# **Delivery, drive and discipline**

**2023/24 Interim Results** 

15 November 2023





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**Chief Executive** 



#### **Gregor Alexander** *Finance Director*



### Martin Pibworth Chief Commercial Officer



### Barry O'Regan

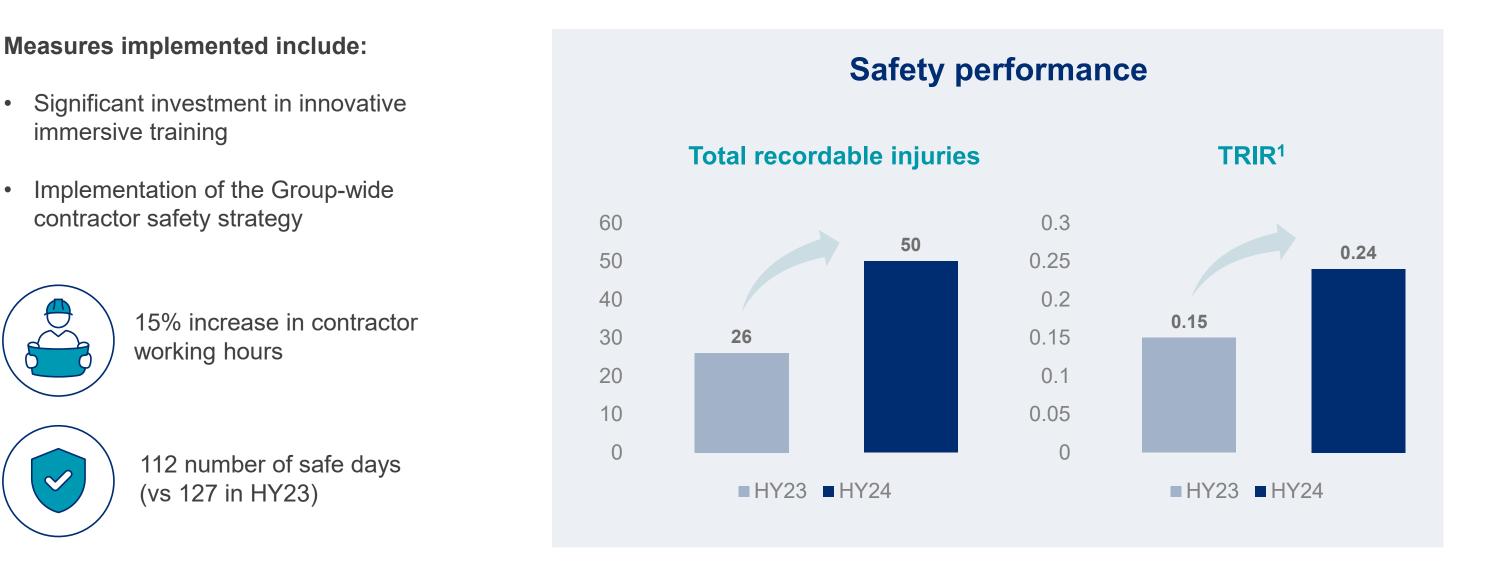
#### **CFO** Designate





# **Putting safety first**

### Additional measures implemented to address rise in minor incidents



<sup>1</sup> Total Recordable Injury Rate - total number of recordable injuries per 100,000 hours worked





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# **Delivery, drive and discipline**

Highly confident in earnings growth through capital discipline and optionality

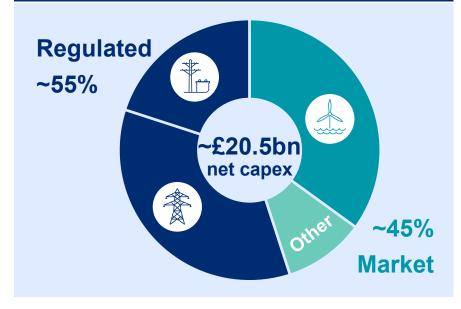
#### **Delivering on capital** investment programme

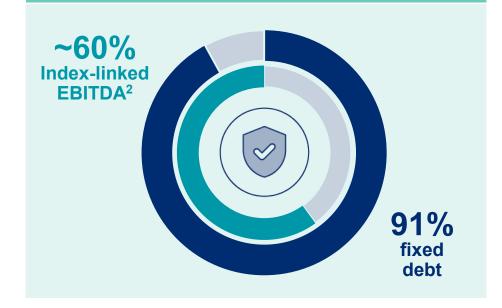
- Major progress on delivering flagship construction projects
- Fully-funded plan upgrade driven by greater visibility over networks spend

