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### HALF YEAR RESULTS PRESENTATION

Please find attached the following presentation relating to ERM Power's results for the six months ended 31 December 2015.

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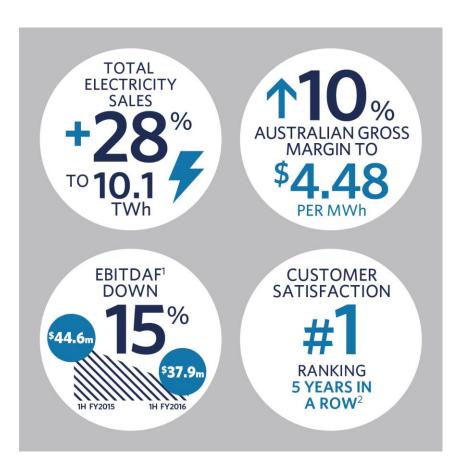
# HALF YEAR SUMMARY



## **HALF YEAR SUMMARY**

### **SOLID RESULTS**





- EBITDAF¹ \$37.9m
- Electricity Retailing business in Australia has performed well
  - Electricity load up 14% to 9.0TWh
  - Electricity Retailing Australia EBITDAF³ up 35% to \$29m
- US business in development and investment phase
- Progress on strategy
  - Capital efficiency initiatives
  - Greensense acquisition
- Declared dividend of 6cps unfranked

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Underlying EBITDAF including interest income

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The customer satisfaction award refers to the Utility Market Intelligence (UMI) survey in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 of large customers of major electricity retailers in Australia by independent research company NTF Group

## **A\$150M SURETY GUARANTEE FACILITY**



### FUNDING FLEXIBILITY AND CAPITAL EFFICIENCY

### **The Facility**

- A\$150m, three-year surety guarantee facility with Liberty International Underwriters Singapore and CBA
- Provides for the issue of surety guarantees to support prudential requirements

### **Benefits**

- Additional source of liquidity
- Attractive pricing (172.5bps credit margin)
- Diversification of funding sources
- Flexibility to execute on our growth strategy

### **Consistent with strategy:**

Capital efficiency to support growth and diversification in delivering Customer Solutions





## FINANCIAL RESULTS



## **FY2016 HALF YEAR FINANCIALS**



### **ERM POWER GROUP**

\$m unless otherwise stated	1H FY2016	1H FY2015	Change	% Change
Revenue and other income	1,324.5	1,099.1	225.4	21%
Statutory net profit after tax (NPAT)	14.9	75.0	(60.1)	(80%)
Underlying EBITDAF excluding interest income	35.7	41.8	(6.1)	(15%)
Underlying EBITDAF including interest income	37.9	44.6	(6.7)	(15%)
Underlying NPAT	9.4	14.7	(5.3)	(36%)
Underlying EPS (cents per share)	3.85	6.14	(2.29)	(37%)
Interim dividend (cents per share) <sup>1</sup>	6.0	6.0	-	-

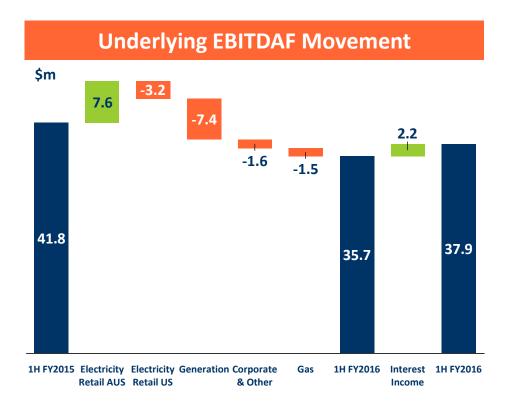
- EBITDAF decrease driven by Oakey moving to merchant operations, as previously guided, and US business in development
- Statutory NPAT decrease largely due to net fair value movement on financial instruments
- Strong cash generation in 1H

