Plus Shipping Services Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2012

Registered number 4508350

Plus Shipping Services Limited
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Plus Shipping Services Limited
Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2012

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

Principal activity

The principal activity of Plus Shipping Services Limited (the Company) is the shipment of gas to another Group company for the onward sale of gas to domestic customers

Plus Shipping Services Limited is part of npower Retail Group, which is also known as the npower Retail Division ("Retail Division") The npower Retail Group/Division consists of 6 main trading entities being Npower Limited, Npower Northern Limited, Npower Yorkshire Limited, Npower Gas Limited, Npower Commercial Gas Limited and Npower Direct Limited In addition to the 6 main trading entities, there are other trading entities which include Electricity Plus Supply Limited, Gas Plus Supply Limited and Plus Shipping Services Limited

Business review and future developments

The operating profit has increased to £7 9 million during 2012 (2011 £5 9 million)

Turnover for the year has increased as a result of increased customer numbers in Gas Plus Supply Limited, for whom the company provide the shipment of gas Margins have been maintained as the company earns a fee for its onward sale of gas to Gas Plus Supply Limited

The Directors do not expect there to be any significant changes in the future developments of the company

Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the Company's strategy are subject to a number of risks These risks are not managed on a legal entity basis, but are overseen for the Retail Group as a whole

The Retail Group continues to invest in a formal, regular risk assessment process to identify, monitor and mitigate as far as possible any risk that should arise These are formally reviewed and assessed by the Board on a quarterly basis and actions taken as appropriate

The key business risks affecting the Retail Group are the retention of existing customers and growth of its market share The level of volatility in electricity and gas wholesale prices is the main uncertainty faced by the Retail Group Detailed discussions of these risks and opportunities, in the context of the RWE AG Group as a whole, are provided on pages 88 through 96 of the RWE AG 2012 Annual Report

In line with the requirements of the German Corporate Control and Transparency Act (KonTraG), the Retail Group's risk management system enables the directors to identify risks at an early stage and initiate mitigating action where necessary

Key performance indicators (KPIs)

The directors of Plus Shipping Services Limited do not primarily focus their management of the activities of the Company or wider group on a legal entity basis Instead business performance is monitored, assessed and managed across six Performance Units (PU's) covering all RWE Npower plc Group's commercial activities in the UK These PU's are supported by a number of central functions that provide a range of services including finance, tax, strategy and HR Each PU is managed in particular against a number of key performance indicators that cover a range of financial, service delivery, efficiency and operational measures The operations and activities of Plus Shipping Services Limited and the other entities within the Group are allocated across these PU's Therefore the Company's directors do not set KPIs at a legal entity level, and as a result such KPIs are not presented for Plus Shipping Services Limited

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

Results and dividends

The Company's profit for the year ended 31 December 2012 is £5 0 million (2011 profit of £3 8 million) The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (2011 £nil)

Directors of the Company

The directors of the Company who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were

Mr J Clark (resigned 31 December 2012)

Mr P Massara (resigned 31 December 2012)

Mr C Johnson (resigned 29 April 2012)

Mr G Di Vita (appointed 29 June 2012 and resigned 31 December 2012)

Mr J Madrian (resigned 29 June 2012)

Mr R Hattam (appointed 31 December 2012)

Mr S Stacey

The following director was appointed after the year end

Mr R Rose (appointed 18 February 2013)

Directors' indemnity

The directors have the benefit of the indemnity provision contained in the Company's Articles of Association This provision was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force This provision is a qualifying third party indemnity provision under section 234 of the Companies Act 2006 The Company also purchased and maintained throughout the financial year directors' and officers' liability insurance in respect of itself and its directors

Charitable donations

The Company made no charitable or political donations during the year (2011 £nil)

Employee involvement

The energy, innovation and creativity of our staff add value to our businesses During the financial year the Retail Group maintained its existing policies in the following areas in respect of employee involvement

The Group is committed to the development of all staff in order to leverage our intellectual capital Among many development and training initiatives, all staff are encouraged to maintain personal development plans

