

REGISTERED NUMBER: CR 75763 (Cayman Islands)

YORKSHIRE POWER FINANCE LIMITED

HALF-YEARLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT

Cautionary Statement

This interim management report has been prepared solely to provide additional information to shareholders to assess the business of Yorkshire Power Finance Limited (the “Company”) and should not be relied on by any other party or for any other purpose.

Business Model

The Company is registered in the Cayman Islands and is a subsidiary of Northern Powergrid Holdings Company, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The Company acts as an issuer of long-term debt securities and its financial assets are loans advanced to other undertakings in the Northern Powergrid Holdings Company group of companies (the “Northern Powergrid Group”).

Results for the six months ended 30 June 2020

During the period ended 30 June 2020, the Company made a profit after tax of £0.2 million (period ended 30 June 2019: £0.2 million).

There were no significant events during the period ended 30 June 2020 such that there was no material impact on the financial statements. The Company met its obligation to make the annual interest payment on its debt securities on 6 August 2020.

Income statement

Investment income and finance costs were in line with the same period in the prior year.

Cash flow

Cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June 2020 of £23.1 million were in line with the position at 31 December 2019.

Financial position

Profit after tax at £0.2 million was in line with the same period in the prior year.

Related party transactions

Details of the related party transactions entered into by the Company and changes therein are included in Note 5 to this half-yearly financial report.

Dividends

No ordinary dividends were paid in the period resulting in £0.2 million being transferred to reserves.

Risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company are included in the Company’s latest annual reports and accounts for the year to 31 December 2019, which is available at www.northernpowergrid.com.

It is anticipated that these risks will continue to be the principal risks facing the business for the remaining six months of 2020.

Going concern

In the Company's latest annual report and accounts for the year to 31 December 2019 the directors set out a number of factors taken into account when considering continuing to adopt the going concern basis in preparing that annual report and accounts.

The directors confirm that no events have occurred during the six months to 30 June 2020, which alter the view expressed in the Company's annual report and accounts for the year to 31 December 2019.

Future strategy and objectives

The Company will continue to act as the issuer of long-term debt securities.

Responsibility Statement

The directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

- (a) the condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, and gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of the Company for the six months to 30 June 2020; and
- (b) the interim management report contains a fair review of the important events that have occurred during the first six months of the year and their impact, if any, on the condensed set of financial statements and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year.

By order of the board



T E Fielden
Director

10 September 2020

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS – SIX MONTHS ENDED TO 30 JUNE 2020

	Six months ended 30 June 2020 (unaudited) £m	Six months ended 30 June 2019 (unaudited) £m
CONTINUING OPERATIONS		
Finance income	7.0	7.0
Finance costs	(6.8)	(6.8)
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PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX	0.2	0.2
Income tax	-	-
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PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	0.2	0.2

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

There is no other comprehensive income for the Company for the six months to 30 June 2020 or the comparative six month period in 2019 other than the profits reported above.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	30 June 2020	31 December 2019
	(unaudited)	
	£m	£m
ASSETS		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	181.7	181.7
CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	12.7	5.7
Cash and cash equivalents	23.1	23.1
	35.8	28.8
TOTAL ASSETS	217.5	210.5
EQUITY		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Called up share capital	-	-
Share premium	20.0	20.0
Retained earnings	0.7	0.5
TOTAL EQUITY	20.7	20.5
LIABILITIES		
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	184.7	184.5
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	12.1	5.5
	12.1	5.5
TOTAL LIABILITIES	196.8	190.0
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	217.5	210.5

The half-yearly financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 10 September 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



T E Fielden
Director

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
30 JUNE 2020**

	Share Capital £m	Share Premium Account £m	Retained Earnings £m	Total Equity £m
Balance at 1 January 2020	-	20.0	0.5	20.5
Comprehensive income for the period (unaudited)	-	-	0.2	0.2
Balance at 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	-	20.0	0.7	20.7

	Share Capital £m	Share Premium Account £m	Retained Earnings £m	Total Equity £m
Balance at 1 January 2019	-	20.0	0.1	20.1
Comprehensive income for the period (unaudited)	-	-	0.2	0.2
Balance at 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	-	20.0	0.3	20.3

