

Company Registration No. 08374655

NWEN FINANCE PLC

**Interim Report and Condensed Financial Statements
for the half year ended 30 September 2023**

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This interim financial report does not include all the notes normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023.

NWEN Finance plc is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in England, UK. Its registered office and principal place of business is Electricity North West, Borron Street, Stockport, England, SK1 2JD.

These condensed interim financial statements were approved for issue on 30 November 2023.

These condensed interim financial statements have been reviewed, not audited.

Interim Management Report

Cautionary statement

This Interim Management Report contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition and business of NWEN Finance plc (“the Company”). Statements or forecasts relating to events in the future necessarily involve risk and uncertainty and are made by the Directors in good faith based on the information available at the date of signature of this report, with no obligation to update these forward-looking statements. Nothing in this unaudited Interim Management Report should be construed as a profit forecast nor should past performance be relied upon as a guide to future performance.

Financial statements

The Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company can be found at www.enwl.co.uk.

Operations

The principal activity of the Company is as a financing company within the North West Electricity Networks (Jersey) Limited (“NWEN (Jersey)”) group of companies (“the Group”).

The Company has previously had debt in issue and listed on the London Stock Exchange. This debt, and the associated inter-company loan, was repaid at par on maturity in June 2021. At 30 September 2023, there were no plans to issue debt in this company; the Company is being retained for any future financing need.

There have been no significant changes to the activity of the Company in the current period, nor are there any planned changes.

Results

The results for the half year are set out in the Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss on page 4; there was no movement through the profit and loss account in the current or comparative periods.

There have been no significant events in the half year ended 30 September 2023 in respect of the Company.

Principal risks and uncertainties

An assessment of the change in risk affecting the Company has been carried out and the principal risks are deemed comparable to those at the last Annual Report. As there have been no transactions through the Company during the half year, nor are their plans for the Company to issue debt in the coming year, there are no principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company.

The Directors are cognisant of the principal risks and uncertainties affecting the larger Group. The principal trade and activities of the Group are carried out in Electricity North West Limited (“ENWL”) and a comprehensive review of the strategy and operating model, the regulatory environment, the resources and principal risks and uncertainties facing that company, and ultimately the Group, are outlined on pages 34 to 40 of the Strategic Report in the ENWL Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are available on the website, www.enwl.co.uk.

Interim Management Report (continued)

Going concern

When considering whether to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these condensed financial statements, the Directors have taken into account a number of factors, including the financial position of the Company and the Group in which it operates.

The Company is ultimately a subsidiary of NWEN (Jersey); the key trading subsidiary in the Group is ENWL.

In consideration of this, the Directors of the Company are cognisant of the going concern disclosure in the Interim Report and Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of ENWL, available on the website, www.enwl.co.uk.

After making appropriate enquiries, and with consideration of the guidance published by the Financial Reporting Council, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In making this assessment, the Directors have considered the foreseeable future to be a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these interim financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these interim financial statements.

Corporate governance

The NWEN (Jersey) group has established a governance framework for monitoring and overseeing strategy, conduct of business standards and operations of the entire business. Details of the internal control and risk management systems which govern the Company are outlined in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 41 to 55 of the ENWL Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements, which are available on the website www.enwl.co.uk.

Parent, ultimate parent and controlling party

The immediate parent undertaking is North West Electricity Networks (Holdings) Limited ("NWEN (Holdings)"), a company incorporated and registered in the United Kingdom.

The ultimate parent undertaking is North West Electricity Networks (Jersey) Limited ("NWEN (Jersey)"), a company incorporated and registered in Jersey.

At 30 September 2023, the ownership of the shares in NWEN (Jersey) and, therefore, the ultimate controlling parties of the Company were:

- KDM Power Limited (40.0%);
- Equitix ENW 6 Limited (25.0%);
- Equitix MA North HoldCo Limited (15.0%); and
- Swingford Holdings Corporation Limited (20.0%).

Interim Management Report (continued)

Directors

The Directors who held office during the half year are set out below. Directors served for the entire half year, and to the date of this report, except where otherwise indicated.

Executive Directors

- Ian Smyth
- Chris Johns (appointed 25 May 2023)
- David Brocksom (resigned 25 May 2023)

Non-executive Directors

- Rob Holden (resigned 31 July 2023)
- Sion Jones (resigned 31 July 2023)
- Peter O'Flaherty (resigned 31 July 2023)
- Genping Pan (resigned 31 July 2023)
- Masahide Yamada (resigned 31 July 2023)
- Takeshi Tanaka (resigned 31 July 2023)

Alternate Directors

- Aisha Hamid (resigned 31 July 2023)
- Makoto Murata (resigned 31 July 2023)
- Tatsuhiro Tamura (resigned 31 July 2023)
- Hailin Yu (resigned 31 July 2023)

At no time during the half year did any Director have a material interest in any contract or arrangement which was significant in relation to the Company's business.

