Company Registration Number: 3705992

National Grid Metering Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2022



The Directors present their Strategic Report on National Grid Metering Limited ('the Company') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Review of the business

The Company's principal activity during the year was the provision of meter asset management services to National Grid Gas plc.

Executive summary

The Company continued to provide metering services to National Grid Gas plc under a Service Provider Contract. Financial performance, as detailed below, largely depends on the meter work and supporting services provided to National Grid Gas plc as well as standards of services.

The key risk factors for the Company are as follows:

- Volume of work provided to National Grid Gas plc driven by their retention of meters;
- Performance measured against standards of service;
- · Breaches in environmental or health and safety law or regulations; and
- Market developments (e.g. smart metering) and changes in regulations.

A more detailed analysis of these risk factors is provided below:

During the financial year ending March 2022 impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be felt by gas suppliers who continued the rollout of smart gas meters while faced with the challenge of customers and staff self-isolating. Suppliers continued to work towards Ofgem's 'all reasonable steps' obligation of installing a smart meter where reasonably possible up to the deadline of 31 December 2021. At that time 47% of domestic gas meters were smart meters, though a proportion of these continued to operate in traditional mode.

In January 2022 a new four year regulatory framework came into effect, following several delays due to the disruption caused by the pandemic. Binding annual installation targets have been set, and a failure to achieve the targets will be a breach of a supplier's licence. The overall framework was confirmed by BEIS in June 2020 and the targets and tolerances for the first two years of the obligation were confirmed in June 2021. Ofgem have once again highlighted to suppliers the importance of consumer engagement, opening up eligibility and maximising installations in trying to hit these targets.

There has been significant market volatility during the year, with a significant number of energy suppliers exiting the market and their portfolios transferring through the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) process where an alternative supplier is appointed by Ofgem. Suppliers gaining new customers through this process are facing increases to their overall smart meter rollout targets which will have impacted on their plans for their rollout delivery, however Ofgem considers that they have sufficient time to adjust their plans and hit their new targets in the coming year.

National Grid's domestic gas meters are not suitable for conversion to the proposed smart functionality and as a result Metering's domestic meter population will continue to reduce as traditional meters are replaced with smart meters.

Results

The Company's profit for the year was £2,251,000 (2021: £4,076,000).

Financial position

The financial position of the Company is presented in the balance sheet. Total shareholders' equity at 31 March 2022 was £135,319,000 (2021: £132,877,000) comprising fixed assets of £6,913,000 (2021: £4,875,000); net current assets of £130,237,000 (2021: £129,008,000) less creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year of £534,000 (2021: £711,000) and provisions for liabilities of £1,297,000 (2021: £295,000).

Key performance indicators and principal risks and uncertainties

The metering business continues to see a decline in meter rental income driven by the Government mandated smart meter rollout programme, albeit slower than expected. National Grid Gas (to whom the Company provides metering services) owned 7.6 million traditional gas meters at the year-end, down 0.8 million on the prior year.

As the Company is part of a larger group the principal risks and uncertainties of the Company are integrated with the principal risks of National Grid plc. For information on the development, performance, risks, uncertainties and position of National Grid plc and its subsidiaries ('National Grid'), and of the key performance indicators used, refer to the Strategic Report included in National Grid plc's Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22, which does not form part of this report.

Whilst integrated into the key performance indicators of National Grid, management also specifically use the following key performance indicators in measuring the development and performance of the Company:

- Standards of Service In the year to 31 March 2022, 20 out of 20 standards of service targets were achieved (2021: 19 out of 20). The target measure varied from 90 to 98%. These covered complaints, domestic meter work and industrial and commercial meter works. Significant resources were invested in managing service partner relationships throughout the year with regular reviews and close monitoring of exception reports. This resulted in improved performance despite the challenging conditions.
- Efficiency Efficiency is driven by continuous review of installation, running and overhead costs, whilst
 maintaining the required level of operational and safety performance. Cost efficiency is ensured through
 robust tendering of meter work services and products in line with National Grid Procurement's Category
 Management process. Operational efficiency is monitored and driven through proactive contract
 management, whereby key performance indicators are tracked and supported by both incentive and
 liability payments.
- Safety, Health and Environment The Company continues to measure its safety performance in line with National Grid leading and lagging measures. The safety performance measures look at visual safety leadership, hazards and near misses that have occurred, behaviours, process safety, and driver safety. The Company continues to focus on behavioural safety and human factors encouraging staff and contractors alike to recognise hazards, reporting and sharing lessons learnt. The Company has had a huge focus and drive on mental health and wellbeing and continues with its approach to support the mental health and resilience of its people. In 2022/23 the Company will continue to drive best in class safety performance.

