## HE Trustees Limited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

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#### Report of the Directors

The Directors present their report together with the audited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009.

#### 1. Principal Activities

The Company's ordinary activity is to act as trustee in respect of any employee share scheme established by Scottish and Southern Energy plc.

#### 2. Business Review

The Company is a Trustee under the Scottish and Southern Energy plc Qualifying Employee Share Ownership Trust (QUEST) established for the purposes of the Scottish and Southern Energy plc Sharesave Scheme. The Company therefore acquires and holds shares in Scottish and Southern Energy plc on behalf of the QUEST for the benefit of employees and former employees of the Scottish and Southern Energy Group using exercise monies received from participants and contributions paid by companies within the Group. The Directors do not anticipate any changes in activities in the forthcoming period.

#### 3. Results and Dividends

The Company made neither a profit nor a loss in the year to 31 March 2009 (2008 - £nil). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2008 - £nil).

#### 4. Directors

The Directors who served during the year were as follows: -

Martin MacKenzie James McPhillimy

#### 5. Auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG Audit Plc will therefore continue in office.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Peter Lawns Company Secretary

17 July 2009

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the Accounts

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the Accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare Accounts for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the Accounts in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Accounts are required by law to 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 Accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and 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 Accounts; and
- prepare the Accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will
  continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that its Accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of HE Trustees Limited

We have audited the Accounts of HE Trustees Limited for the year ended 31 March 2009 which comprise the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Movement in Shareholders' Funds and the related notes. These Accounts have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Accounts in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 2.

Our responsibility is to audit the Accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the Accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the Accounts. In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the Accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Accounts.

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the Accounts give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2009 and of its result for the year then ended;
- the Accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the Accounts.

KPMG Audit Plc.——Chartered Accountants

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Registered Auditor

Edinburgh

17 July 2009

# Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 March 2009

During the year and the previous year the company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, during those years the company made neither a profit nor a loss.

#### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2009

Datance Sheet as at 31 March 2007	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Amounts due to Scottish and Southern Energy plc		(343)	(343)
Net liabilities	<del></del>	(343)	(343)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	4	2	2
Profit and loss account	5	(345)	(345)
Deficit in shareholders' funds	<del></del> -	(343)	(343)

There are no recognised gains and losses during the financial year.

These Accounts were approved by the directors on 17 July 2009 and signed on their behalf by

Martin MacKenzie, Director

# Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds as at 31 March 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	-	-
Net addition to shareholders' funds	•	-
Opening shareholders' funds	(343)	(343)
Closing deficit in shareholders' funds	(343)	(343)

## Notes on the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

#### 1. Significant accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with all applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The principal accounting policies are summarised below and have been applied consistently.

The Company's balance sheet at 31 March 2009 shows a net liability position of £343 (2008 - £343). The parent company has confirmed that it will continue to provide financial support to the Company and in partcular will not seek repayment of the amounts currently made available. On this basis, the directors believe that the Company will be in a position to meet its liabilities as they fall due and that the accounts are appropriately prepared on a going concern basis.

These Accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the ultimate parent company, Scottish and Southern Energy plc, intends to provide such funds as are necessary for the Company to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. The Directors of the ultimate holding company have confirmed this undertaking.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (FRS 1), the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the ultimate parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published consolidated Accounts.

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Scottish and Southern Energy plc (SSE plc), it has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the Scottish and Southern Energy Group (the Group).

#### 2. Shares held in trust

The Company holds no ordinary shares of Scottish and Southern Energy plc in trust (2008 - nil) on behalf of employees of that Company and its subsidiaries.

#### 3. Directors', staff and auditors' remuneration

The Directors received no remuneration in respect of their service to the Company (2008 - £nil). There were no staff employed during the year (2008 - nil). During the year the Company did not incur an audit fee (2008 - £nil).

4.	Share capital		1	
••	Share capital	2009 £	2008 £	
Aı	uthorised: 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000	
Al	llotted and called up: 2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2	
5	Reserves		Profit and loss account £	
Αt	t 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009		(345)	

#### 6 Ultimate holding company

The Company is a subsidiary of Scottish and Southern Energy plc, which is the ultimate parent company and is registered in Scotland. The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Scottish and Southern Energy plc. The consolidated accounts of the group (which include those of the Company) are available from Corporate Communications, Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth PH1 3AQ.