National Grid Gas Distribution MOD0186 Report (Dec-16)



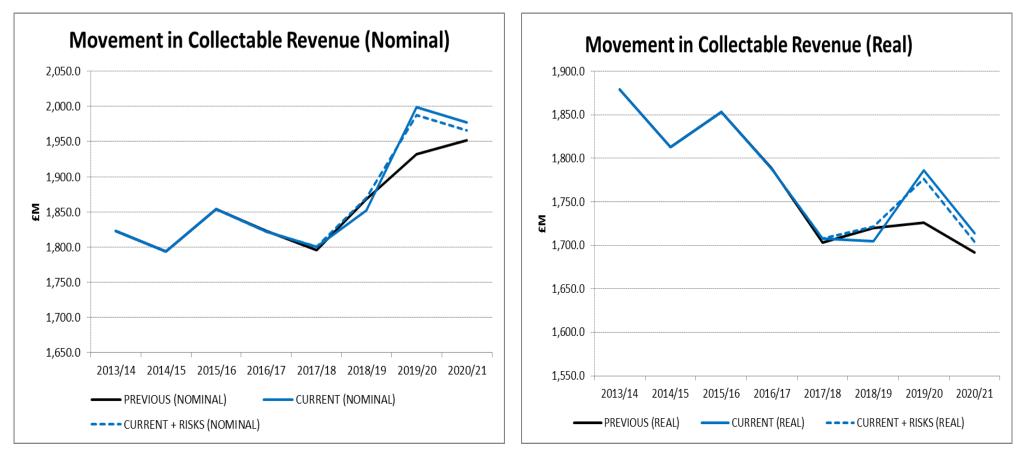


Headline movements in Collectable Revenue

- Headline change is the inclusion of the Business Rates increases from 1st April 2017.
 With 2 year lagging, this will increase allowed revenues by £50m in 2019/20 and 2020/21
- We are also noting inflation forecast increases via HM Treasury impacting 2017/18 onwards
- The Rates and Inflation related increases are partly offset by reductions to cost of debt, and inclusion of FGO allowance reductions into the forecast (previously shown as a risk item)
- We expect that our Uncertain Measure submission to Ofgem for Smart Metering will now be in Autumn 2017, deferring the revenue impact by one year
- We are anticipating changes in respect of Pension Deficit liabilities resulting from separation of the Distribution business from NGG Plc. These are shown as a risk item in the December 2016 report



NGGD Level Collectable Revenue Movement





NGGD Level Collectable Revenue Trace

				NATI	ONAL GRID G	AS DISTRIBU	JTION		
COLLECTABLE REVENUE TRACE		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
COLLECTABLE REVENUE (PREVIOUS)		1,823.3	1,793.5	1,853.6	1,823.0	1,795.5	1,868.3	1,932.3	1,952.2
INFLATION		-	-	-	-	13.9	14.3	6.9	6.9
COST OF DEBT	▼	-	-	-	-	(3.2)	(6.2)	(11.7)	(15.3)
FGO ALLOWANCE REDUCTION	▼	-	-	-	-	(5.6)	(10.4)	(13.0)	(15.0)
SMART METERING REPROFILE		-	-	-	-	-	(10.8)	31.8	(8.8)
TAX (SPEND PROFILE & 2020/21 RATE TO 17%)		-	-	-	-	0.2	(0.3)	0.4	1.6
OTHER PCFM	▼	-	-	-	-	0.1	(2.4)	(2.1)	(1.7)
BUSINESS RATES		-	-	-	-	-	-	54.1	55.7
GAS PRICE REFERENCE COST		-	-	-	-	-	1.5	0.9	0.8
SHRINKAGE & LEAKAGE VOLUMES	▼	-	-	-	-	-	(2.4)	(1.6)	1.5
OVER / UNDER RECOVERY		-	-	-	(0.8)	(0.9)	0.8	1.0	-
OTHER CHANGES	▼	-	-	-	-	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.7)
COLLECTABLE REVENUE (NEW)		1,823.3	1,793.5	1,853.6	1,822.2	1,799.9	1,852.2	1,998.9	1,977.3
% MOVEMENT		-	-	-	(0.0%)	+0.2%	(0.9%)	+3.4%	+1.3%



2017/18 Transportation Charge Update

- Crystallisation of RPIF per HMT adding +0.8% to the positions signposted in the October indicatives
- Slightly softened by lowed cost of debt finalised via the AIP, and also by in year revenue collection
- Not anticipating any further material change ahead of final charge setting, although will update for very latest demand and collected revenue information

NETWORK	EE	LO	NW	wм	NGGD
AGGREGATE PRICE CHANGE PER OCT-16 INDICATIVES	+1.7%	(5.3%)	(7.7%)	(0.2%)	(2.7%)
CRYSTALLIZATION OF RPIF PER NOV-16 HMT UPDATE	+0.8%	+0.8%	+0.8%	+0.8%	+0.8%
2017/18 COST OF DEBT AGREED AT 2.22%	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	(0.1%)
MOVEMENT IN 2016/17 REVENUE RECOVERY	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	(0.0%)	(0.1%)
UPDATED AGGREGATE PRICE CHANGE	+2.2%	(4.7%)	(7.1%)	+0.5%	(2.1%)



