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## SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present an overview of SPW Investments Limited's structure, 2019 performance and strategic outlook including principal risks and uncertainties.

#### STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

#### Introduction

The principal activity of SPW Investments Limited ("the company"), registered company number SC473190, is that of a holding company. The company's sole investment is the entire share capital of Scottish Power Limited ("SPL"), the holding company of the Scottish Power Limited group ("ScottishPower") in the United Kingdom ("UK"). The company will continue with this activity for the foreseeable future.

The immediate and ultimate parent of the company is Iberdrola, S.A. ("Iberdrola") which is listed on the Madrid stock exchange.

#### 2019 performance

The company's net profit for the year ended 31 December 2019 was £351.0 million (2018 £401.6 million). During the year a dividend of £342.0 million (2018 £396.0 million) was received from SPL.

#### **Financial instruments**

Treasury services are provided by Iberdrola Group Treasury. Further details of the treasury policy for Iberdrola and how it manages this is included in the most recent Annual Report and Accounts of Iberdrola.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The company's risk management policy is integrated as part of the risk management policy of Iberdrola. Iberdrola develops and implements risk management policies and procedures, and promotes a robust control environment at all levels of the organisation. Further details of Iberdrola's governance structure and risk management are provided in the most recent Annual Report and Accounts of Iberdrola.

The principal risk and uncertainty of the company, other than those specific to COVID-19, that may impact current and future operational and financial performance and the management of this risk is described below:

RISK	RESPONSE
The potential for impairment in the value of investments.	Periodic review of operational and financial performance of
	the subsidiaries and joint ventures.

#### Emergence and spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of Coronavirus COVID-19 a pandemic, due to its rapid spread throughout the world. In common with many governments, the UK and devolved Governments have put in place restrictive measures to contain the spread of the virus. These are expected to endure for some time.

Notwithstanding the above, as at the date of signing these Accounts, it is the directors' opinion that the principal activity of the company is expected to operate throughout this crisis period without significant disruption and therefore will not have an impact on the company's business operations, assets and liabilities. Further detail of events subsequent to the balance sheet date is provided in Note 17.

#### ENGAGING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The company is the immediate parent and holding company of SPL, which is the holding company of ScottishPower.

#### The importance of engaging with stakeholders

Meaningful engagement with stakeholder groups supports the ethos of Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 which states that directors should have regard to stakeholder interests when discharging their duty to promote, in good faith, the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole. Details of how the company engages with its stakeholders, and how these activities influence the company's operations, are set out below.

#### **Key stakeholders**

The directors are fully aware of their duties under the Companies Act 2006, including as set out in section 172 of the same. The primary responsibility of the board of directors of the company ("the Board") is to supervise and make decisions as required in relation to the activities of the company. The Board has the responsibility of carrying out the day-to-day management, effective administration and ordinary control of the company.

## SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT continued

#### ENGAGING WITH STAKEHOLDERS continued

The company's key stakeholder is its shareholder. Notwithstanding this, as a holding company, it also has indirect stakeholders, being the stakeholders of its subsidiary entities. The company's subsidiary entities have four key stakeholder categories: employees and energy customers; suppliers and contractors; government and regulators; and community and environment. Further details as to how ScottishPower engages with these four stakeholder categories are provided in the most recent Annual Report and Accounts of SPL ("the SPL Accounts").

Shareholders are important to the company. All shareholder management activities are carried out by Iberdrola, which is listed on the Madrid Stock exchange. Iberdrola is committed to dialogue, proximity and actions in favour of shareholders. Iberdrola is one of the first companies in the world to formalise a Shareholder Engagement Policy focusing upon two-way interaction with the shareholders in order to forge a sense of belonging and to encourage their engagement in the corporate life of Iberdrola. Iberdrola's Shareholder Engagement Policy is published at

https://www.iberdrola.com/corporate-governance/corporate-governance-system/corporate-policies/shareholder-engagement-policy.

#### SECTION 172 STATEMENT

## Statement by the directors in performance of their statutory duties in accordance with section 172 of the Companies Act 2006

The Companies (Miscellaneous) Reporting Regulations 2018 introduced a new statutory reporting requirement for financial reporting years beginning on or after 1 January 2019. As a result, the directors of the company are required to give a statement which describes how the directors have had regard to the matters set out in section 172(1) of the Companies Act 2006 when discharging their duty under that section.