#### Guidance driven by visibility of earnings

- Currently operational assets and committed capex expected to deliver ~95% of FY27 EPS target<sup>1</sup>
- Balanced asset portfolio provides earnings stability and visibility

#### Capital discipline and optionality across balanced business mix





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Committed capex comprises post-FID Renewables and Thermal projects, and committed Networks capex including LOTI and a proportion of ASTI spend. <sup>2</sup> Average over the five-year plan to 2026/27, excludes Corporate Unallocated and 25% Transmission from 30 November 2022 following minority interest disposal

Regulated networks provide inflation protection and reliable returns

Selective renewables growth, only where value accretive

#### Maintaining UK onshore wind returns

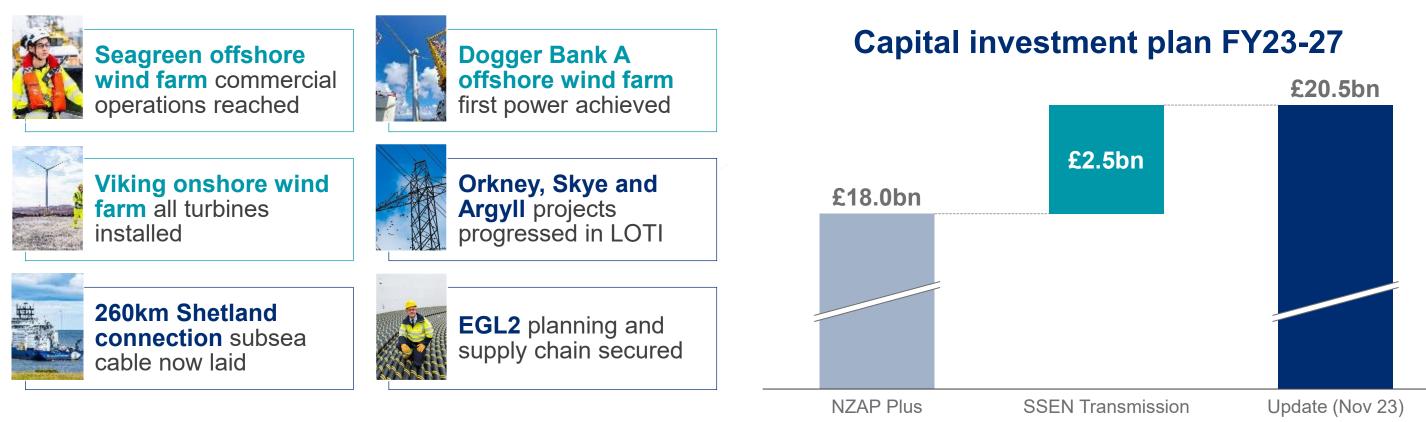