Financial risk management

The management of the Company and the execution of the Company's strategy are subject to several financial risks. The Directors have identified the need to manage the Company's material financial risks, including liquidity, credit and interest rate cash flow. These risks are monitored through a National Grid Treasury ('Treasury') management function which invests surplus funds, mitigates foreign exchange and interest rate exposure and manages borrowings for National Grid plc and its subsidiaries.

Financial risk management (continued)

Treasury also seeks to limit third party counterparty risk which arises from the investment of surplus funds and the use of derivative financial instruments. Treasury monitors the exposure that National Grid has with any one counterparty against agreed limits and these limits are monitored regularly and updated for changes in credit ratings.

Liquidity risk

The Company finances its operations through a combination of retained profits and intercompany balances to ensure that the Company has sufficient long-term and short-term funds available for current operations and future activities.

Credit risk

The Company aims to reduce the risk of loss arising from default by parties to financial transactions. To this end the Company has implemented policies that require appropriate credit checks on potential customers before sales are made. The Company holds an approved list of counterparties of good credit quality and these counterparties and their credit ratings are routinely monitored. No exposure is considered to exist in respect of intercompany loans as the subsidiaries are solvent and are covered by the National Grid group's liquidity arrangements.

Interest rate cash flow risk

The Company has one intercompany loan which can fluctuate between an asset and liability which exposes it to interest rate cash flow risk. To the extent that the Company enters intercompany loan agreements, the Company's exposure to interest rate cash flow risk arises on such loans on which interest is currently charged based upon Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) for GBP.

LIBOR is being replaced as an interest rate benchmark by alternative reference rates. This impacts contracts including financial liabilities that pay LIBOR-based cash flows, and derivatives that receive or pay LIBOR-based cash flows. The change in benchmark also affects discount rates which will impact the valuations of certain liabilities. The Directors are managing the risk by transitioning LIBOR cash flows to alternative reference rates on affected contracts. The migration project is underway, with all affected contracts where the Company had previously paid or received GBP LIBOR amended in the year to 31 March 2022. The Finance Committee of the National Grid plc Board have delegated to the treasury department the authority to determine which benchmarks are the most appropriate. A combination of LIBOR and the successor benchmarks, primarily GBP SONIA and USD Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) will be used in the portfolio during the migration period.

Future developments

The Company will continue to operate metering asset management services for the foreseeable future. Smart meter rollout continues in accordance with the Government mandate.

Following the announcement on 18 March 2021 of National Grid's intention to sell a majority stake in the gas transmission (GT) business including metering, preparations have been ongoing throughout the year for the design of a standalone business. The sale of a 60% equity interest in the GT business to a consortium of Macquarie Asset Management and British Columbia Investment Management Corporation was announced on 27 March 2022. The Company is committed to support its people through the remaining stages of the sales process, providing access to all necessary information as well as increased engagement across the business.

Section 172 (1) statement

The Board believes that, individually and together, they have acted in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members, as a whole, having regard to the stakeholders and matters set out in section 172(a)-(f) of the Companies Act 2006 in the decisions taken during the year ended 31 March 2022. It follows the National Grid Group's ('the Group's') business standards and compliance with local corporate governance requirements, and is committed to acting if our business should fail to act in the manner we expect of them. For the Group's section 172 statement please see the National Grid plc Annual Report and Accounts.

The Board is responsible for monitoring and upholding the culture, values, standards, ethics and reputation of the Company to ensure that our obligations to our shareholder and to our stakeholders are met. For each matter, which comes before the Board, stakeholders who may be affected are identified and their interests are carefully considered as part of the Board's decision-making.

The Board is also mindful of the wider social context within which our businesses operate, including those issues related to climate change which are of fundamental importance to the planet's well-being.

