Profit**

(\$m)	1H17	1H16	Change
Statutory Profit/(Loss)	325	(449)	774
Adjust for the following after tax items:			
Significant items			
Restructuring costs	-	16	(16)
Natural Gas impairments	-	640	(640)
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	64	168	(104)
Underlying Profit	389	375	14

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# **Underlying Profit summary**

(\$m)	1H17	1H16	Change
Revenue	6,030	5,601	8%
Underlying EBITDA	924	885	4%
Underlying EBIT			
Energy Markets	1,214	1,191	2%
Group Operations	(416)	(429)	(3%)
Investments	11	17	(35%)
Centrally Managed Expenses	(124)	(129)	(4%)
Total Underlying EBIT	685	650	5%
Less: net finance costs	(116)	(114)	2%
Underlying Profit before tax	569	536	6%
Income tax expense	(180)	(161)	12%
Underlying Profit after tax	389	375	4%
Underlying EPS (cents)	57.7	55.6	4%



(\$m)	1H17	1H16	Change
Underlying EBITDA	1,261	1,240	2%
Depreciation and amortisation	(47)	(49)	(4%)
Customer EBIT	230	230	-
Consumer Electricity gross margin	244	244	-
Consumer Gas gross margin	150	171	(12%)
Business Electricity gross margin	18	17	6%
Business Gas gross margin	38	31	23%
Net operating costs	(220)	(233)	(6%)
Wholesale Markets EBIT	985	966	2%
Electricity gross margin	772	714	8%
Gas gross margin	164	236	(31%)
Eco-markets gross margin	63	30	110%
Net operating costs	(14)	(14)	-
New Energy Services EBIT	(1)	(5)	(80%)
Gross margin	5	6	(17%)
Net operating costs	(6)	(11)	(45%)
Underlying EBIT	1,214	1,191	2%

(\$m)	1H17	1H16	Change
Underlying EBITDA	(236)	(259)	(9%)
Depreciation and amortisation	(180)	(170)	6%
Thermal	(346)	(338)	2%
Renewables	(18)	(37)	(51%)
Natural Gas	(26)	(27)	(4%)
Other Operations	(26)	(27)	(4%)

(\$m)	1H17	1H16
Underlying EBITDA	924	885
Equity accounted income	(12)	(15)
Onerous contracts	(20)	(22)
Gain on divestment	(21)	-
Working capital movements	(172)	18
Underlying operating cash flow before interest and tax	699	866
Net finance costs paid	(84)	(91)
Income tax paid	(144)	(96)
Underlying operating cash flow	471	679
Cash flow relating to significant items	-	(21)
Statutory net cash provided by operating activities	471	658
Investing cash flow	-	212
Financing cash flow	246	(1,023)
Movement in cash and cash equivalents	717	(153)
Cash conversion ratio	76%	98%

Debt facility (\$m)	Limit	Usage	Maturity
Syndicated revolving facility	400	-	Jun-17
Syndicated term facility <sup>1</sup>	650	650	Feb-18
Revolving bilateral facility	150	-	Dec-19
Club facility term	410	410	Jun-21
A\$600m medium-term notes	600	600	Nov-21
USPP US\$165m	186	186	Sep-22
USPP US\$135m	152	152	Sep-25
USPP A\$50m	50	50	Dec-26
CPI bonds	164	164	May-27
USPP US\$150m	198	198	Dec-28
USPP US\$70m	93	93	Dec-29
ECA Macarthur amortising facility	161	161	Jun-31
USPP US\$175m	231	231	Dec-31
Subordinated notes <sup>2</sup>	650	650	Jun-39
Total debt facilities	4,095	3,545	
Less: cash <sup>1</sup>		969	
Net debt		2,576	

# **Electricity sales volumes**

GWh	1H17	1H16	Change
Consumer			
New South Wales	2,792	3,002	(7%)
Victoria	1,812	1,928	(6%)
South Australia	1,157	1,406	(18%)
Queensland	1,262	1,284	(2%)
Consumer total	7,023	7,620	(8%)
Business			
New South Wales	2,346	2,020	16%
Victoria	1,649	2,050	(20%)
South Australia	1,100	1,326	(17%)
Queensland	710	1,043	(32%)
Business total	5,805	6,439	(10%)
Wholesale total <sup>1</sup>	5,880	4,999	18%
Electricity sales volume total	18,708	19,058	(2%)