	Share Capital £m	Share Premium Account £m	Retained Earnings £m	Total Equity £m
Balance at 1 January 2019	-	20.0	0.1	20.1
Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	0.4	0.4
Dividends	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2019	-	20.0	0.5	20.5

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	6 Months ended 30 June 2020 (unaudited) £m	6 Months ended 30 June 2019 (unaudited) £m
Profit before income tax	0.2	0.2
Finance costs	6.8	6.8
Finance income	<u>(7.0)</u>	<u>(7.0)</u>
Cash generated from operations	-	-
Net interest received	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in cash equivalents	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>23.1</u>	<u>22.6</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>23.1</u>	<u>22.6</u>

NOTES TO THE CONDESED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The information included within these condensed financial statements that refer to the year ended 31 December 2019 does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The auditor reported on the Company's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 and that report was unqualified, did not draw attention to any matters by way of emphasis and did not contain a statement under section 498(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The annual financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union. The condensed set of financial statements included in this half-yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting', as adopted by the European Union.

Going concern

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The directors confirm that no events have occurred during the six months to 30 June 2020, which alter the view expressed in the Company's annual report and accounts for the year to 31 December 2019.

Changes in accounting policy

The Company's accounting policies and methods of computation are the same as the accounting policies which are described in the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Application of new and revised IFRS

None of the standards, interpretations and amendments which are effective for periods beginning 1 January 2020 has had a material effect on the financial statements:

- Amendments to IFRS 3- Definitions of a Business;
- Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8- Definition of Material;
- Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards; and
- Amendments to IFRS 9 Financial instruments- Hedging

3. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Tax for the six month period to 30 June 2020 is charged at 19.00% (six months ended 30 June 2019: 19.00%), which represents the best estimate of the average annual effective tax rate expected for the full year, as applied to the pre-tax income of the six month period.

Finance Bill 2016 included provisions to reduce the main rate of corporation tax to 17% from 1 April 2020. However, in the March 2020 Budget it was announced that the cut in the rate to 17% will now not occur and the Corporation Tax Rate will be held at 19%. This was substantively enacted through the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act on 17 March 2020.

4. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Except as detailed in the following table, the directors consider that the carrying value amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost are approximately equal to their fair values:

	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
	30 June 2020 (unaudited) £m	31 December 2019 £m	30 June 2020 (unaudited) £m	31 December 2019 £m
Financial assets				
Amounts owed by group undertakings	194.4	187.4	277.7	271.0
Cash and cash equivalents	23.1	23.1	23.1	23.1
	<u>217.5</u>	<u>210.5</u>	<u>300.8</u>	<u>287.0</u>
Financial liabilities				
Sterling denominated Eurobond due 2028 @ 7.25%	<u>196.8</u>	<u>190.0</u>	<u>277.1</u>	<u>270.2</u>

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions entered into with related parties and balances outstanding were as follows:

Related party	Interest received from related parties £m	Borrowings owed from related parties £m
Six months ended 30 June 2020 (unaudited):		
Yorkshire Power Group Limited	6.9	194.4
Yorkshire Electricity Group plc	<u>0.1</u>	<u>23.1</u>
	<u>7.0</u>	<u>217.5</u>
Six months ended 30 June 2019 (unaudited):		
Yorkshire Power Group Limited	6.9	194.3
Yorkshire Electricity Group plc	<u>0.1</u>	<u>22.6</u>
	<u>7.0</u>	<u>216.9</u>
Year ended 31 December 2019:		
Yorkshire Power Group Limited	14.0	187.4
Yorkshire Electricity Group plc	<u>-</u>	<u>23.1</u>
	<u>14.0</u>	<u>210.5</u>

Interest on loans to companies within the Northern Powergrid Group is charged at a commercial rate of interest.

Amounts owed by Yorkshire Power Group Limited are included in trade and other receivables, Amounts owed by Yorkshire Electricity Group plc are included in cash and cash equivalents.