# **Delivering on our capital investment**

**Focused on execution of NZAP Plus investment plan** 

### **Delivering flagship construction projects**



**Delivering attractive returns above WACC** 

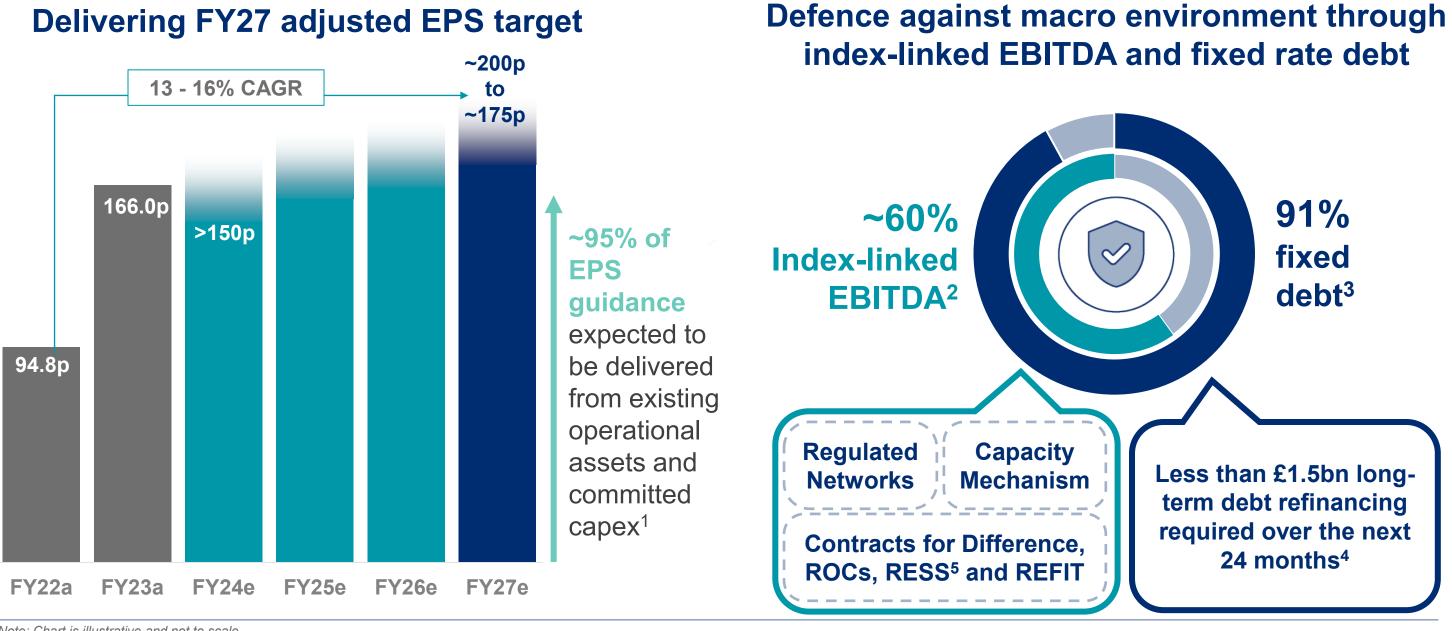


#### **SSEN** Transmission-driven capex upgrade

#### **Investment plan remains fully-funded**



## **Guidance driven by visibility of earnings** Projects already secured, indexed EBITDA and fixed-rate debt underpin EPS growth



Note: Chart is illustrative and not to scale

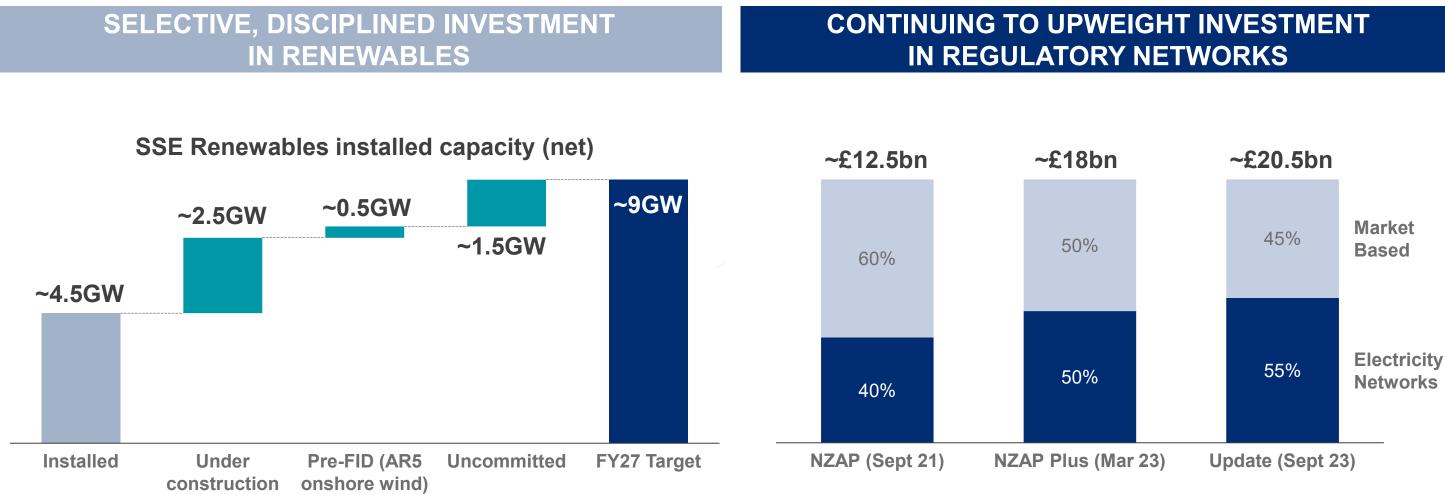
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- <sup>3</sup> As at 30 September 2023
- <sup>4</sup> Excludes short term Commercial Paper (£902m outstanding at 30 September 2023) but includes revolving credit facility in Transmission (£220m drawn at 30 September 2023) <sup>5</sup> Partial indexation introduced in RESS 3 in which Yellow River was contracted



