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Craigs Investment Partners 2015 investor day presentation

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Meridian Energy will be giving a presentation today at Craigs Investment Partners' 2015 investor day. A copy of the presentation is attached.

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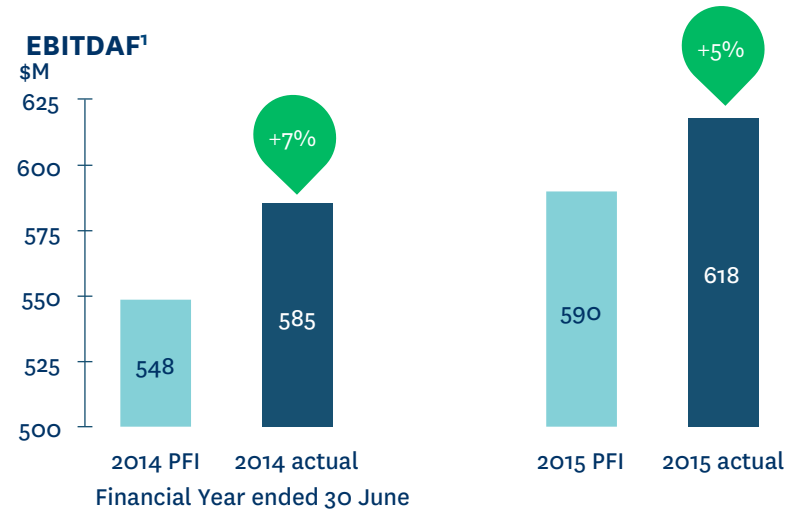
Agenda

- Some history...
- Perceptions from offshore
- The recurring questions, plus a new one
- The current operating environment
- Focus for the 2016 financial year