The major changes within the npower Retail Division mean that effective communications with staff are vital Corporate publications and other media, including distribution of key development messages and team briefings, are used to promote wide understanding of policies and strategy We also utilise the latest technology to aid rapid communication with staff through use of a comprehensive Group intranet

Equal opportunities and diversity

The Group is committed to equal opportunity and diversity because of a sense of social responsibility and also because it makes sound business sense to tap into the wide-ranging knowledge and experience of individuals in all sectors of society Through its commitment to valuing the talents of its employees, the Group aims to ensure that it is able to compete in attracting and retaining high calibre employees with wide-ranging experience and is therefore able to respond positively and flexibly to change Decisions to appoint, reward, train, develop and promote are taken based on skills and abilities, or demonstrated potential, merit and the requirements of the job Employment decisions affecting both job applicants and employees with disabilities will be made following any reasonable adjustments that may be necessary to ensure fair treatment In addition, appropriate arrangements are made for training, career development and promotion of disabled persons employed by the Group If members of staff become disabled the Group continues employment, either in the same or an alternative position, with appropriate retraining being given if necessary

The Group is a member of the Employers' Forum on Disability, Opportunity Now and the Employers' Forum on Age and is committed to the aims of these organisations

Employee share plans

The Retail Group is part of a savings related share option plan for the benefit of employees in the UK which is operated by RWE Npower Plc Over 37% (2011 38%) of eligible staff participate in the scheme, saving between £5 and £125 per month with the option to purchase RWE AG shares at a 20% discount at the end of a three year savings period

Prompt payment policy

For all trade creditors it is Company policy to

- Agree and confirm the terms of payment at the commencement of business with the supplier,
- Pay suppliers in accordance with applicable terms, continually review the payment procedures and liaise with suppliers as a measure of eliminating difficulties and maintaining a good working relationship

The Company also subscribes to the CBI's Prompt Payment Code and has formally adopted the BS Standard 7890 Methods for Achieving Good Payment Performance in Commercial Transactions

The Company operates as part of the Retail Group which shares common accounting and payments functions For this reason the trade creditor days presented is that for the Retail Group The trade creditors days of the Retail Group as at 31 December 2012 were 77 days (2011 72 days) based on the ratio of Group trade creditors at the end of the year to the amounts recorded as expense during the year attributable to trade creditors

As part of the Group's commitment to corporate responsibility a number of initiatives have been launched that make social and environmental considerations an integral part of the Group's procurement process

Financial risk management

Capital management

The Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital are consistent with those of the RWE AG Group Detailed discussions of these, in the context of the RWE AG Group as a whole, are provided on page 146 of the RWE AG 2011 Annual Report

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

Credit risk

The npower Retail Group of companies has a policy of requiring appropriate credit checks on commercial customers prior to establishing credit terms and payment method Credit insurance and security deposits are arranged depending upon a combination of the credit rating and the projected annual spend For all new customers with an annual spend in excess of predetermined limits commodity risk control are required to sign off the account prior to acceptance Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and deposits which are readily convertible to cash and are subject to insignificant risk of change in value or credit risk

Liquidity risk

The Company forms part of the RWE Npower plc Group treasury arrangements which actively manage a mixture of finance to ensure that the group has sufficient liquid resources to manage its current and future operational requirements

Commodity price risk

The Company is exposed to commodity price risk as a result of its operations The risk is actively managed through the application of appropriate techniques and methodologies in accordance with the Commodity Risk Controlling Directive of the Company's ultimate parent RWE AG These techniques and methodologies include the application of appropriate hedge policies, the measurement of commodity risks, the setting of approved transaction limits (together with the monitoring of compliance with the approved limits), the reporting of unhedged positions and the conduct of scenario analyses and stress tests The hedge policies consist of the purchase of forward contracts for the purchase of electricity on the wholesale market

The Directive and its application within the Company is kept under constant review to reflect changes in market and Company dynamics, together with the nature of products offered to the market

Securities price risk

The Company has no exposure to equity securities price risk as it holds no listed or other equity investments

Interest rate cash flow risk

The Company has interest-bearing assets and liabilities Interest-bearing liabilities include loans from group undertakings Interest on loans is fixed which minimises the interest rate risk faced by the Company