The directors acknowledge and understand their duties and responsibilities, including that, under section 172 of the Companies Act 2006, a director of a company must act in the way he or she considers, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole, and in doing so have regard, where relevant (amongst other matters) to:

- a) the likely consequences of any decision in the long-term;
- b) the interests of the company's employees;
- c) the need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- d) the impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment;
- e) the desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- f) the need to act fairly as between members of the company.

The delivery of the strategy of the company requires the company to conduct business in a manner benefitting customers through balancing cost and risk while delivering shareholder value and protecting the performance and reputation of the company's business by prudently managing risks inherent in the business. In carrying out this strategy, the directors' duties under section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 have been considered.

The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company. The company's sole investment is the entire share capital of SPL, which is the holding company of ScottishPower. The company does not have employees, direct business relationships with suppliers and customers, or operations directly affecting the community and the environment. Other than its sole shareholder, the indirect stakeholders of the company are the stakeholders of ScottishPower. Further details of the stakeholders of the company are set out in the 'Engaging with Stakeholders' section of the Strategic Report above.

The directors strongly believe that effective and meaningful engagement with stakeholders is key to promoting the success of the company. The directors, both individually and together as a board, consider that the decisions taken during the year ended 31 December 2019 in discharging the function of the Board, were in conformance with their duty under section 172 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Board is assisted in considering key stakeholders (both direct and indirect) as part of the decision-making process by including stakeholder considerations in board papers as appropriate, and board papers are carefully reviewed and considered by all directors.

## SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT continued

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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David Wark Director 15 September 2020

# SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THE STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors have chosen to disclose information on the following, required by Companies Act 2006 to be included in the Directors' Report, within the Strategic Report, found on pages 1 to 3:

- Information on financial risk management and policies; and
- Information regarding future developments of the business.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDEND**

The net profit for the year was £351.0 million (2018 £401.6 million). A dividend of £1,330.0 million was paid during the year (2018 £nil).

#### DIRECTORS

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Andrés Campaña Ávila David Wark

As at the date of this report, there have been no changes to the composition of the Board since the year end.

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Accounts, including a Strategic Report and Directors' Report, in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ("FRS 101").

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 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;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information relating to the company that is included on the ScottishPower website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the directors in office as at the date of this Annual Report and Accounts confirms that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

## SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT continued

AUDITOR

KPMG LLP was re-appointed as auditor of the company for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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David Wark Director 15 September 2020

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of SPW Investments Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement, and related notes, including the accounting policies in Note 2.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the Financial Reporting Council ("FRC") Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

#### Strategic report and directors' report

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required to report to you 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 these respects.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED continued

#### **Directors' responsibilities**

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

#### The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.

Philip Charles (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants 319 St. Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5AS

16 September 2020

## SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2019

		2019	2018
	Notes	£m	£m
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments in subsidiaries	3	6,329.4	6,329.4
Deferred tax asset	4	-	0.1
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		6,329.4	6,329.5
CURRENT ASSETS			
Other receivables	5	7.5	990.3
Cash and short-term deposits		4.2	-
CURRENT ASSETS		11.7	990.3
TOTAL ASSETS		6,341.1	7,319.8
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Of shareholders of the parent		6,339.1	7,318.1
Share capital	6, 7	1.0	1.0
Other reserves	7	5,008.4	5,008.4
Retained earnings	7	1,329.7	2,308.7
TOTAL EQUITY		6,339.1	7,318.1
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
			0.2
Trade and other payables	8	-	0.3
Current tax liabilities		2.0	1.4
CURRENT LIABILITIES		2.0	1.7
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2.0	1.7
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		6,341.1	7,319.8

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf on 15 September 2020.

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David Wark Director

The accompanying Notes 1 to 17 are an integral part of the balance sheet at 31 December 2019.

## SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED INCOME STATEMENT AND STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 31 December 2019

		2019	2018
	Notes	£m	£m
External services		-	(0.3)
OPERATING RESULT/(LOSS)		-	(0.3)
Dividends received		342.0	396.0
Finance income	9	10.5	7.5
Finance costs	10	0.6	(0.2)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		353.1	403.0
Income tax	11	(2.1)	(1.4)
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		351.0	401.6

Net profit for both years is wholly attributable to the equity holder of SPW Investments Limited.