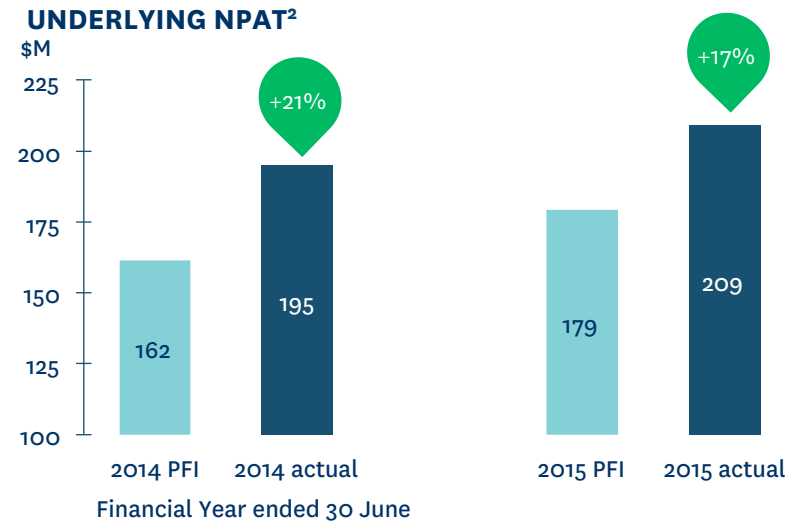


Some history... the plot so far

- Made two years of forecast numbers



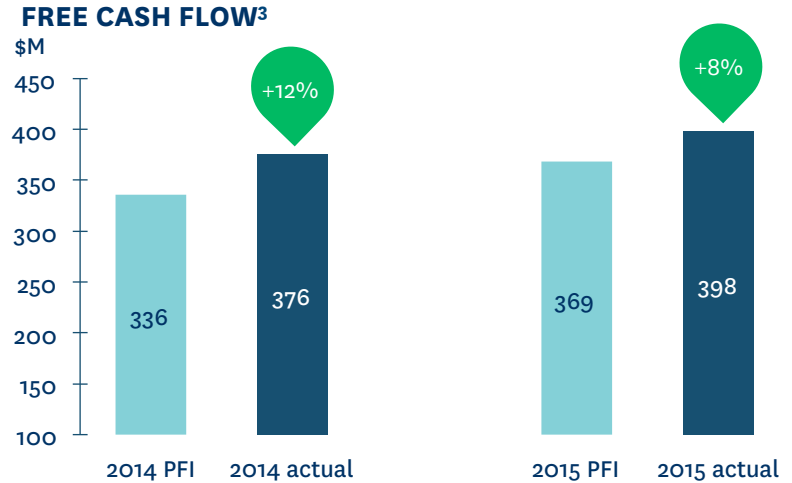
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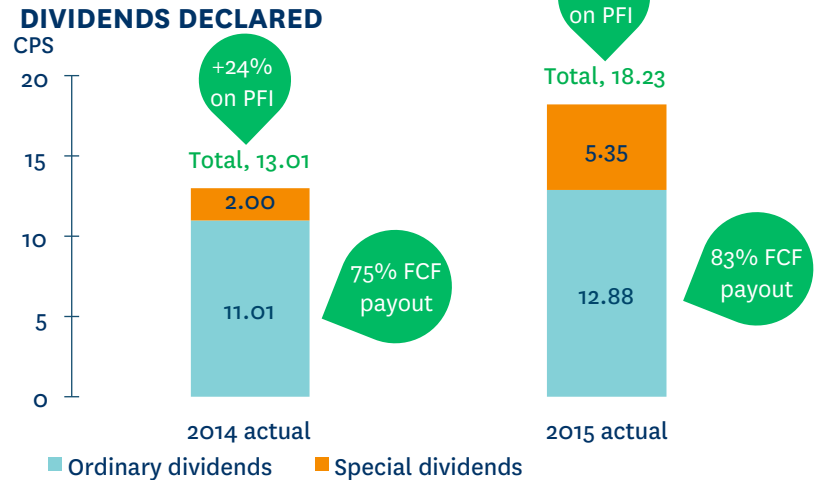
Some history... the plot so far

- AND paid out more dividends to shareholders



Financial Year ended 30 June

³Net profit after tax adjusted for post tax impact of fair value movements of derivatives, impairments and one-off events, plus depreciation and amortisation, less average stay in business capital expenditure



Some history... the plot so far

- AND avoided political change to the market structure
- While deferring a Tiwai smelter exit decision
- And getting a price increase on part of the Tiwai load



Perceptions from offshore

- The yield story is not dead
- China remains a big concern
- Chinese government has spooked investors with intervention
- Businesses in stable economies with good cashflows and a shareholder friendly bias (capital return) have a story to tell
- The pace of interest rate changes in the US is likely to be slow
- New Zealand currency has been too high



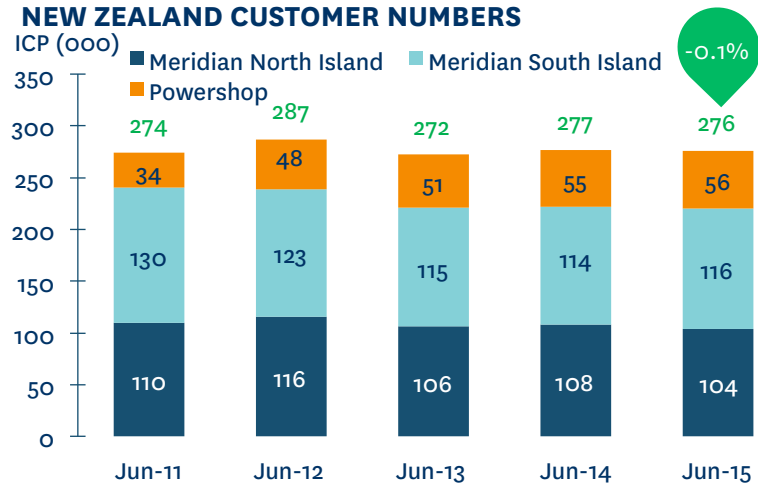
The recurring questions, plus a new one

- Tiwai Point smelter – “should I stay or should I go?”
- How are the politicians thinking about the electricity market?
- Transmission pricing review – progress?
- Demand – any growth yet?
- What happens if all the announced thermal retirements occur?