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1H FY 2016 dividend unfranked; 1H FY 2015 dividend fully franked

## **EARNINGS DRIVERS**

### **ERM POWER GROUP**





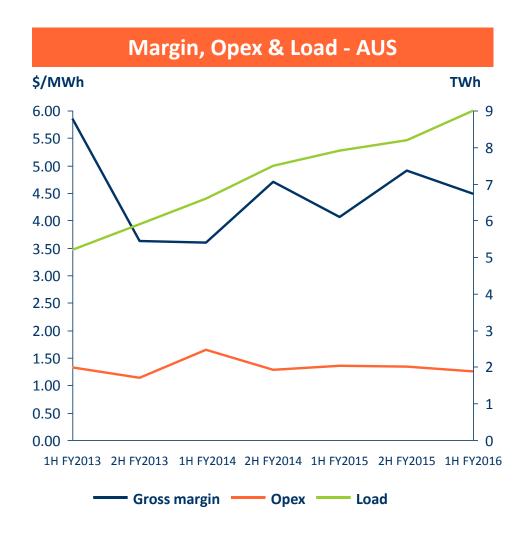
\$m	1H FY2016	1H FY2015	Change	
Electricity retail AUS	29.0	21.4	7.6	
Electricity retail US	(3.2)	-	(3.2)	
Generation	18.6	26.0	(7.4)	
Corporate & Other	(8.4)	(6.8)	(1.6)	
Gas (discontinued)	(0.3)	1.2	(1.5)	
Underlying EBITDAF excl. interest income	35.7	41.8	(6.1)	
Interest income	2.2	2.8	(0.6)	
Underlying EBITDAF incl. interest income	37.9	44.6	(6.7)	

- Electricity Retailing Australia increase driven by load growth and SME
- US loss reflects opex to build capability (new systems and sales team) and hedging costs associated with severe weather
- Oakey decrease reflects move from offtake contract to merchant generator

## **ELECTRICITY RETAILING - AUSTRALIA**



**GROSS MARGIN** 



### **Gross margin movement reflects:**

- Differential SME/C&I margins
- Underlying volatility in commodity prices (black and green)
- Portfolio optimisation
- Load flex caused by weather
- Regulatory changes

# GENERATION RELIABLE ASSETS



\$m unless otherwise stated	1H FY2016	1H FY2015	% change
Revenue	40.6	39.6	3%
Oakey	23.2	18.4	26%
Neerabup	15.5	17.5	(11%)
Underlying EBITDAF (excluding interest income)	18.6	26.0	(28%)
Oakey	6.7	14.7	(54%)
Neerabup	12.4	12.5	(1%)

- Oakey offtake contract with AGL ended 31 December 2014. Now a merchant facility.
- Anticipated earnings for Oakey of \$16m full year, in line with guidance.

## **ELECTRICITY RETAILING - US**



### **INVESTMENT IN GROWTH**

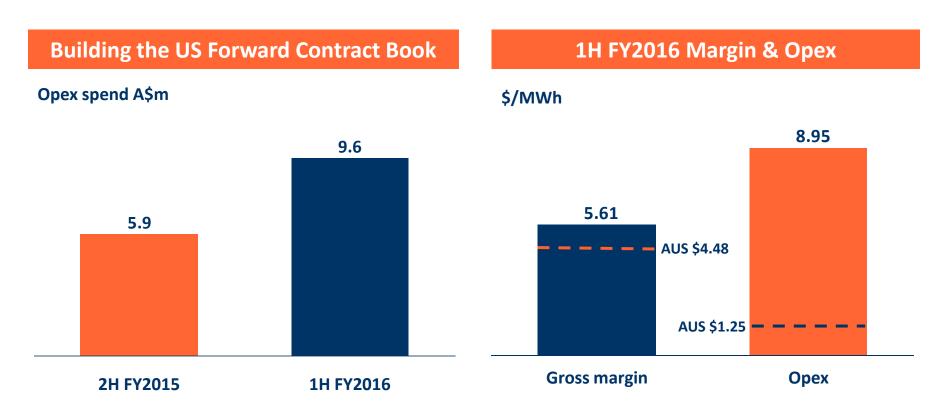
A\$m unless otherwise stated	1H FY2016	2H FY2015	% change
Revenue	111.1	66.8	66%
Opex	(9.6)	(5.9)	(63%)
Underlying EBITDAF (excluding interest income)	(3.2)	1.0	N/A
Load (TWh)	1.1	0.6	83%