Responsibility statement

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the condensed set of financial statements, which has been prepared in accordance with the applicable set of accounting standards, gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the issuer as required by DTR 4.2.4R;
- the Interim Management Report includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R; and
- the condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with FRS104 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Chris Johns
Chief Financial Officer
30 November 2023

Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss

For the half year ended 30 September 2023

	Unaudited Half year ended Note 30 Sept 2023 £000	Unaudited Half year ended 30 Sept 2022 £000	Audited Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £000
Operating profit	-	-	-
Finance income	1	-	-
Finance costs	-	-	-
Profit before income tax	1	-	-
Income tax expense	-	-	-
Profit for the period	1	-	-

All the results for the current and prior periods are derived from continuing operations.

For the current and prior periods presented, there were no items of other comprehensive income, therefore, no separate Statement of Other Comprehensive Income has been presented.

Condensed Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 September 2023

		Unaudited As at 30 Sept 2023 £000	Unaudited As at 30 Sept 2022 £000	Audited As at 31 Mar 2023 £000
	Note			
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2	85	85	85
Cash and cash equivalents		51	50	50
Total assets		136	135	135
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Amounts owed to group undertakings	3	(17)	(17)	(17)
Total liabilities		(17)	(17)	(17)
Net current assets		119	118	118
Net assets		119	118	118
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Share capital		50	50	50
Retained earnings		69	68	68
Total shareholders' funds		119	118	118

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the notes.

The financial statements on pages 4 to 6 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 30 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Chris Johns
Director



Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity

For the half year ended 30 September 2023

	Called up share capital £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
At 31 March 2022 (audited)	50	68	118
Profit for the half year	-	-	-
At 30 September 2022 (unaudited)	50	68	118
At 31 March 2022 (audited)	50	68	118
Profit for the year	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023 (audited)	50	68	118
Profit for the half year	-	1	1
At 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	50	69	119

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the notes.

Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

The Company has adopted Financial Reporting Standard 101 '*Reduced Disclosure Framework*' (FRS 101) on the basis that it meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 '*Application of Financial Reporting Requirements*'. The annual financial report has, therefore, been prepared in accordance with FRS 101. This condensed interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with FRS 104 '*Interim Financial Reporting*'.

As permitted by FRS 101 and FRS 104, for all periods presented, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under FRS 101 in relation to financial instruments, capital management, presentation of cash flow statement, standards not yet effective and related party transactions with other wholly-owned members of the Group.

The financial information for the half year ended 30 September 2023, and similarly the half year ended 30 September 2022, has not been audited or reviewed by the auditor. The financial information for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been based on information in the audited financial statements for that year; it does not constitute the statutory financial statements for that year (as defined in s434 of the Companies Act 2006) but is derived from those financial statements. Statutory financial statements for 31 March 2023 have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The auditor reported on those financial statements: their report was unqualified, did not draw attention to any matters by way of emphasis and did not contain a statement under s498(2) or s498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

The interim report does not include all the notes included in the audited financial statements. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The interim report is prepared on a going concern basis.

The Directors do not believe that the Company is affected by seasonal factors which would have a material effect on the performance of the Company when comparing the interim results to those expected to be achieved in the second half of the year.

The accounting policies adopted, and methods of computation used, in this interim report are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period, except for the adoption of new and amended standards as set out below.

Adoption of new and amended standards

A number of amended standards became applicable for the current reporting period. The Company did not have to change its accounting policies or make retrospective adjustments as a result of adopting these new and amended standards.

Critical accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The areas of critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period.

Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements (continued)**2. Amounts owed by group undertakings**

	Unaudited Half year ended 30 Sept 2023 £000	Unaudited Half year ended 30 Sept 2022 £000	Audited Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £000
Amounts owed by parent company	85	85	85

The amounts owed by parent company relate to charges under the inter-company loan that matured in June 2021. These are interest free and repayable on demand.

3. Amounts owed to group undertakings

	Unaudited Half year ended 30 Sept 2023 £000	Unaudited Half year ended 30 Sept 2022 £000	Audited Year ended 31 Mar 2023 £000
Amounts owed to parent company	17	17	17

The amounts owed to parent company relate to group tax relief. These are interest free and repayable on demand.