



Quarterly Operational Update

Three months ended 31 March 2015

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL DEMAND for electricity up

ASX FY2017 FUTURES PRICE

up since December

TAUPO STORAGE 80GWh higher than last year



COMMENTARY

DEMAND GROWTH AND REDUCED THERMAL CAPACITY; ASX FUTURES PRICE UP

During the quarter ended 31 March 2015, FY2017 ASX futures prices were up \$6/MWh reflecting balance between supply and demand from an energy perspective. Electricity demand increased against the prior comparable period (pcp) for the third consecutive quarter, with national consumption up 2%, in part due to the increased electricity usage in irrigation and milk processing. The trend of reduced thermal capacity continued with Mighty River Power announcing the planned closure of its gas-fired station, Southdown, on 31 December 2015.

Despite these trends, and declining national hydro storage, wholesale prices during the period were lower than Q3 last year due to additional renewable generation from Contact's Te Mihi geothermal plant and Meridian Energy's Mill Creek wind farm, the return to service of Genesis Energy's Tekapo hydro following canal repairs in the pcp, and thermal generation from Huntly.

LAKE TAUPO STORAGE 80GWh HIGHER THAN SAME TIME LAST YEAR

Following another quarter of low rainfall, Lake Taupo storage ended the period at 75% of average. However average rainfall since the end of March, combined with the decision to conserve water, leaves the Company well-positioned with storage 80GWh higher than last year and 84% of average (compared with 51% at the same time last year). By contrast, South Island storage dropped to 67% of average at the end of March.

Mighty River Power's hydro generation was 707GWh (down 126GWh on pcp), 21% below the Company's Q3 average and a record low for the third quarter since the Company was formed in 1999. This was partly offset by higher gas-fired generation, principally reflecting 65GWh of generation from the Company's virtual peaker contract.

ADVANCED METER DEPLOYMENT

The Company's metering business, Metrix, deployed 10,000 AMI advanced meters during the quarter, as mass deployment was completed in a number of networks. Metrix's primary focus remains on systems development and integration to prepare for advanced metering service delivery and the deployment of advanced meters to Trustpower's residential customers.

Mighty River Power will release its financial results for the 12 months ended 30 June 2015 on 28 August 2015.