- Source Power and Gas acquired in January 2015
- Higher level of opex in build phase
- Margin lower than expected for the half, in part due to costs associated with severe weather
- Load growth trajectory reflects longer-dated contracts

## **ELECTRICITY RETAILING - US**



### **INVESTMENT IN GROWTH**



 Opex investment has driven forward contract load growth from 4.0 TWh to 7.9 TWh in six months

## **NET DEBT AND CASH**

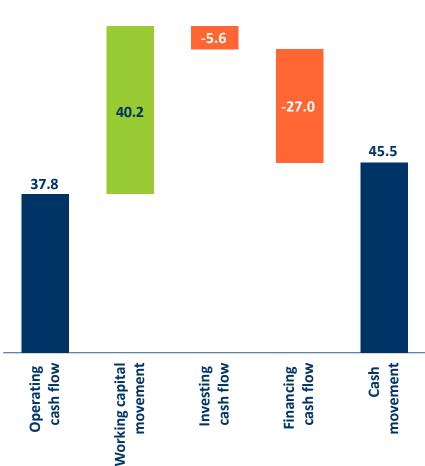
## **STRONG CASH GENERATION**



### **Net Debt**

\$m	31 Dec 2015	30 Jun 2015	Change	
Neerabup debt	195.9	198.0	(2.1)	
Other debt	57.9	43.7	14.2	
Total debt	253.8	241.7	12.1	
Restricted cash	(168.9)	(127.4)	41.5	
Free cash	(61.5)	(45.4)	16.1	
Total cash	(230.4)	(172.8)	57.6	
Net debt/(cash)	23.4	68.9	(45.5)	

## Cash Movement







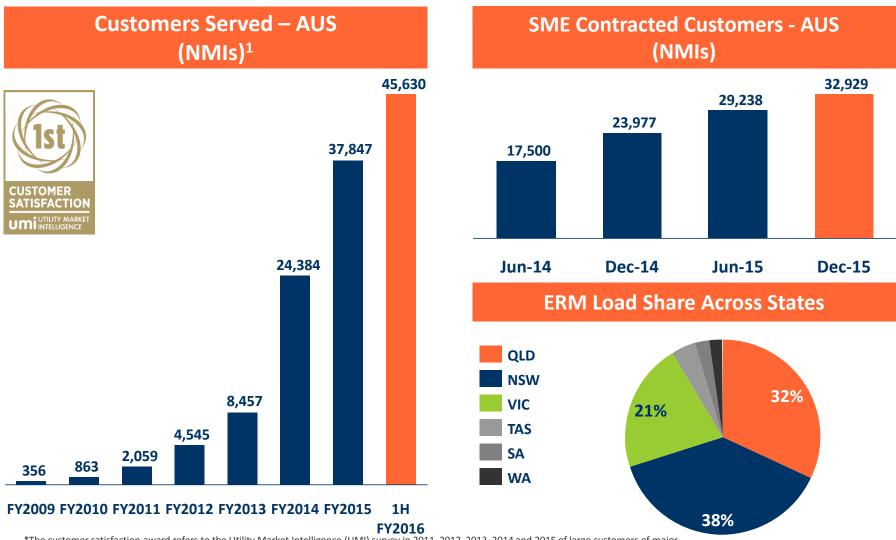
## **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE**