<sup>1.</sup> Includes purchased volumes sold to ActewAGL during 1H17 of 1,599 GWh (1H16 1,343 GWh)

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## Gas sales volumes

RJ .	1H17	1H16	Change
Consumer			
New South Wales	10.8	11.7	(8%)
Victoria	19.1	18.9	1%
South Australia	2.1	1.8	17%
Queensland	1.4	1.4	-
Consumer total	33.4	33.8	(1%)
Business			
New South Wales	13.2	12.3	7%
Victoria	14.5	12.0	21%
South Australia	1.7	2.4	(29%)
Queensland	9.7	10.1	(4%)
Business total	39.1	36.8	6%
Wholesale Customers & Generation <sup>1</sup>	58.2	51.6	13%
Gas sales volume total	130.7	122.2	7%

<sup>1.</sup> Includes volumes sold to Torrens Island and Diamantina power stations during 1H17 of 23.6 PJ (1H16 22.1 PJ)



('000)	31 Dec 2016	30 Jun 2016	Change
Consumer Electricity			
New South Wales	811	808	3
Victoria	637	636	1
South Australia	398	408	(10)
Queensland	401	395	6
Total Consumer Electricity	2,247	2,247	-
Consumer Gas			
New South Wales	666	674	(8)
Victoria	536	533	3
South Australia	132	132	-
Queensland	80	79	1
Total Consumer Gas	1,414	1,418	(4)
Total Consumer accounts	3,661	3,665	(4)
Total Business Customer accounts	16	16	-
Total Customer accounts	3,677	3,681	(4)
Dual fuel accounts	1,971	1,962	9

	1H17	1H16	Change
Electricity			
Volume (GWh)	7,023	7,620	(8%)
Average Consumer accounts (*000)	2,250	2,260	(0%)
Revenue (\$m)	1,897	1,980	(4%)
Gross margin (\$m)	244	244	-
Gross margin	12.9%	12.3%	0.6 pts
Gross margin per customer (\$)	108	108	-
Gross margin per MWh (\$)	34.7	32.0	8%
Gas			
Volume (PJ)	33.4	33.8	(1%)
Average Consumer accounts (*000)	1,418	1,447	(2%)
Revenue (\$m)	755	756	(0%)
Gross margin (\$m)	150	171	(12%)
Gross margin	19.9%	22.6%	(2.7 pts)
Gross margin per customer (\$)	106	118	(10%)
Gross margin per GJ (\$)	4.49	5.06	(11%)

# **Business Market key indicators**

	1H17	1H16	Change
Electricity			
Volume (GWh)	5,805	6,439	(10%)
Revenue (\$m)	775	826	(6%)
Gross margin (\$m)	18	17	6%
Gross margin	2.3%	2.1%	0.2 pts
Gross margin per MWh (\$)	3.14	2.72	15%
Gas			
Volume (PJ)	39.1	36.8	6%
Revenue (\$m)	290	268	8%
Gross margin (\$m)	38	31	23%
Gross margin	12.8%	11.6%	1.2 pts
Gross margin per GJ (\$)	0.97	0.84	15%

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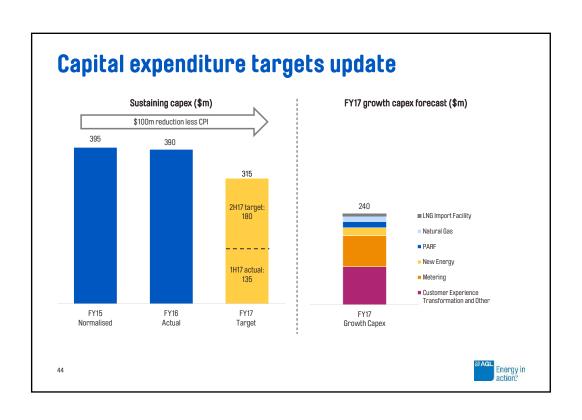
# **Generation portfolio**