The current operating environment

- New Zealand and Australian retail environments are expected to stay highly competitive

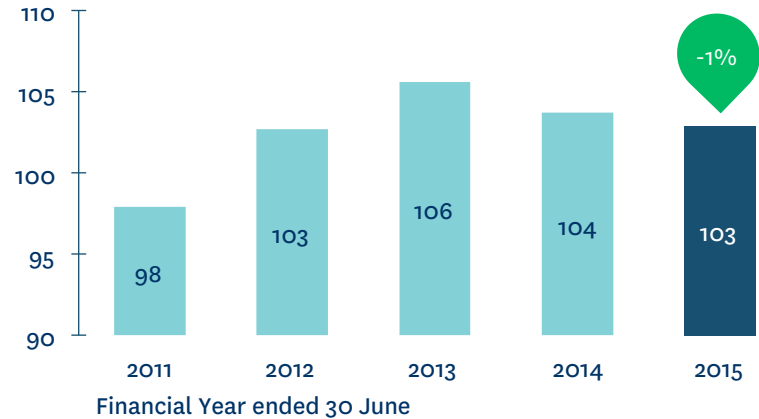


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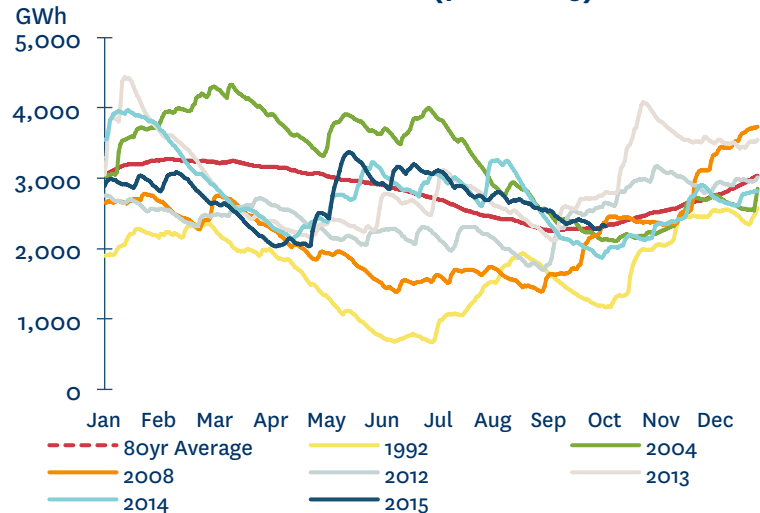
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- Retail prices have stayed up
- National storage is currently at average levels

AVERAGE RETAIL CONTRACTED SALES PRICE
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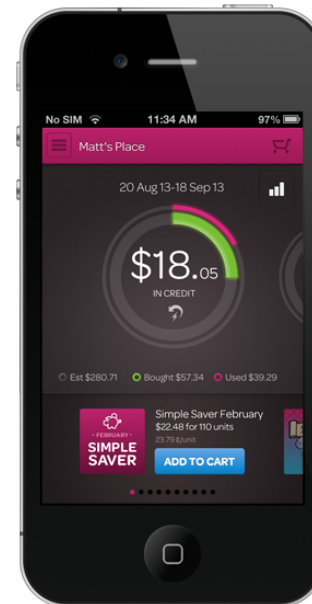
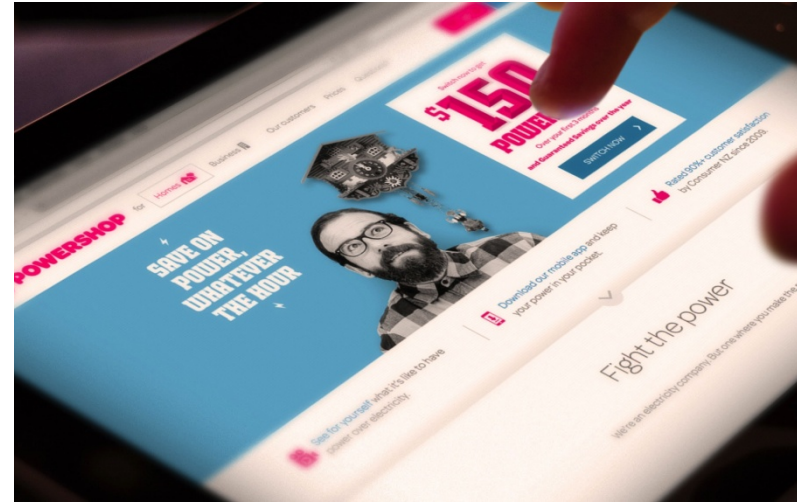
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Focus for the 2016 financial year

- Understand and execute preferred options for a post 2018 world
- Continue our retail efficiency drive
- Continue growth in Powershop Australia
- Decision on franchising the Powershop model to a northern hemisphere retailer by Christmas



Questions