General risk management

As a subsidiary of RWE AG, the Company complies with the Risk Management Directive of RWE AG, which embodies the relevant provisions of the German Law on Corporate Control and Transparency (Gesetz zur Kontrolle und Transparenz im Unternehmensbereich), together with the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz) and the German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch) Compliance is achieved within the Company through the application of a tri-partite system of three separate but supportive elements, namely a risk controlling/early warning system, an internal control system and an internal audit process

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities
The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) 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 accounting 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,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

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 also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Statement of disclosure of information to the auditors
Each director who held office as at the date of approval of this report confirms the following

- So far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- Each director has taken steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to become aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

Approved by the Board on 5 September 2013 and signed on its behalf by

Mr R Rose
Director

Plus Shipping Services Limited
Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Plus Shipping Services Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Plus Shipping Services Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012 which comprise the Proft and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2012 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

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Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Plus Shipping Services Limited

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us 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

Mark Skedgel (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Birmingham

5 September 2013

Plus Shipping Services Limited
Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 £ 000	2011 £ 000
Turnover	1	171,966	122,281
Cost of sales		(163,676)	(116,458)
Gross profit		8,290	5,823
Administrative expenses		(440)	39
Operating profit		7,850	5,862
Net interest payable and similar charges	4	(1,215)	(664)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	6,635	5,198
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(1,654)	(1,377)
Profit for the financial year	12	4,981	3,821

All results relate to continuing operations

The Company has no recognised gains and losses other than the profit shown above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There are no material differences between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial years stated above and their historical cost equivalents

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

Plus Shipping Services Limited
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2012

	Note	31 December 2012 £ 000	31 December 2011 £ 000
Current assets			
Debtors	9	64,268	69,005
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	10	(43,519)	(53,237)
Net assets		20,749	15,768
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	-	-
Profit and loss account	12	20,749	15,768
Total shareholders' funds	13	20,749	15,768

The financial statements on page 8 to 17 were approved by the Board of directors on 5 September 2013 and were signed on its behalf by

Mr R Rose
Director

Plus Shipping Services Limited registered company number 4508350

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

Plus Shipping Services Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

1 Accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom A summary of the principal accounting policies is set out below These policies have been applied consistently

Turnover
Turnover is recognised at the point of supply of the shipment of gas to another group company for the onward sale of gas to domestic customers

Turnover comprises the value of sales of goods and services, excluding VAT and other indirect taxes, in the normal course of business The Company operates in one class of business, the shipment of gas to another group company for the onward sale of gas to domestic customers, and in one geographical segment, the United Kingdom

Interest
Interest receivable and payable is credited or charged to the profit and loss account on an accruals basis

Pension costs
The Company's contributions to all of its pension schemes, the majority being to the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme (ESPS), a defined benefit scheme, are recognised as if it were a defined contribution scheme within administrative expenses in the profit and loss account This is because the Company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the ESPS scheme on a reasonable and consistent basis and hence it is accounted for as a multi-employer scheme under FRS 17 (Retirement Benefits) The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds During 2009, the Company took the decision to close its defined benefit schemes to new entrants New entrants are now only able to participate in a defined contribution scheme

Taxation
Current taxation is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the financial year and takes into account deferred tax In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 19, 'Deferred taxation', deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that they are regarded recoverable and that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal can be deducted Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis

1 Accountıng policıes (continued)

Shared-based payments
As a subsıdıary of RWE AG, the Company operates both a cash-settled compensatıon plan and an equıty, share-based plan Share optıons granted to Dırectors and employees and share based arrangements are valued at the date of grant or award and charged to operatıng profit over the vestıng perıod of the scheme, based on the Company's best estımates The annual charge ıs modıfied to take account of shares forfeıted by Dırectors and employees who leave durıng the vestıng perıod and, ın the case of non-market related performance condıtıons, where ıt becomes unlıkely the optıon wıll vest