## **ELECTRICITY RETAILING - AUSTRALIA**



### RETAIL GROWTH TRAJECTORY



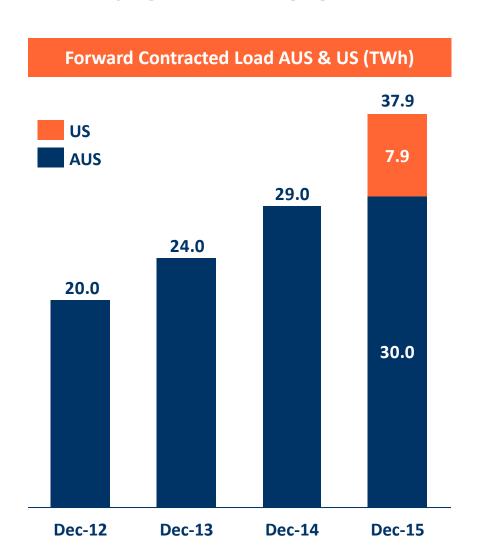
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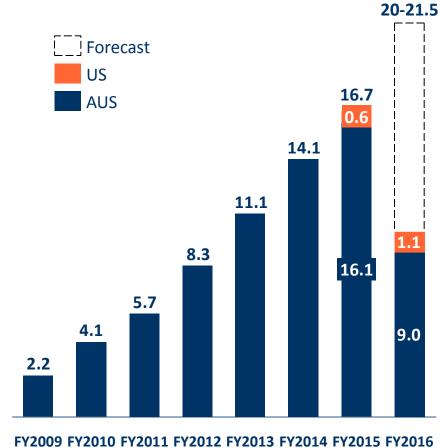
## **ELECTRICITY RETAILING - TOTAL**



### RETAIL GROWTH TRAJECTORY



# **Annual Sales AUS & US (TWh)**



## **GENERATION**

### **OAKEY AND NEERABUP POWER STATIONS**



### **Oakey**

- Operated 18.4% during the period
- Availability 99.90%
- Excellent safety record. No Lost Time Injuries
- Merchant power station with revenues produced from:
  - Internal sale of hedges to retail business
  - Sale of derivatives to external parties
  - Merchant electricity margin: conversion of gas to electricity
  - Gas tolling for external parties

### Neerabup

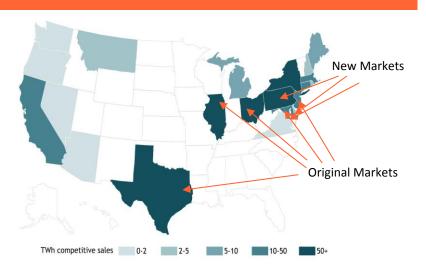
- Operated 3.4% during the period
- Availability 99.95%
- Excellent safety record. One Lost Time Injury
- Peaking power station on a long-term offtake agreement producing stable earnings with some merchant opportunities

## **ELECTRICITY RETAILING US**



### **BUILDING CAPABILITY AND INVESTING FOR GROWTH**

### Source Power & Gas markets



### Broker satisfaction survey<sup>1</sup> results

- Top 3 overall satisfaction ranking
- Percentage of brokers doing business with Source has grown from 21% to 44% in 12 months
- Growing broker relationships while increasing satisfaction scores

	At acquisition (Jan 2015)	31 December 2015
Staff	36	55
Load under contract	3 TWh	7.9 TWh
Access to markets (C&I load only)	406 TWh	516 TWh
States	5	8
Local distribution companies (LDCs)	19	31
Annual quotes received	~2,000	~6,000
Systems and trading capability		New pricing system and CRM

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Energy Research Consulting Group's (ERCG) survey of Aggregators, Brokers and Consultants (ABC) Study December 2015. Research based on survey of 134 ABCs, which represents ~82% of brokered US power sales.