Asset	State	Туре	Status	Capacity (MW)	Carbon intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/MWh)	1H17 sent out generation (GWh)
Bayswater	NSW	Coal	Owned	2,640	0.94	7,715
Liddell	NSW	Coal	Owned	2,000	0.94	4,888
Loy Yang A	VIC	Coal	Owned	2,210	1.28	7,135
Total coal				6,850		19,738
Torrens Island	SA	Gas steam turbine	Owned	1,280	0.62	1,375
Yabulu	QLD	CCGT	Controlled dispatch	122	0.51	112
Somerton	VIC	OCGT	Owned	160	1.04	11
Other	Various	Gas/diesel	Various	88	0.71	161
Total oil and gas				1,650		1,658
Macarthur	VIC	Wind	Controlled dispatch	420	0.00	542
Hallett	SA	Wind	Controlled dispatch	350	0.00	582
Wattle Point	SA	Wind	Controlled dispatch	91	0.00	118
Oaklands Hill	VIC	Wind	Controlled dispatch	63	0.00	102
VIC hydro	VIC	Hydro	Owned	734	0.01	489
NSW hydro	NSW	Hydro	Owned	54	0.00	32
NSW solar	NSW	Solar	PARF	156	0.01	174
Other	Various	Landfill and bio-gas	Various	47	0.09	80
Total renewables		· ·		1,915		2,119
Generation portfolio a NEM industry average		16		10,415	0.94 0.87	23,515

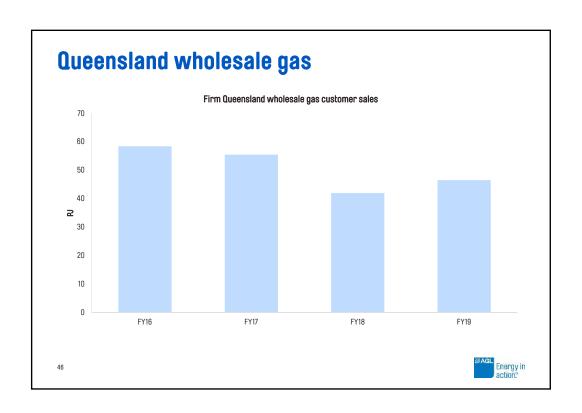
Note: the difference between sent out generation of 23,515 GWh and pool generation volume of 22,205 GWh (as disclosed in the Operating and Financial Review) is due to marginal loss factor, nonscheduled generation and auxiliary usage.

Energy in action?

(\$m)	1H17 actual	FY16 and 1H17 actual	FY17 target
Group Operations	7	55	77
Maintenance optimisation	3	23	29
Procurement	1	19	29
Labour and contractor	2	15	13
Other	1	4	6
Additional generation	-	(6)	-
Energy Markets	26	68	66
Labour and contractor	8	23	14
Campaign and channel costs	7	15	32
Other	11	30	20
Centrally Managed Expenses	5	37	27
Labour and contractor	1	13	10
IT contract costs	1	9	9
Insurance	3	7	4
Other	-	8	4
Total operating cost savings achieved/targeted	38	160	170



(\$m)	1H17 actual	FY16 and 1H17 actual	FY16 and FY17 target
Optimise coal stockpile at AGL Macquarie	12	33	42
Excess gas bank to be naturally consumed	83	66	21
Reduce surplus large scale generation certificates and other green assets	12	40	64
Consumer credit and billing initiatives	(51)	(11)	81
Total working capital reduction	56	128	208



### Wholesale contracting

AGL's Wholesale Markets Risk Management Policy (Policy) is approved by the Board and establishes the requirements for managing risks arising from wholesale energy markets.

The Policy clearly defines permitted contracting activities, limits and counterparty credit management requirements.

Limits for exposure to market price risk are in place to manage profit, cash flow and dividends. Activities to monitor exposure include:

- > Electricity: retail load, generation, contracts monitoring; earnings-at-risk simulation analyses, limits and stress testing of the portfolio.
- Sas and oil: position monitoring of contract exposures, production risks and customer demand. The aspects of the gas portfolio exposed to oil price risk is managed using sensitivity and stress test analyses in conjunction with limits.
- > Environmental: position monitoring of contract exposures, production risks and customer demand.

FY17 FY18 FY19 FY20

Average Cover (Net)

—Forecast average customer demand (consumer plus contracted commercial and industrial)

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