Our culture and decision making

Our culture is shaped by our clearly defined values to help ensure we achieve our vision. It determines how we behave, how we make decisions and our attitude towards risk aligned with the Group's purpose, vision and values. Decisions affecting a subsidiary are required to be taken in line with the National Grid Statement of Delegations of Leadership, Responsibility and Financial Authority. In making such decisions the Directors have regard to a variety of matters including the interests of various stakeholders, the consequences of their decisions in the long term and the long-term reputation of the Company and its businesses.

Employee engagement

The Company has 212 employees. The Directors understand the importance of the Company's employees and their contribution to the overall success of the business. During the year, the Board received updates on the interactions between Directors and employees, including attendance at team hubs and site visits, and considered in detail the results of the annual employee engagement survey.

All UK employees engaged in the activities of the Company are employed by subsidiary undertakings of National Grid plc. The employees are kept informed about what is happening across the Group through the Group's intranet and through email, newsletters, and leadership blogs and briefings.

Disclosures relating to employees may be found in the Annual Report and Accounts of these companies. You can read more about the Group's engagement with employees on page 57 of the National Grid plc Annual Report and Accounts (available at: www.nationalgrid.com/investors).

Fostering business relationships with our customers and suppliers and others

The Company is a metering services company and thus has suppliers and customers. The Directors recognise that fostering business relationships with key stakeholders, such as customers and suppliers, is essential to the success of the Group and are satisfied that the Group has close relationships with its customers and suppliers to meet our strategic priorities. The Board receives regular updates on the interactions between the Directors and senior management and key stakeholders, including Government, Ofgem, the HSE, customers and suppliers.

Section 172 (1) statement (continued)

The community and the environment

The Directors recognise that the Group delivers sustainable energy safely, reliably and affordably for the communities we serve. Giving back to the communities in which we operate, and to charities that have meaning to our business, is vitally important to the Group and its employees, allowing them to make a positive difference and have an impact where it counts.

The Directors recognise the critical role the Group plays in tackling climate change in the markets that we operate. Ambitious carbon reduction targets and further legislative actions are anticipated in all our markets which will be challenging and as a Group we embrace the opportunity to support the delivery of these goals. The Group continues to focus on and advance its work in relation to its environmental sustainability strategy.

You can read more about the Group's responsible business on pages 60 to 69 in the National Grid plc Annual Report and Accounts.

Shareholders

The Board considers the long-term impact of corporate actions and decisions on our shareholders.

A member of the Company's Board attends a meeting of our immediate parent company, National Grid Gas plc, once per annum to provide an update on the Company's performance. This ensures there is continuing two-way engagement with the shareholder. Our ultimate shareholder is National Grid plc and there is ongoing communication and engagement with the National Grid Board. Any matters requiring escalation are escalated by the Board through the Chairman to its ultimate parent.

Maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

The Group's Code of Ethical Business Conduct sets out the standards and behaviours expected from all employees to meet the Group's values.

Detailed information on the Group-wide business conduct processes and policies are described in the National Grid plc Annual Report and Accounts on page 59 (available at: www.nationalgrid.com/investors).

The Strategic Report was approved by the Board of Directors and was signed by order of the Board on its behalf by:

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L Hagan Company Secretary 22 July 2022

National Grid Metering Limited Directors' Report For the year ended 31 March 2022

The Directors present their Report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Future developments

Details of future developments have been included within the Strategic Report on page 3.

Principal risk and uncertainties

Details of principal risks and uncertainties have been included within the Strategic Report on page 2.

Financial risk management

Details of financial risk management have been included within the Strategic Report on page 2.

Dividends

During the year, the Company has not paid any interim dividends (2021: nil). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2021: nil).

Directors

The Directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of signing of the financial statements were:

J Butterworth (Resigned 1 May 2021; Reappointed 21 October 2021)

J C Fenn (Resigned 31 July 2021) E J Hallam-Jones (Appointed 1 May 2021)

N Hooper (Resigned 1 May 2021; Reappointed 21 October 2021)

M Y Long

Directors' indemnity

National Grid has arranged, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Articles of Association, qualifying third-party indemnities against financial exposure that Directors may incur during their professional duties. Equivalent qualifying third-party indemnities were, and remain, in force for the benefit of those Directors who stood down from the Board in prior financial years for matters arising when they were Directors of the Company. Alongside these indemnities, National Grid places Directors' and Officers' liability insurance cover for each Director.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which presumes that the Company has adequate resources to remain in operation, and that the Directors intend it to do so, for at least one year from the date the financial statements are signed. As the Company is part of a larger group it participates in the Group's centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking arrangements with its subsidiaries. The Company is expected to generate positive cash flows or be in a position to obtain finance via intercompany loans to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Modern Slavery Act 2015

In accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (section 54 part 6), the Board of National Grid Metering Limited has adopted and approved the Statement on the prevention of slavery and human trafficking of its parent company, National Grid plc. A copy of the Statement is available on the National Grid plc website..