Collectable revenue trace: Inflation

INFLATION	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
EAST OF ENGLAND (£M)	4.7	4.9	2.2	2.3
LONDON (£M)	3.3	3.4	1.7	1.7
NORTH WEST (£M)	3.4	3.4	1.7	1.7
WEST MIDLANDS (£M)	2.5	2.6	1.3	1.3
NGGD (£M)	13.9	14.3	6.9	6.9
EAST OF ENGLAND (%)	+0.8%	+0.8%	+0.3%	+0.3%
LONDON (%)	+0.8%	+0.8%	+0.4%	+0.4%
NORTH WEST (%)	+0.8%	+0.8%	+0.4%	+0.4%
WEST MIDLANDS (%)	+0.8%	+0.8%	+0.4%	+0.4%
NGGD (%)	+0.8%	+0.8%	+0.3%	+0.3%

- NB figures are variance to previous forecast
- Reflects actual RPI positions to Oct 2016, and HM Treasury 'Forecasts for the UK Economy' report published November 2016
- Marked change in 2017 view from HMT

HMT Inflation Forecasts	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Aug-16	1.7%	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%
Nov-16	1.8%	3.5%	3.1%	3.0%	3.1%
Change	+0.1%	+0.7%	+0.1%	(0.1%)	(0.2%)
Financial Year Inflation Forecast	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Sep-16	1.8%	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%	3.2%
Dec-16	1.9%	3.4%	3.1%	3.0%	3.1%



Collectable revenue trace: PCFM

PCFM (£M NOMINAL)	2017/2	18 2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
LOAD RELATED CAPEX	▼ (0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
OTHER CAPEX	▼ (0.1)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.1)
CONTROLLABLE OPEX	▼ (0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
REPLACEMENT EXPENDITURE	▼ (1.6)	(2.5)	(2.2)	(1.8)
TOTEX INCENTIVE MECHANISM	▼ (1.7)	(2.7)	(2.4)	(2.1)
SMART METERING ROLL OUT	▲ -	(10.9)	32.0	(8.8)
FGO	▼ (5.6)	(10.5)	(13.1)	(15.1)
MAINS & SERVICES (REPEX T2)	▲ 1.6	0.2	0.1	0.1
OTHER UNCERTAINTY	▲ 0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
UNCERTAINTY MECHANISMS	▼ (3.8)	(21.1)	19.1	(23.6)
COST OF DEBT	▼ (3.2)	(6.3)	(11.7)	(15.4)
TAX TRIGGER REFORECAST	▲ 0.2	(0.3)	0.4	1.6
OTHER PCFM CHANGES	▲ 0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
TOTAL PCFM UPDATE	▼ (8.6)	(30.2)	5.5	(39.4)

- NB figures are variance to previous forecast
- Reflects latest totex forecast as submitted in RRP, although London includes a correction to the Repex element
- Re-profiled Smart UM given expectation of submission, and base on RRP cost forecast
- FGO now fully reflected in forecast (previously shown as sensitivity)
- 2017/18 cost of debt finalised and future forecast updated
- Included corporation tax rate reduction to 17% in 2020/21, although not yet legislated



Collectable revenue trace: Rates

BUSINESS RATES	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
EAST OF ENGLAND (£M)	-	-	6.4	6.5
LONDON (£M)	▲ -	-	21.8	22.4
NORTH WEST (£M)	▲ -	-	16.0	16.6
WEST MIDLANDS (£M)	↓ -	-	9.9	10.2
NGGD (£M)	▲ -		54.1	55.7
EAST OF ENGLAND (%)	▲ -	-	+1.0%	+1.0%
LONDON (%)	▲ -	-	+4.8%	+4.9%
NORTH WEST (%)	▲ -	-	+3.4%	+3.5%
WEST MIDLANDS (%)	- I	-	+2.8%	+2.9%
NGGD (%)	▲ -	-	+2.7%	+2.8%

- NB figures are variance to previous forecast
- Lagged impact of rates increases from 2017/18 primarily driven by regulatory treatment of repex
- Risk previously raised as unquantified risk
- Outcome is middle territory against range of +12% to plus 50% previously posited
- Were hoping to have benefitted from transitional arrangements, but unexpected Government proposal is that these only apply where year on year rates increases exceed +45%



Collectable revenue trace: Gas Price Reference Cost

GAS PRICE REFERENCE COST	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
EAST OF ENGLAND (£M)	0.5	0.3	0.3
LONDON (£M)	0.3	0.2	0.2
NORTH WEST (£M)	0.4	0.2	0.2
WEST MIDLANDS (£M)	0.3	0.2	0.2
NGGD (£M)	1.5	0.9	0.8
EAST OF ENGLAND (%)	+0.1%	+0.0%	+0.0%
LONDON (%)	+0.1%	+0.0%	+0.0%
NORTH WEST (%)	+0.1%	+0.0%	+0.0%
WEST MIDLANDS (%)	+0.1%	+0.1%	+0.1%
NGGD (%)	+0.1%	+0.0%	+0.0%