Net profit for both years comprises total comprehensive income.

All results relate to continuing operations.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Share	Other	Retained	Total
	capital	reserves	earnings	equity
	£m	£m	£m	£m
At 1 January 2018	1.0	5,008.4	1,907.1	6,916.5
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	401.6	401.6
At 1 January 2019	1.0	5,008.4	2,308.7	7,318.1
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	351.0	351.0
Dividends paid	-	-	(1,330.0)	(1,330.0)
At 31 December 2019	1.0	5,008.4	1,329.7	6,339.1

The accompanying Notes 1 to 17 are an integral part of the income statement and statement of comprehensive income and the statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2019.

## SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019 £m	2018 £m
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	353.1	403.0
Adjustments for:		
Net finance income and costs	(11.1)	(7.3)
Shareholding income	(342.0)	(396.0)
Changes in working capital:		
Change in trade payables	(0.3)	0.3
Interest received	10.7	6.6
Income taxes paid	(1.4)	(1.9)
Dividends received	342.0	396.0
Net cash flows from operating activities (i)	351.0	400.7
Cash flows from investing activities		
Decrease/(increase) in amounts due from Iberdrola group companies - current loans receivable	983.2	(400.7)
Net cash flows from investing activities (ii)	983.2	(400.7)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid to company's equity holder	(1,330.0)	-
Net cash flows from financing activities (iii)	(1,330.0)	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents (i)+(ii)+(iii)	4.2	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	4.2	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year comprises:		
Cash and short term deposits	4.2	-
Cash flow statement cash and cash equivalents	4.2	-

The accompanying Notes 1 to 17 are an integral part of the cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### **1** BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### A COMPANY INFORMATION

SPW Investments Limited ("the company"), registered company number SC473190, is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in Scotland and its registered office is 320 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5AD, Scotland.

#### **B** BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The company is required by law to prepare Accounts and to deliver them to the Registrar of Companies. The Accounts are prepared in accordance with the Accounting Policies set out in Note 2. Monetary amounts are presented in pounds Sterling and are rounded to the nearest hundred thousand unless otherwise indicated. The Accounts are prepared on the historical cost basis.

The Accounts contain information about SPW Investments Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of subsidiary companies. The company is exempt under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated Accounts as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated Accounts of its immediate and ultimate parent, Iberdrola, (refer to Note 14(b)).

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 101. In preparing these financial statements, the company has applied the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as adopted by the EU as at the date of approval of these Accounts and which are mandatory for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 ("IFRS as adopted by the EU") but has made amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantages of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions have been taken.

In the transition to FRS 101 from IFRS as adopted by the EU, the company has made no measurement and recognition adjustments.

In these Accounts, the company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries of Iberdrola, S.A.;
- disclosures in respect of capital management;
- the effects of new but not yet effective IFRS pronouncements; and
- disclosures in respect of the compensation of key management personnel.

As the consolidated financial statements of Iberdrola, S.A. include the equivalent disclosures, the company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 'Fair Value Measurement' and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures'.

#### C IMPACT OF NEW IFRS

In preparing these Accounts, the company has applied all relevant International Accounting Standards ("IAS"), IFRS and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") (collectively referred to as IFRS) that have been adopted by the EU as of the date of approval of these Accounts and that are mandatory for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the company has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time:

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(a) IFRS 16 'Leases' was effective for the company as from 1 January 2019. The company carried out analysis in order to assess whether its agreements are, or contain, a lease at their inception considering the requirements of IFRS 16. No leases were identified, as such the application of IFRS 16 has not had any impact on the company's accounting policies, financial position or performance.

(b) The application of these pronouncements has not had a material impact on the company's accounting policies, financial position or performance.

#### 2 JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTIES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In determining and applying accounting policies, judgement is often required in respect of items which have a significant effect on the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses recognised in the financial statements, other than those involving estimates; the company has no such judgements. At 31 December 2019, there are no assumptions made about the future or other major sources of estimation uncertainty which have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the next financial year.