Disclosure of information to auditors

Having made the requisite enquiries, so far as the Directors in office at the date of the approval of this report are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware and each Director has taken all reasonable steps to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information. This confirmation is given in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Auditors

At the 2022 Annual General meeting of National Grid plc, the Company's ultimate parent company, Deloitte LLP were reappointed as external auditor to the group. Pursuant to section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed to the Company and Deloitte LLP will, therefore, continue in office.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

UK company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors' Report was approved by the Board of Directors and was signed by order of the Board on its behalf by:

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Company Secretary 22 July 2022

Registered office:

1-3 Strand London WC2N 5EH

Registered in England and Wales

Company registration number: 3705992

Independent auditor's report to the members of National Grid Metering Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of National Grid Metering Limited ('the Company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the profit and loss account;
- · the balance sheet;
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 17

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Independent auditor's report to the members of National Grid Metering Limited (continued)

Other information (continued)

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the statement of Directors' responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.orq.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the Company's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the Company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included UK Companies Act, FRS 101, tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental
 to the Company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

Independent auditor's report to the members of National Grid Metering Limited (continued)

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)

We discussed among the audit engagement team including relevant internal specialists such as IT specialists regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management, internal audit and in-house legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, internal audit reports and reviewing correspondence with relevant regulatory authorities.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Independent auditor's report to the members of National Grid Metering Limited (continued)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

James Isherwood

James Isherwood (Senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
Birmingham, United Kingdom
22 July 2022

National Grid Metering Limited Profit and loss account For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Turnover	2	55,794	56,633
Administrative expenses		(54,049)	(52,278)
Operating profit	3	1,745	4,355
Interest receivable from immediate parent company		476	440
Lease interest payable		(4)	(4)
Profit before tax	_	2,217	4,791
Tax	5	34	(715)
Profit for the year	=	2,251	4,076

The results for both years reported above relate to continuing activities.

There have been no other comprehensive gains/losses during either the current or prior year other than as disclosed in the profit and loss account and therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

National Grid Metering Limited Balance sheet As at 31 March 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	6	5,988	2,715
Property, plant and equipment	7	925	2,160
	_	6,913	4,875
Current assets			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	8	157,765	149,331
Debtors (amounts falling due after more than one year)	8	1,533	1,228
Total current assets	_	159,298	150,559
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	9	(29,061)	(21,551)
Net current assets	- -	130,237	129,008
Total assets less current liabilities	-	137,150	133,883
Creditors (amounts falling due after more than one year)	10	(534)	(711)
Provisions for liabilities	12	(1,297)	(295)
Net assets	=	135,319	132,877
Equity			
Share capital	13	1,373	1,373
Profit and loss account		133,946	131,504
Total shareholders' equity	_	135,319	132,877

The financial statements on pages 13 to 30 were approved by the Board of Directors on 22 July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Director

National Grid Metering Limited

Company registration number: 3705992

National Grid Metering Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 31 March 2022

		Profit	Total
	Share	and loss	shareholders'
	capital	account	equity
	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 April 2020	1,373	127,184	128,557
Profit for the year	_	4,076	4,076
Share-based payments	_	271	271
Tax on share-based payments	_	(27)	(27)
At 31 March 2021	1,373	131,504	132,877
Profit for the year	_	2,251	2,251
Share-based payments	_	95	95
Tax on share- based payments	_	96	96
At 31 March 2022	1,373	133,946	135,319

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

National Grid Metering Limited is a private company, limited by shares. The nature of the Company's principal activities is set out in the Strategic Report on page 1. The Company is incorporated and registered in England, with its registered office at 1-3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of National Grid Metering Limited for the year ended 31 March 2022 were approved by the Board of Directors on 22 July 2022. The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under Financial Reporting Standard 100 (FRS 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101). In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition and measurement requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the UK, but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and sets out below where advantage of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions has been taken.

These financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis and are presented in pounds sterling which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The 2021 comparative financial information has also been prepared on this basis.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which presumes that the Company has adequate resources to remain in operation, and that the Directors intend it to do so, for at least one year from the date the financial statements are signed. As the Company is part of a larger group it participates in the Group's centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking arrangements with its subsidiaries. The Company is expected to generate positive cash flows or be in a position to obtain finance via intercompany loans to continue for the foreseeable future.

These financial statements are presented in the format as set out in the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/410).

As a qualifying entity, the Company has taken the following exemptions in the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with FRS 101:

- a cash flow statement and related notes:
- disclosures in respect of transactions with National Grid plc and its wholly owned subsidiaries:
- disclosures in respect of capital management;
- disclosures in respect of fixed asset investments; and
- the effects of new but not yet effective IFRS standards.

As the consolidated financial statements of National Grid plc which are available from the registered office, include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has taken the exemptions under FRS 101 in respect of certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 'Fair value measurement' and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 'Financial instruments: Disclosures'.

There are no amendments to accounting standards, or IFRIC interpretations that are effective for the year ended 31 March 2022 that have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

There are no areas of judgement or key sources of estimation uncertainty that are considered to have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in these financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Company's accounting policies approved by the Board of Directors and described below:

(b) Intangible assets

Identifiable intangible assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortisation and any provision for impairment. Intangible assets are tested for impairment only if there is an indication that the carrying value of the assets may have been impaired. Impairments of assets are calculated as the difference between the carrying value of the asset and the recoverable amount, if lower. Where such an asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which that asset belongs is estimated. Impairments are recognised in the profit and loss account and are disclosed separately. Any assets which suffered impairment in a previous period are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Internally generated intangible assets, such as software, are recognised only if: (i) an asset is created that can be identified; (ii) it is probable that the asset created will generate future economic benefits; and (iii) the development cost of the asset can be measured reliably. Where no internally generated intangible asset can be recognised, development expenditure is recorded as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

The estimated useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets are amortised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful economic lives. Amortisation periods for categories of intangible assets are:

Software Over 3 to 10 years

(c) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Cost includes the purchase price of the asset; any payroll and finance costs incurred which are directly attributable to the construction of property, plant and equipment together with an appropriate portion of overheads which are directly linked to the capital work performed; and the cost of any associated asset retirement obligations.

Property, plant and equipment include assets in which the Company's interest comprises legally protected statutory or contractual rights of use. Additions represent the purchase or construction of new assets, including capital expenditure for safety and environmental assets, and extensions to, enhancements to, or replacements of existing assets. All costs associated with projects or activities which have not been fully commissioned at the period end are classified within assets in the course of construction.

No depreciation is provided on freehold land or assets in the course of construction.

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Other items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis, at rates estimated to write off their book values over their estimated useful economic lives. In assessing estimated useful economic lives, consideration is given to any contractual arrangements and operational requirements relating to particular assets. The assessments of estimated useful economic lives and residual values of assets are performed annually. Unless otherwise determined by operational requirements, the depreciation periods for the principal categories of tangible fixed assets are, in general, as shown in the table below:

Depreciation periods	Years
Office equipment	5
Short leasehold	10
Plant and machinery	15

Right-of-use-assets

The Company leases various properties, land, equipment and cars. New lease arrangements entered into are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Company. The right-of-use asset and associated lease liability arising from a lease are initially measured at the present value of the lease payments expected over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments, any variable lease payments dependent on an index or a rate, and any break fees or renewal option costs that the Company is reasonably certain to incur. The discount rate applied is the rate implicit in the lease or, if that is not available, then the incremental rate of borrowing for a similar term. The lease term takes account of exercising any extension options that are at our option if we are reasonably certain to exercise the option and any lease termination options unless we are reasonably certain not to exercise the option. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to the profit and loss account over the lease period using the effective interest rate method. The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. For short-term leases (lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets (such as computers), the Company continues to recognise a lease expense on a straight-line basis.

Items within property, plant and equipment are tested for impairment only if there is some indication that the carrying value of the assets may have been impaired.