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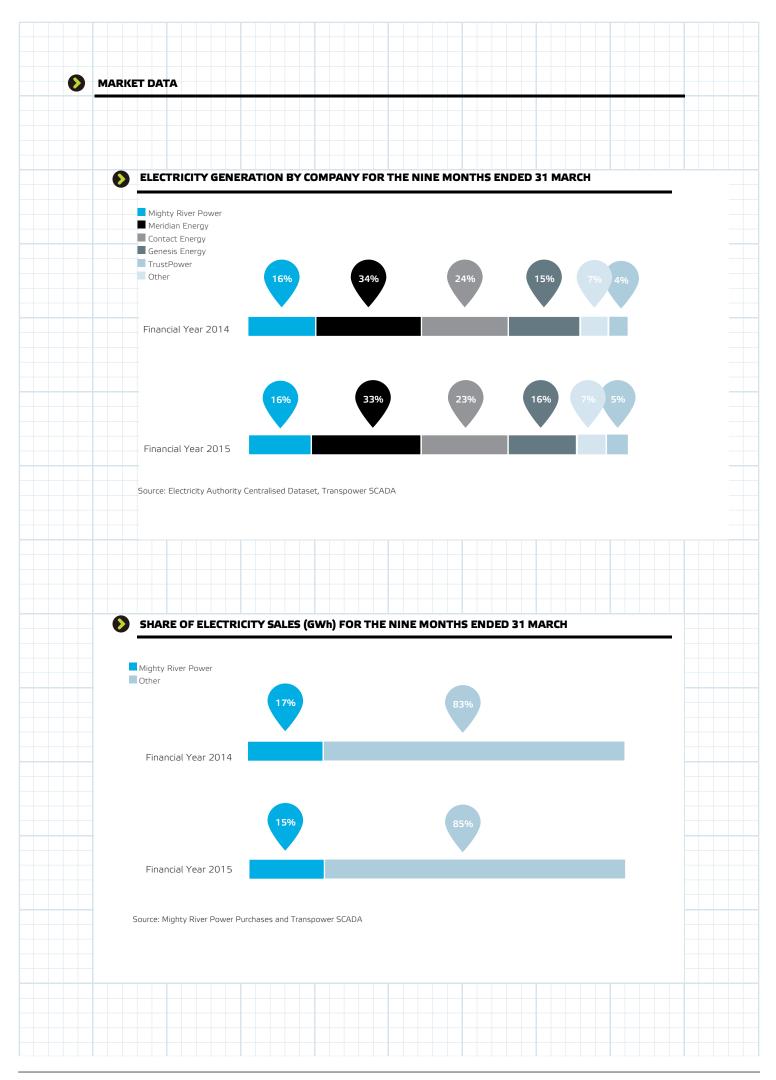
Operating Information	Three months ended 31 March 2015		Three months ended 31 March 2014		Nine months ended 31 March 2015		Nine months ended 31 March 2014	
Electricity Sales	VWAP ¹ (\$/MWh)	Volume (GWh)	VWAP¹ (\$/MWh)	Volume (GWh)	VWAP¹ (\$/MWh)	Volume (GWh)	VWAP¹ (\$/MWh)	Volume (GWh)
FPVV sales to customers	111.21	968	112.67	1,077	115.56	3,376	116.25	3,659
FPVV sales to residential customers		492		498		1,830		1,810
FPVV sales to business customers		476		579		1,546		1,849
FPVV purchases from market		1,017		1,132		3,549		3,842
Spot customer purchases		334		374		1,052		1,232
Total NZEM Purchases	96.38	1,351	107.12	1,506	79.90	4,601	70.31	5,074
Electricity Customers (000's)	385		380	D			-	
North Island Customers	351		34	4				
South Island Customers	34		36	i				
Dual Fuel Customers	41		39)				
Contracts for Difference		Volume (GWh)		Volume (GWh)		Volume (GWh)		Volume (GWh)
Buy CfD		392		511		1,285		1,737
Sell CfD		768		742		2,508		2,522
End User CfD		387		440		1,231		1,552
Net Sell CfD ²		376		231		1,223		785
Electricity Generation	VWAP (\$/MWh)	Volume (GWh)	VWAP (\$/MWh)	Volume (GWh)	VWAP (\$/MWh)	Volume (GWh)	VWAP (\$/MWh)	Volume (GWh)
Hydro	96.27	707	111.16	834	81.69	2,463	75.06	2,682
Gas	105.94	94 ⁶	152.52	6	83.71	389	83.40	94
Geothermal (consolidated) ³	88.95	638	97.62	625	74.89	1,875	66.47	1,843
Geothermal (equity accounted) 4	89.54	58	99.89	57	75.18	175	68.70	161
Total	93.50	1,497	105.34	1,522	79.02	4,902	71.70	4,780
LWAP/GWAP	1.03	B	1.0	2	1.0	1	0.98	
Gas Purchases	\$/GJ	PJ	\$/GJ	PJ	\$/GJ	PJ	\$/GJ	ΡJ
Retail purchases ⁵	9.20	0.15	9.85	0.13	9.21	0.77	9.02	0.73
Generation purchases	3.22	1.06 ⁶	9.43	0.19	5.91 ⁶	3.84	8.85	1.28
Carbon Emissions ('000 tonnes CO₂e)	228	5	90)	52.	2	322	
Metrix AMI Meters ('000)	377		340	0				

VWAP is volume weighted average energy-only price sold to FPVV customers after lines, metering and fees
Includes Virtual Asset Swap volumes in both Buy and Sell CfD volumes of 172GWh for the 3 months ended 31 March 2015 and 172GWh for the 3 months ended 31 March 2014 and of 525GWh for the 9 months ended 31 March 2015 and 500GWh for the 9 months ended 31 March 2014

^{3.} Includes Mighty River Power's 65% share of Nga Awa Purua generation

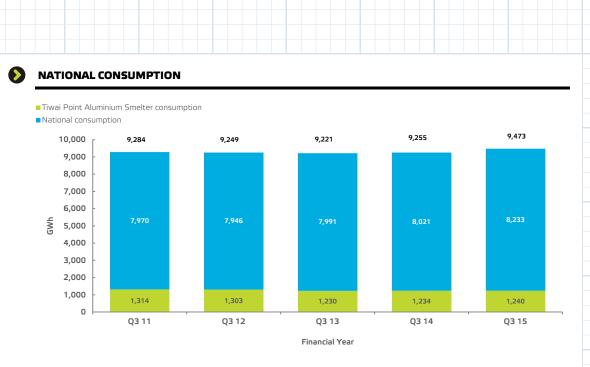
Tuaropaki Power Company (Mokai) equity share
Prices exclude fixed transmission charges

^{6.} Includes the virtual peaker operation of 65GWh for the 3 months ended 31 March 2015 and 122GWh for the 9 months ended 31 March 2015









Source: Transpower Information Exchange

NATIONAL CLIMATE SUMMARY

Financial Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2015	11.9º C	15.9º C	19.9⁰ C	n/a
2014	12.3º C	16.7º C	18.9º C	14.8º C
2013	12.3º C	16.5º C	19.6º C	14.4° C
2012	11.5º C	16.6º C	18.9º C	14.0° C
Historical Average (since 1999)	11.9º C	16.1º C	19.4° C	14.2° C

Source: NIWA, Met Service

MONTHLY TOTAL CONSUMER RETAIL SWITCHING (ICP)