2 Cash flow statement and related party dısclosures

The Company ıs a wholly owned subsıdıary of RWE AG and ıs ıncluded ın the consolıdated financıal statements of RWE AG, whıch are publıcly avaılable Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemptıon from preparıng a cash flow statement under the terms of FRS 1 (revısed 1996) Cashflow Statements The Company ıs also exempt under the terms of FRS 8 (Related Party Dısclosures) from dısclosıng related party transactıons wıth entıtıes whıch are wholly owned subsıdıarıes of RWE AG

3 Profit on ordinary actıvıtıes before taxation

Profit on ordınary actıvıtıes before taxatıon ıs stated after chargıng/(credıtıng)

	Year ended 31 December 2012 £ 000	Year ended 31 December 2011 £ 000
Servıces provıded by the company's audıtors:		
Fees payable for the audıt	3	5
Fees payable for other servıces other non audıt servıces	1	-

4 Net interest payable and similar charges

	Year ended 31 December 2012 £ 000	Year ended 31 December 2011 £ 000
Interest payable and similar charges		
Interest on loans from group undertakings	(912)	(576)
Interest on bank borrowings	(322)	(49)
Other interest payable	-	(48)
Total interest payable and similar charges	(1,234)	(673)
Interest receivable and similar income		
Other interest receivable	19	-
Other interest receivable from group undertakings	-	9
Total interest receivable and similar income	19	9
Net interest payable and similar charges	(1,215)	(664)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

5 Directors' remuneration

All directors (2011 all) are paid by RWE Npower plc, a fellow Group company, for their services to the group as a whole and their aggregate emoluments are disclosed in the financial statements of RWE Npower plc Total directors' emoluments (excluding amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes) recharged to Npower Limited were £0 6 million (2011 £2 2 million) The highest paid director received total emoluments of £449,678 (2011 £343,594) excluding amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes

Two directors were members of the Company's defined contribution scheme in the year (2011 none) Four directors were members of defined benefit schemes (2011 all)

During the year no directors (2011 nil) exercised share options in RWE AG the ultimate parent company None (2011 nil) of the directors received or became entitled to receive aggregate cash payments in RWE AG under long-term incentive schemes in the financial year The highest paid director received £nil (2011 £nil) under long-term incentive schemes

Further details of the nature and the extent of share based payment arrangements have been disclosed in full within the financial statements of RWE Npower plc The directors do not consider it necessary to provide separate disclosure within the Plus Shipping Services Limited financial statements as the amount is not material

6 Employees' remuneration

All npower Retail Group employees, with the exception of the metering and home energy services businesses, are employed by Npower Limited The aggregate payroll costs recharged to Plus Shipping Services Limited were as follows

	Year ended 31 December 2012 £ 000	Year ended 31 December 2011 £ 000
Wages and salaries	128	-
Social security costs	14	-
Other pension costs	12	-
	154	-

As employees may work across several legal entities, average staff numbers have been deduced based on the average employee cost for the npower Retail Group The notional average number of persons employed by the Company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category was as follows

	2012 Number	2011 Number
Sales and administrative staff	6	-

7 Pension scheme funding

The majority of pensions are funded through the RWE npower section of the industry-wide scheme, the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme (ESPS) which is a defined benefit scheme with assets invested in separate trustee-administered funds The ESPS is divided into sections There is also a defined contribution scheme, the RWE Innogy Group Defined Contribution Scheme (IGDCS)

Plus Shipping Services Limited participates, along with other employers in the RWE Npower Holdings plc Group, in the RWE Npower Group section of the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme, a defined benefit pension scheme

Plus Shipping Services Limited is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a reasonable and consistent basis primarily due to the following reasons

- the allocation of non-active members (retired and deferred) to any one employer is not possible on an accurate and practicable basis due to the privatisation and subsequent restructuring of the electricity industry Non active members made up approximately 85% of the scheme membership as at 31 March 2010, and

- no one employer dominates the overall scheme in terms of payroll cost RWE Npower plc's share of scheme pensionable salary is approximately 50%

These circumstances have meant that the last actuarial valuation in 2010 was not prepared on an individual entity basis and it will also not be possible to prepare the next one on an individual entity basis either Therefore the scheme is accounted for as a multi-employer scheme under FRS 17 (Retirement Benefits) using the defined contribution exemption