The principal accounting policies applied in preparing the company's Accounts are set out below:

- **A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**
- **B** TAXATION
- **C** INVESTMENTS

#### A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

#### A1 FINANCIAL ASSETS

#### A1.1 RECOGNITION AND INITIAL MEASUREMENT

Financial assets of the company are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost and are initially measured at fair value. Financial assets are initially recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. A financial asset is initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

A1.2 CLASSIFICATION AND SUBSEQUENT MEASUREMENT

#### (a) Classification

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the company changes its business model for managing financial assets in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model. These are expected to be infrequent and no other reclassifications are permitted.

The company's business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both. The business model of the company does not depend on the intentions of management for an individual instrument. Therefore, it is not an instrument-by-instrument classification approach and should be determined from a higher level of aggregation.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the 'SPPI' test.

#### (b) Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income and impairment losses are recognised in the income statement. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in the company income statement.

#### (i) Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e. removed from the company's balance sheet) when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired.

#### (c) Impairment of financial assets

The company has adopted the general Expected Credit Loss ("ECL") model for financial assets measured at amortised cost. The general model works as follows:

#### 2 JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTIES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS continued

A1 FINANCIAL ASSETS continued

A1.2 CLASSIFICATION AND SUBSEQUENT MEASUREMENT continued

#### (c) Impairment of financial assets continued

- For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next twelve months (a twelve month ECL).
- For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

As an exception to the general model, if the credit risk of a financial instrument is low at the reporting date, management can measure impairment using twelve month ECL and so it does not have to assess whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred. In order for this operational simplification to apply, the financial instrument has to meet the following requirements:

- it has a low risk of default;
- the borrower is considered, in the short-term, to have a strong capacity to meet its obligations; and
- the lender expects, in the longer term, that adverse changes in economic and business conditions might, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its obligations.

All of the company's financial assets have low credit risk at both the beginning and end of the reporting period. The company considers these assets to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'. The company considers this to be BBB- or higher per rating agency Standard & Poor's.

The company considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- internal or external information indicates that the company is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the company; or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

#### (i) Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. Twelve month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the twelve months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than twelve months). The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the company is exposed to credit risk.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the company expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

#### (ii) Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

#### (iii) Write-offs

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery.

#### **A2 FINANCIAL LIABILITIES**

#### A2.1 RECOGNITION AND INITIAL MEASUREMENT

The company's financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost. Trade payables are initially recognised at fair value net of directly attributable transaction costs (the invoice amount).

#### A2.2 CLASSIFICATION AND SUBSEQUENT MEASUREMENT

The company's financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognised in the income statement. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in the income statement.

#### 2 JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTIES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS continued

A2 FINANCIAL LIABILITIES continued

A2.2 CLASSIFICATION AND SUBSEQUENT MEASUREMENT continued

#### (a) Derecognition

The company derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the income statement.

#### **B** TAXATION

The company's liability for current tax is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on the difference between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the balance sheet and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profits (temporary differences), and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses or credits can be utilised.

Deferred tax is calculated on a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised based on tax rates and laws enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is charged in the income statement, except where it relates to items charged or credited to equity (via the statement of comprehensive income), in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity and is shown in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### C INVESTMENTS

The company's investments in subsidiaries are stated in the balance sheet at cost, or fair values of shares issued as consideration where applicable. Dividends from subsidiaries are recognised when the right to receive the dividend is established.

#### 3 INVESTMENTS

#### (a) Movements in investments

	Subsidiary
	undertakings
	shares
	£m
At 1 January 2018, 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	6,329.4

#### (b) Subsidiaries and joint ventures

The subsidiaries and joint ventures of the company at 31 December are set out below. Entities are indirect holdings unless specified.