Impairments of assets are calculated as the difference between the carrying value of the asset and the recoverable amount, if lower. Where such an asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which that asset belongs is estimated.

Impairments are recognised in the profit and loss account and are disclosed separately. Any assets which suffered impairment in a previous period are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Tax

The tax credit for the period is recognised in the profit and loss account, the statement of comprehensive income or directly in equity according to the accounting treatment of the related transaction. The tax credit comprises both current and deferred tax.

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amounts expected to be recovered from or paid to the tax authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amounts are those that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

The calculation of the total tax charge involves a degree of estimation and judgement and management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet liability method and is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised on all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. However, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences arise from the initial recognition of goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction (other than a business combination) that affects neither the accounting nor the taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised on taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and joint arrangements except where the Company is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised, based on the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be recovered. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority and the Company intends to settle their current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

(e) Financial instruments

Under IFRS 9 the Company has reported the following financial assets and liabilities, and the classification for each is dependent upon its contractual cash flows and for financial assets the business model it is held under. All financial instruments are initially recognised on trade date.

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets that have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest, and which are held within a business model whose objective is to collect contractual cash flows, are held at amortised cost. These instruments include loans to subsidiary undertakings, joint ventures and associates, and other loans to subsidiaries within the National Grid group. For impairment assessment purposes loans to subsidiary and fellow subsidiary undertakings are individually assessed based on comparable external credit ratings and a review of solvency and liquidity arrangements and as such the expected credit loss for the year is £nil.

Borrowings, which include interest-bearing loans and overdrafts, are initially recorded at fair value. This normally reflects the proceeds received (net of direct issue costs for liabilities measured at amortised cost). Subsequently, borrowings are stated at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds after direct issue costs and the redemption value is recognised over the term of the borrowing in the profit and loss account using the effective interest method.

Lease liabilities - IFRS 16

Lease liabilities are initially measured at the present value of the lease payments expected over the lease term. The discount rate applied is the rate implicit in the lease or if that is not available, then the incremental rate of borrowing for a similar term and similar security. The lease term takes account of exercising any extension options that are at the Company's option if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise the option and any lease termination options unless the Company is reasonably certain not to exercise the option. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to the profit and loss account over the lease period using the effective interest rate method.

(f) Provisions for liabilities

General

Provisions for liabilities are recognised where a legal or constructive obligation exists at the balance sheet date, as a result of a past event, where the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated and where the outcome of economic benefit is probable.

Restructuring costs

Costs arising from the Company's restructuring programmes primarily relate to redundancy costs. Redundancy costs are charged to the profit and loss account in the year in which the Company becomes irrevocably committed to incurring the costs and the main features of the restructuring plan have been announced to the affected employees.

(g) Turnover

Turnover mostly comprises the sales value derived from meter asset management services provided to National Grid Gas plc during the year including an assessment of the value of services provided, but not invoiced, at the year end. Recognition is at the completion of service. It excludes value added tax and other sales taxes. The discharge of asset management services are invoiced monthly.

(h) Pensions

National Grid operates various post-employment schemes, including both defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans.

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Pensions (continued)

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The Company has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that is not a defined contribution plan.

For defined contribution plans, the Company pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The Company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as staff costs when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

The Company is not a participating employer of the defined benefit schemes operated by the National Grid group. However, the Company has employees who are members of one of these schemes. The net defined benefit cost is recognised in the individual company financial statements of the group company that is legally the sponsoring employer for the scheme. The other group companies in their individual financial statements recognise a cost which represents a recharge from the sponsoring employers.

(i) Share based payments

National Grid issues equity-settled share-based payments to certain employees of the Company. Equity-settled share-based payments are measured at fair value at the date of grant, based on an estimate of the number of shares that will eventually vest. This fair value is recognised on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, as an operating cost and an increase in equity. Payments made by the Company to National Grid in respect of share-based payments are recognised as a reduction in equity.

(j) Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that includes a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all liabilities and is recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs, with an amount equal to the nominal amount of the shares issued included in the share capital account.