- NB figures are variance to previous forecast
- Observing continued gradual rise in gas price forecasts each quarter

FORMULA YEAR	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
CURRENT (£/GWH)	13,556	13,716	13,975	14,394	14,826
PREVIOUS (£/GWH)	12,614	13,119	13,416	13,819	14,233
CHANGE (£/GWH)	942	597	559	575	593
CHANGE (%)	7%	5%	4%	4%	4%



Collectable revenue trace: Shrinkage & Leakage Volumes

SHRINKAGE & LEAKAGE VOLUMES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
EAST OF ENGLAND (£M)	▼	(0.7)	(0.3)	0.5
LONDON (£M)	▼	(0.5)	(0.4)	0.7
NORTH WEST (£M)	▼	(0.5)	(0.3)	0.4
WEST MIDLANDS (£M)	▼	(0.7)	(0.6)	0.0
NGGD (£M)	▼	(2.4)	(1.6)	1.5
EAST OF ENGLAND (%)	▼	(0.1%)	(0.0%)	+0.1%
LONDON (%)	▼	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	+0.1%
NORTH WEST (%)	▼	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	+0.1%
WEST MIDLANDS (%)	▼	(0.2%)	(0.2%)	+0.0%
NGGD (%)	▼	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	+0.1%

- NB figures are variance to previous forecast
- Reflects pressure on 2016/17 incentive forecasts arising from average system pressure increase
- We expect this to be recoverable over the remainder of GD-1, but need to drive this to earliest opportunity

Shrinkage	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Sep-16 (gWh)	1292.0	1257.0	1224.0	1191.0	1155.0
Nov-16 (gWh)	1312.8	1272.8	1220.0	1177.5	1136.7
% Change	+1.6%	+1.3%	(0.3%)	(1.1%)	(1.6%)
Leakage	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Sep-16 (gWh)	1211.0	1178.0	1143.0	1111.0	1077.0
Nov-16 (gWh)	1234.2	1195.1	1143.5	1101.6	1061.8
% Change	+1.9%	+1.5%	+0.0%	(0.8%)	(1.4%)



Risks and Uncertainties

- No material changes to 2017/18 prices anticipated following December MOD0186 publication
- Treatment of pension deficits post separation of NGGDL from NGG PIc expected to have transient impact to allowed revenues
- Broadly speaking, expecting a movement between pass through funding (currently charged by NTS) and direct funding
- Summary cost and revenue impacts shown on the following slides



Pension Deficits (Cost Movement)

PRE SEPARATION (£M)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
DIRECT PENSION DEFICIT COSTS	12	12	12	12
ONE OFF ESPS ADJ	-	-	-	-
NTS PASS THROUGH	30	30	30	30
TOTAL	42	42	42	42

POST SEPARATION (£M)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
DIRECT PENSION DEFICIT COSTS	33	33	33	33
ONE OFF ESPS ADJ	5	-	-	-
NTS PASS THROUGH	19	19	-	-
TOTAL	57	52	33	33

CHANGE (£M)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
DIRECT PENSION DEFICIT COSTS	(21)	(21)	(21)	(21)
ONE OFF ESPS ADJ	(5)	-	-	-
NTS PASS THROUGH	11	11	30	30
TOTAL	(15)	(10)	10	10

- Numbers in 2016/17 prices
- Driven by sectionalisation of pension deficit liabilities as a consequence of NGGDL sale
- 3 moving parts:
- Switch of cost between pass through and direct cost categories
- One off adjustment to 2017/18 in respect of former ESPS members moving into the NGGDL scheme
- Residual payments to NTS in respect of contributions made in TPCR-4, accelerated over 17/18 and 2018/19, with no further cost thereafter



Pension Deficits (Revenue Impact)

REVENUE IMPACT (£M)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023 - 2027
ADJUSTMENT TO DIRECT ALLOWANCES	-	21	21	21	-	-	-
2017/18 TRUE UP	-	3	3	3	3	3	11
CHANGE IN NTS COST FORECAST	-	-	(14)	(14)	(38)	(39)	-
ADJUSTMENT TO PASS THROUGH ALLOWANCE	-	(6)	(21)	(21)	27	28	-
TOTAL	-	17	(11)	(12)	(8)	(8)	11
% REVENUE IMPACT	-	+0.9%	(0.6%)	(0.6%)	(0.4%)	(0.4%)	+0.6%

- Illustrative impact relative to previous forecast
- Assumes direct allowances reset from 2018/19 through usual tri-annual process
- 2017/18 direct true up is spread over the period to 2027 (this period may be longer) which softens the impact to allowed revenues
- Impact to direct allowances can be offset through adjustment to pass through allowances in order to hold customers whole at the earliest opportunity. Whilst this requires a licence change, Ofgem are aware of this aspect