		Registered office and country of incorporation	Equity interest in ordinary shares	
Name	Principal activities	(Note (ix))	2019	2018
Energy Networks				
Subsidiaries				
Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited	Holding company	(A)	100%	100%
SP Distribution plc	Ownership and operation of distribution network within the ScottishPower area	(A)	100%	100%

### 3 INVESTMENTS continued

## (b) Subsidiaries and joint ventures continued

		Registered office and country of incorporation	Equit ordir	•	erest in hares
Name	Principal activities	(Note (ix))	2019		2018
Energy Networks continued					
Subsidiaries					
SP Manweb plc	Ownership and operation of distribution network within the Mersey and North Wales area	(B)	100%		100%
SP Network Connections Limited	Design and construction of utility connections	(B)	100%		100%
SP Power Systems Limited	Provision of asset management services	(A)	100%		100%
SP Transmission plc	Ownership and operation of transmission network within the ScottishPower area	(A)	100%		100%
Manweb Services Limited	Operation of a private electricity distribution network	(B)	100%		100%
Joint venture					
NGET/SPT Upgrades Limited	Construction and operation of offshore HVDC West Coast transmission link	(C)	50%		50%
Renewables					
Subsidiaries					
ScottishPower Renewable Energy Limited	Holding company	(A)	100%		100%
Coldham Windfarm Limited	Operation of an onshore wind farm	(B)	80%		80%
Douglas West Extension Limited	Development of an onshore wind farm	(A)	72%	(i)	-
East Anglia One Limited	Construction and operation of an offshore wind farm	(D)	60%	(ii)	100%
East Anglia One North Limited	Development of an offshore wind farm	(D)	100%		100%
East Anglia Three Limited	Development of an offshore wind farm	(D)	100%		100%
East Anglia Two Limited	Development of an offshore wind farm	(D)	100%		100%
ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited	Development, construction and operation of onshore wind farms	(E)	100%	(iii)	100%
ScottishPower Renewables (WODS) Limited	Operation of an offshore wind farm	(A)	100%		100%
ScottishPower Renewables (UK Assets) Limited	Dormant	(A)	100%	(iv)	100%
Joint ventures	Dormant		10070	()	10070
Celtpower Limited	Operation of an onshore wind farm	(B)	50%		50%
East Anglia Offshore Wind Limited	Commercial operation of offshore	(D)	50%		50%
East Anglia Offshore while Einited		(D)	30%		30%
Morecambe Wind Limited	meteorological masts	(5)	F.00/		F 00/
	Provision of operational services	(F)	50%		50%
Energy Retail and Wholesale Subsidiaries					
Scottish Power Retail Holdings Limited (formerly Scottish Power Generation Holdings Limited)	Holding company	(A)	100%		100%
ScottishPower (DCL) Limited	Holding company	(B)	100%		100%
ScottishPower Energy Management Limited	Wholesale energy management company	(A)	100%		100%
	engaged in purchase and sale of electricity and gas	(,,)	100/0		10070
ScottishPower Energy Management (Agency) Limited	-	(A)	100%		100%
ScottishPower Generation Limited	Electricity generation	(A)	-	(v)	-
ScottishPower (SCPL) Limited	Holding company	(B)	100%		100%
SMW Limited	Wastewater treatment	(A)	-	(v)	-
SP Gas Transportation Cockenzie Limited	Holder of Gas Transporter Licence	(A)	100%		100%
SP Gas Transportation Hatfield Limited	Holder of Gas Transporter Licence	(A)	100%		100%
ScottishPower Energy Retail Limited	Supply of electricity and gas to domestic and	(A)	100%		100%
	business customers	. /			

#### 3 INVESTMENTS continued

#### (b) Subsidiaries and joint ventures continued

		Registered office and country of incorporation	Equity into ordinary s	
Name	Principal activities	(Note (ix))	2019	2018
Energy Retail and Wholesale continued				
SP Dataserve Limited	Data collection, data aggregation, meter operation and revenue protection	(A)	100%	100%
SP Smart Meter Assets Limited	Provider of smart meter assets and services	(A)	100%	100%
ScottishPower Generation (Assets) Limited	Asset owning company	(A)	100% (vi)	100%
Other				
Subsidiaries				
Scottish Power Limited	Holding company	(A)	100% (vii)	100%
ScottishPower Investments Limited	Holding company	(A)	100%	100%
Scottish Power UK plc	Holding company	(A)	100%	100%
Dormant subsidiaries in liquidation				
SP Gas Limited	In liquidation	(G)	100% (viii)	100%

(i) On 20 May 2019, ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited ("SPRUKL") acquired 72% of the share capital of Douglas West Extension Limited.

(ii) On 30 August 2019, SPRUKL sold 40% of the share capital of East Anglia One Limited to Bilbao Offshore Holding Limited.