The last formal valuation of the scheme was carried out as at 31 March 2010 At that date the deficit of the whole scheme was £732 million giving a funding level of 83% The triennial valuation as at 31 March 2013 is currently being undertaken Independent actuaries have assessed the FRS 17 position as at 31 December 2012 for the scheme as a whole by updating the last formal valuations using methods appropriate for FRS 17 As at 31 December 2012 there was a deficit of £957 million (2011 £533 million)

During the financial year ended 31 December 2012, RWE Npower plc contributed to the four defined benefit sections of the ESPS at a weighted average rate of 18% of members' pensionable earnings, inclusive of a 2 0% contribution for the administrative expenses of the scheme The Plus Shipping Services Limited cost of contributions during the financial year was £10,507 (2011 £nil) which includes additional contributions required to reduce the whole scheme deficit

During the year to 31 December 2012, Npower Limited has paid total contributions of £1,688,905 (2011 £955,972) into the various defined contribution schemes on behalf of the npower Retail Group companies

There were no prepaid or accrued contributions at 31 December 2012 or 31 December 2011

8 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	Year ended 31 December 2012 £ 000	Year ended 31 December 2011 £ 000
Current tax		
Adjustments in respect of previous years	28	-
Group relief	1,626	1,377
UK Corporation tax	1,654	1,377

The tax charge for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (2011 - the same as the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK) of 24 5% (2011 26 5%) The differences are explained below

	2012 £ 000	2011 £ 000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	6,635	5,198
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24 5% (2011 26 5%)	1,626	1,377
Adjustments in respect of previous years	28	-
Total current tax	1,654	1,377

Factors that may affect future tax charges

During the year, the main rate of UK corporation tax was reduced from 26% to 24% This was substantively enacted on 26 March 2012 and was effective from 1 April 2012

In addition to the change in rates of corporation tax disclosed above, legislation to reduce the main rate of UK corporation tax from 24% to 23% from 1 April 2013 has been included in the Finance Act 2012

Further reductions to the main rate of corporation tax to 21% from 1 April 2014 and to 20% from 1 April 2015 have been included in Finance Act 2013 These rate reductions have not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and, therefore, are not included in these financial statements

9 Debtors

	31 December 2012 £ 000	31 December 2011 £ 000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	52,774	68,914
Other debtors	-	64
Taxation and social security	11,494	27
	64,268	69,005

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed date of repayment

10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 December 2012 £ 000	31 December 2011 £ 000
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	143
Trade creditors	126	86
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,674	21,489
Other creditors	4,391	3,770
Loans owed to group undertakings	37,328	27,749
	43,519	53,237

Loans owed to group undertakings are unsecured and are repayable within a year Loans bear interest at 4 3% (2011 3 3%)

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed date of repayment

Amounts owed to group undertakings include £1 7 million (2011 £1 4 million) of group relief payable

11 Called up share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2012 No.	2012 £	2011 No.	2011 £
1 ordinary share of £1 each (2011 £1)	1	1	1	1

12 Reserves

	Profit and loss account £ 000
At 1 January 2012	15,768
Profit for the year	4,981
At 31 December 2012	20,749

13 Reconciliation of movements in total shareholders' funds

	2012 £ 000	2011 £ 000
Profit for the financial year	4,981	3,821
Total shareholders' funds at 1 January	15,768	11,947
Total shareholders' funds at 31 December	20,749	15,768

14 Contingent liabilities

The Company has provided parent company guarantees, mainly in relation to distribution use of system agreements and other payment obligations, totalling £5,155,773 (2011 £4,919,973)

Bank issued guarantees of £1,303,200 (2011 £300,000) have been issued

All of the above guarantees are in place as security against the Company failing to meet certain payment obligations It is considered to be very unlikely that any event will occur that gives rise to any of the guarantees being affected

15 Control

The Company's immediate parent is Npower Limited, a Company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales

The ultimate parent company and controlling party is RWE AG, a Company incorporated in Germany, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statement Copies of the group financial statements are available from RWE AG, Opernplatz 1, D-45128, Essen, Germany