2 Turnover

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
An analysis of turnover by category:		
External customers .	790	741
Immediate parent company	55,004	55,892
	55,794	56,633

The Company's operations are all undertaken in the UK for customers based in the UK.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2022

3 Operating profit

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	833	305
Impairment of intangible fixed assets	255	_
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	917	472
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	455	398
Loss/(profit) on sale of assets	21	(5)
Payroll costs	9,858	9,127
Other operating costs	41,710	41,986
Services provided by the Company's auditor		
Audit fees	18	45

Disclosure of non-audit fees is not required as these have been disclosed in the consolidated financial statements of National Grid plc.

4 Directors and employees

Directors' emoluments

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Aggregate emoluments	275	219

Post-employment benefits are accruing to 1 (2021: 1) Director under a Group defined benefit scheme and 3 (2021: 2) Directors under a defined contribution scheme.

During the year, there were 1 (2021: 4) Directors who exercised share options in or received ordinary shares as part of long term incentive plans of the ultimate parent company, National Grid plc.

Highest paid Director

The highest paid Director's emoluments were as follows:

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Total amount of emoluments and amounts receivable (excluding defined contribution) under long term incentive schemes	129	122

During the year, the highest paid Director exercised share options in or received ordinary shares as part of long term incentive plans of the ultimate parent company, National Grid plc.

4 Directors and employees (continued)

Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	6,839	5,567
Social security costs	1,210	1,415
Defined contribution scheme pension costs	1,204	1,358
Defined benefit scheme pension costs	510	516
Share-based payments	95	271
	9,858	9,127

The average monthly number of employees (including Directors) involved in administration employed by the Company during the year was 212 (2021: 236).

5 Tax

Tax (credited)/charged to the profit and loss account

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Current tax:	2 000	2000
UK corporation tax	474	863
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(288)	(107)
Total current tax	186	756
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(89)	(12)
Impact of change in tax rate	(346)	_
Adjustments in respect of prior years	215	(29)
Total deferred tax	(220)	(41)
Tax (credited)/charged in the profit and loss account	(34)	715

The tax credit for the year is lower (2021: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021: 19%). The differences are explained in next page:

5 Tax (continued)

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Profit before tax	2,217	4,791
Profit before tax multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021: 19%)	421	910
Effect of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	9	81
Non-taxable income	(7)	(42)
Taxation on transfer pricing adjustments	(34)	(108)
Impact of share-based payments	(4)	10
Impact of change in UK tax rate	(346)	_
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(73)	(136)
Total tax (credited)/charged in the profit and loss account	(34)	715

Factors that may affect future tax charges

In the Spring Budget 2021, the UK government announced an increase in the main corporation tax rate from 19% to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023. This was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021. Deferred tax balances as at 31 March 2022, that are expected to reverse after 1 April 2023, have been calculated at 25%.

The Directors will continue to monitor the developments driven by Brexit, the OECD's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) project and European Commission initiatives including fiscal aid investigations. At this time, the Directors do not expect this to have any material impact on future tax charges. Governments across the world including the UK have introduced various stimulus/reliefs for businesses to cope with the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, from which the Directors do not currently expect there to be a material impact on the Company's future tax charges.

6 Intangible assets

	Software assets in the course of construction £'000	Software £'000	Total £'000
Cost:			•
At 1 April 2021	_	26,081	26,081
Additions	450	3,911	4,361
Reclassifications	(82)	82	
At 31 March 2022	368	30,074	30,442
Accumulated amortisation:			
At 1 April 2021	_	(23,366)	(23,366)
Amortisation charge for the year	_	(833)	(833)
Impairment charge for the year		(255)	(255)
At 31 March 2022		(24,454)	(24,454)
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2022	368	5,620	5,988
At 31 March 2021		2,715	2,715

The software intangible assets include the Company's stock management system which was created by an external development firm for the Company's specific requirements.

The impairment relates to certain costs which were previously capitalised in respect of the Company's cloud computing arrangements due to a change in policy for the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022.

7 Property, plant and equipment

	Short leasehold land and buildings £'000	Plant and machinery £'000	Office equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	3,333	112	1,078	4,523
Additions	4	28	218	250
Disposals	(501)	(112)	(14)	(627)
At 31 March 2022	2,836	28	1,282	4,146
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	(1,611)	(70)	(682)	(2,363)
Depreciation charge for the year	(1,142)	(4)	(226)	(1,372)
Disposals	. 428	74	12	514
At 31 March 2022	(2,325)		(896)	(3,221)
Net book value:				
At 31 March 2022	511	28	386	925
At 31 March 2021	1,722	. 42	396	2,160

The table below shows the net book value of right-of-use assets included within property, plant and equipment at 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021, split by category. The associated lease liabilities are disclosed in note 11.