(iii) On 5 June 2020, SPRUKL acquired the entire share capital of Hagshaw Hill Repowering Ltd for a consideration of £17.6 million. On 28 August 2020, SPRUKL acquired 72% of the share capital of Cumberhead West Wind Farm Ltd for a consideration of £1.5 million.

(iv) ScottishPower Renewables (UK Assets) Limited was incorporated on 5 February 2018 and is a direct subsidiary of ScottishPower Renewable Energy Limited.

(v) On 31 December 2018, ScottishPower sold its entire interest in the issued share capital of ScottishPower Generation Limited. ScottishPower Generation Limited has a wholly owned subsidiary, SMW Limited. Subsequent to the sale, ScottishPower Generation Limited was renamed Drax Generation Enterprise Limited and the registered address of both companies moved to 13 Queen's Road Aberdeen, AB154YL, Scotland.

(vi) ScottishPower Generation (Assets) Limited was incorporated on 15 March 2018 and is a direct subsidiary of Scottish Power Retail Holdings Limited.

(vii) The investment in this company is a direct holding of SPW Investments Limited.

(viii) SP Gas Limited was dissolved on 3 June 2020.

(ix) The registered offices of the subsidiaries and joint ventures are as listed below, along with their countries of incorporation. Where a company's registered office is in England it is registered in England and Wales.

- (A) 320 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5AD, Scotland
- (B) 3 Prenton Way, Prenton, CH43 3ET, England
- (C) 1–3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH, England
- (D) 3rd Floor,1 Tudor Street, London, EC4Y 0AH, England
- (E) The Soloist, 1 Lanyon Place, Belfast, BT1 3LP, Northern Ireland
- (F) 5 Howick Place, London, SW1P 1WG, England
- (G) Johnston Carmichael, 227 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 2ND, Scotland

For those entities incorporated in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England and Wales, the principal place of business is considered to be the United Kingdom; for all other entities, the country of incorporation is the principal place of business.

#### 4 DEFERRED TAX ASSET

	Other
	temporary
	differences
	£m
At 1 January 2018 and 1 January 2019	0.1
Charge to the income statement	(0.1)
At 31 December 2019	-

Legislation was previously enacted to reduce the rate of UK Corporation Tax to 17% on 1 April 2020. Accordingly, deferred tax balances have been measured at the 17% rate, this being the tax rate enacted at the balance sheet date and the rate temporary differences are expected to reverse. After 31 December 2019, further legislation has been substantively enacted on 17 March 2020 under the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968 that maintains the 19% UK Corporation tax rate. The 19% rate will apply from 1 April 2020.

#### 5 OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2019	2018	
	Note	£m	£m
Current receivables:			
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies - loans	(a)	0.2	982.8
Receivables due from Iberdrola group companies - interest		7.3	7.5
		7.5	990.3

(a) Current loans due from Iberdrola group companies are receivable on demand with interest payable at LIBOR (London Inter-Bank Offer Rate) plus 0.3943%.

#### 6 SHARE CAPITAL

	2019	2018
	£m	£m
Allotted, called up and fully paid shares:		
1,000,100 ordinary shares of £1 each (2018 1,000,100)	1.0	1.0

(a) Holders of ordinary shares are entitled to dividends as declared from time to time; amounts on the capitalisation of profits and reserves; and notice and attendance at general meetings of the company, with every member entitled to one vote on a show of hands and on a poll one vote for every share held.

## 7 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDER OF SPW INVESTMENTS LIMITED

At 31 December 2019	1.0	5,008.4	1,329.7	6,339.1
Dividends paid	-	-	(1,330.0)	(1,330.0)
Profit for the year attributable to equity holder of the company	-	-	351.0	351.0
At 1 January 2019	1.0	5,008.4	2,308.7	7,318.1
Profit for the period attributable to equity holder of the company	-	-	401.6	401.6
At 1 January 2018	1.0	5 <i>,</i> 008.4	1,907.1	6,916.5
	£m	£m	£m	£m
	capital	(Note (a))	(Note (b))	Total
	Share	reserves	earnings	
		Other	Retained	

(a) On 1 April 2014 the company issued 1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each to Iberdrola in exchange for the entire share capital of SPL. The difference between the nominal value of the shares issued and the deemed fair value of the shares issued was credited to Other reserves, which is non-distributable.