## STRATEGY



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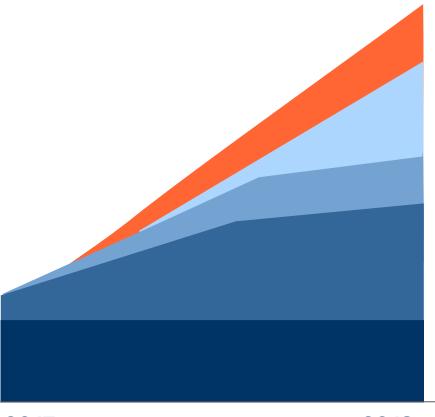
### **HOW ERM IS TRACKING**











### **Customer Solutions**

Greensense acquisition & integration

### **USA 8-11 TWh - 2018 target**

1H FY2016 1.1TWh Contracted load 7.9 TWh

**SME AUS 50-60k customers - 2018 target** 32,900 sites under contract

### **C&I AUS 19-21 TWh – 2018 target**

8.7 TWh customer load 1H FY2016 (12% growth on 1H FY2015)

### **Generation – underpinning**

Continued solid generation performance
On track



2015

2018

## **CAPITAL EFFICIENCY**

### STRONG PROGRESS



- Release capital
- Diversify funding sources
- Attractively priced funding
- Additional sources of liquidity



Sunset Power offtake agreement – up to \$60m release of restricted cash



Liberty and CBA guarantee facility – reduced financing costs and increased funding flexibility







## **GUIDANCE**



## **FY2016 GUIDANCE**



### **Earnings**

- Anticipated underlying EBITDAF<sup>1</sup> in the range of \$81m to \$85m; tightened within the previously guided range of \$80m to \$94m
- Underlying NPAT in the range of \$20m to \$22m

# Electricity Retailing – Australia

In line with expectations and guidance

### US

Revised to FY2016 EBITDAF loss of approximately A\$2m to A\$3m

### Oakey

On track to meet FY2016 earnings guidance of approximately \$16m

### **Sales load**

On track to meet FY2016 guidance of 20TWh to 21.5TWh (Australia and US)

### **SME**

On track to meet FY2016 guidance of 37,500 to 41,000 SME sites in Australia

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> including interest income





## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

## **EARNINGS RECONCILIATION**



### **31 DECEMBER 2015**

\$m unless otherwise stated	Business Energy AU	Business Energy US	Generation	Other	Group
Statutory EBITDAF	30.4	(3.6)	18.8	(10.5)	35.1
Significant items					
New business establishment costs <sup>1</sup>	-	0.4	-	0.2	0.6
Effective interest revenue on associate loan <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	(0.5)	(0.5)
Staff rationalisation cost <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	1.0	1.0
Provision for onerous contract <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	1.7	1.7
Total significant items	-	0.4	-	2.4	2.8
Underlying EBITDAF	30.4	(3.2)	18.8	(8.1)	37.9
Statutory NPAT	31.2	(6.4)	0.4	(10.3)	14.9
Significant items					
EBITDAF adjustments (above)	_	0.4	-	2.4	2.8
Tax effect on sale of Metgasco shares <sup>5</sup>	-	-	-	2.6	2.6
Tax effect of above adjustments	-	(0.1)	-	(0.7)	(0.8)
Total significants items	-	0.3	-	4.3	4.6
Fair value gain / (loss) on financial instruments net of tax	(14.6)	2.4	2.6	(0.2)	(9.8)
Associate profit after tax	-	-	-	(0.3)	(0.3)
Underlying NPAT	16.6	(3.7)	3.0	(6.5)	9.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Costs incurred in respect of integrating Source and acquiring Greensense; <sup>2</sup>Recognition of Empire loan at present value and interest revenue unwind; <sup>3</sup>Costs associated with rationalisation of staff; <sup>4</sup> Impairment of the contract to sublease office space; <sup>5</sup>Derecognition of deferred tax asset upon sale of Metgasco shares.



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