Land and buildings £'000	Office equipment £'000	Total £'000
443	308	751
_	216	216
(345)	(13)	(358)
(302)	(153)	(455)
345	. 13	358
Land and	Office equipment	Total
£'000	£'000	£'000
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£'000	£'000	£'000
	£'000 443 — (345) (302) 345	£'000 £'000 443 308 — 216 (345) (13) (302) (153) 345 13 Land and Office

8 Debtors

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	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one year:	•	
Trade debtors	. 378	244
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings	.9,963	9,608
Amounts owed by immediate parent company	145,122	136,978
VAT recoverable	2,146	2,284
Other debtors	46	72
Prepayments and accrued income	110	145
	157,765	149,331
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Deferred tax	1,533	1,228

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand. Where intercompany loans are interest-bearing interest is charged at rates determined by Treasury. For impairment assessment purposes, such loans to group undertakings are considered low risk as the subsidiaries are solvent and are covered by the National Grid group's liquidity arrangements and as such the expected credit loss for the year is £nil.

Deferred tax

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Accelerated capital allowances	1,142	813
Other	391	415
Deferred tax asset	1,533	1,228
Deferred tax asset at 1 April	1,228	1,218
Credited to the profit and loss account	219	41
Credited / (charged) to the statement of other comprehensive income and equity	86	(31)
Deferred tax asset at 31 March	1,533	1,228

There are no other significant unrecognised deferred tax assets or liabilities (2021: nil).

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National Grid Metering Limited Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2022

9 Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)

·	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Borrowings and lease liabilities (note 11)	851	576
Trade creditors	2,007	4,322
Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertakings	13,761	3,443
Other tax and social security	473	544
Other creditors	741	1,410
Capital payables	269	177
Accruals and deferred income	10,959	11,079
	29,061	21,551

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand. Where intercompany loans are interest-bearing interest is charged at rates determined by Group Treasury.

10 Creditors (amounts falling due after more than one year)

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Lease liabilities (note 11)	534	711
Borrowings and lease liabilities		
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Bank overdrafts	510	352
Lease liabilities	341	224
	851	576
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Lease liabilities	534	711
Lease liabilities		
	2022	2021
·	£'000	£'000
Gross lease liabilities are repayable as follows:		
Less than 1 year	341	224
1 to 5 years	538	717
	879	941
Less: Finance charges allocated to future periods	(4)	(6)
	875	935

11 Borrowings and lease liabilities (continued)

Lease liabilities (continued)

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
The present value of lease liabilities are as follows:		
Less than 1 year	341	224
1 to 5 years	534	711
	875	935

12 Provisions for liabilities

	Other	Restructuring	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 April 2021	124	171	295
Additions	1,173	31	1,204
Utilised		(202)	(202)
At 31 March 2022	1,297	<u> </u>	1,297

Restructuring provision

The restructuring provision relates to business reorganisation costs.

Other provision

Other provision relates to costs associated with the exit of leases. These include dilapidations costs to be paid on exit of the lease and onerous lease costs to be paid during the remaining life of the lease.

13 Share capital

2022	2021
£'000	£'000
1,373	1,373
	£'000

In line with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the Company has amended its Articles of Association and ceased to have authorised share capital.

14 Capital and other commitments

	2022	2021
	£.000	£'000
Contracts for future capital expenditure not provided in the financial statements	5,396	2,256

15 Contingent liabilities

Litigation

Through the ordinary course of operations, the Company is party to various litigation, claims and investigations. The Directors do not expect the ultimate resolution of any of these proceedings to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

16 Related party transactions

The Company is exempt under FRS 101.8(k) from disclosing transactions with National Grid plc and its subsidiary undertakings where all of the voting rights are held within the group. There were no related party transactions with other companies.

17 Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent and controlling company is National Grid plc and the immediate parent company is National Grid Gas plc. The largest and smallest group which includes the Company and for which consolidated financial statements are prepared is headed by National Grid plc. Both of these companies are registered in England and Wales at the registered office below.

Copies of the consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary, National Grid plc, 1-3 Strand, London WC2N 5EH.