(b) Retained earnings comprise the cumulative balance of profits and losses recognised in the financial statements as adjusted for transactions with shareholders, principally dividends.

#### 8 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2019	2018
	£m	£m
Current trade and other payables:		
Payables due to Iberdrola group companies - trade	-	0.3
9 FINANCE INCOME	2019	2018
	£m	£m
Interest receivable from Iberdrola group companies	10.5	7.5

#### 10 FINANCE COSTS

	2019	2018
	£m	£m
(Reversal of impairment)/impairment of financial investments	(0.6)	0.2

#### 11 INCOME TAX

2019	2018 £m
£m	
2.0	1.4
2.0	1.4
0.1	-
0.1	-
2.1	1.4
	£m 2.0 2.0 0.1 0.1

Tax on the profit for the year varied from the standard rate of UK Corporation Tax applicable to the company as follows:

	2019	2018
	£m	£m
Corporation tax at 19% (2018 19%)	67.1	76.6
Dividends from subsidiaries	(65.0)	(75.2)
Income tax charge for the year	2.1	1.4

Legislation was previously enacted to reduce the rate of UK Corporation Tax to 17% on 1 April 2020. Accordingly, deferred tax balances have been measured at the 17% rate, this being the tax rate enacted at the balance sheet date and the rate temporary differences are expected to reverse. After 31 December 2019, further legislation has been substantively enacted on 17 March 2020 under the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968 that maintains the 19% UK Corporation tax rate. The 19% rate will apply from 1 April 2020.

#### **12 EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

The company has no employees (2018 none).

#### 13 DIVIDENDS

	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£ per ordinary share	£ per ordinary share	£m	£m
Interim dividend paid	1,329.9	-	1,330.0	-

#### 14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### (a) Directors' remuneration

The directors performed a minimal amount of qualifying services to the company and consequently received no remuneration.

#### (b) Ultimate and immediate parent company

The directors regard Iberdrola as the immediate and ultimate parent company, which is also the parent company of the only group in which the results of the company are consolidated.

Copies of the consolidated Accounts of Iberdrola, S.A. may be obtained from its registered office, Torre Iberdrola, Plaza Euskadi 5, 48009, Bilbao, Spain.

In addition to the parent undertaking disclosed above, the company's other related undertakings are disclosed in Note 3.

#### 15 AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

	2019	2018
	£000	£000
Audit of the company's annual Accounts	6	7

#### 16 GOING CONCERN

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and position, are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 3.

The company has recorded a profit after tax in the current financial year and the company's balance sheet shows that it has net current assets of £9.7 million and net assets of £6,339.1 million as at 31 December 2019. As at 31 December 2019 the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

#### 16 GOING CONCERN continued

Since the year end, the economic environment has been affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to the nature of the company's core activities, the direct effects on cash flows as a result of COVID-19 are expected to be limited. However, should the company's subsidiaries cease to trade, the company will no longer act as an intermediate holding company. A list of all the subsidiaries is outlined in Note 3(b).

For the purposes of the directors' assessment of the company's going concern position and to satisfy them of the company's ability to pay its liabilities as they fall due, the directors have prepared a company cash flow statement for a period of 15 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. The cash flow forecasts indicate that, after taking account of severe but plausible downsides including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the company's existing resources are sufficient to enable it to trade and pay its liabilities as they fall due for the forecast period.

Consequently, the directors are confident that the company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 15 months from the date of approval of the financial statements, and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### 17 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of Coronavirus COVID-19 a pandemic, due to its rapid spread throughout the world. In common with many governments, the UK and devolved Governments have put in place restrictive measures to contain the spread of the virus. These are expected to endure for some time.

As the significant impacts of COVID-19 arose after 31 December 2019, this is considered a non-adjusting post balance sheet event for the company for the year ended 31 December 2019, without prejudice to the fact that the impacts will be recognised as part of the 31 December 2020 year end.

It is difficult to estimate the present and future impact resulting from this crisis, however, at the date of signing these Accounts it is thought that the effects of the COVID-19 crisis on the results of the company's subsidiaries, and therefore the company itself, will be temporary and as such will not significantly affect the long-term recoverability of the company's investments.