# **Capital discipline and optionality**

Balanced business mix provides options to invest across the clean energy value chain



- Selectively progressing projects with the best risk / reward •
- **Committed to achieving targeted spreads** above WACC •
- Limited amounts of devex incurred pre-FID

- Strong, predictable regulatory environment
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• Increased visibility over medium-term investment Real equity returns are stable, relative to inflation





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### Q&A





# **Financial results – Segments**

Six months ended 30 September 2023

Adjusted Operating Profit (£m)	HY24	HY23
SSEN Transmission	215.6	208.4
SSEN Distribution	120.1	174.6
Regulated Networks	335.7	383.0
SSE Renewables	86.8	15.0
SSE Thermal	312.9	100.4
Gas Storage	(86.7)	147.8
Energy Generation & Gas Storage	226.2	248.2
Customer Solutions	93.8	74.3
SSE Enterprise	(8.4)	0.6
SSE Energy Markets	9.0	30.3
Corporate Unallocated	(35.2)	(28.9)
Neos Networks	(14.7)	(6.5)
Total Adjusted Operating Profit	693.2	716.0

#### Key movements in adjusted results

**Networks** continuing to see current underrecovery of inflation in cost base which is expected to reverse in future tariffs

**Renewables** volumes flat YoY, but remain 19% behind year-to-date plan, mainly due to adverse weather conditions

**Thermal** lower YoY volumes offset by continued strong capture prices achieved by efficient flexible fleet.

Gas Storage seasonal half-year loss due to withdrawal phasing, expected to revert back to profitability for the full year



Note: HY23 segmental numbers above restated to reflect movement of Solar and Battery business to SSE Renewables and Building Energy Management Systems to Business Energy, both previously reported under SSE Enterprise

# **Financial results – Overview**

Six months ended 30 September 2023

	Adjusted		Reported	
Continuing operations <sup>1</sup>	HY24	HY23	HY24	HY23
Operating Profit / (Loss) - £m	693.2	716.0	602.3	(635.1)
Net Finance (Costs) / Income - £m	(128.0)	(156.6)	(29.0)	124.1
Profit / (Loss) Before Tax - £m	565.2	559.4	573.3	(511.0)
Taxation (charge) / credit - £m	(88.4)	(70.3)	(140.0)	122.4
Profit / (Loss) after Tax - £m	476.8	489.1	433.3	(388.6)
Hybrid coupon - £m	(73.1)	(38.8)	(73.1)	(38.8)
Minority Interest - £m	-	-	(51.2)	-
SSE Shareholder Profit / (Loss) - £m	403.7	450.3	309.0	(427.4)
EPS - pence	37.0	41.8	28.3	(39.7)

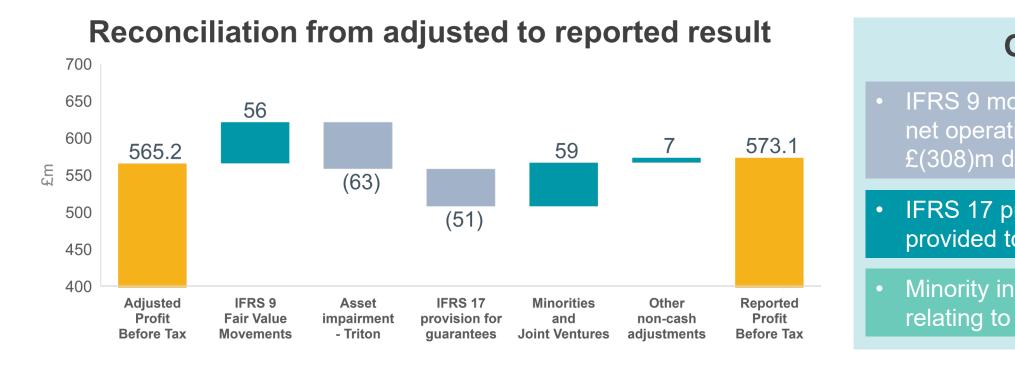
### £1.1bn investment in critical clean energy infrastructure projects



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Excluded discontinued operation relates to the disposal of the gas production business which contributed £35.0 to reported profit for the period ended 30 September 2022 (30 September 2023: £nil).

# Financial results – Adjusted & reported

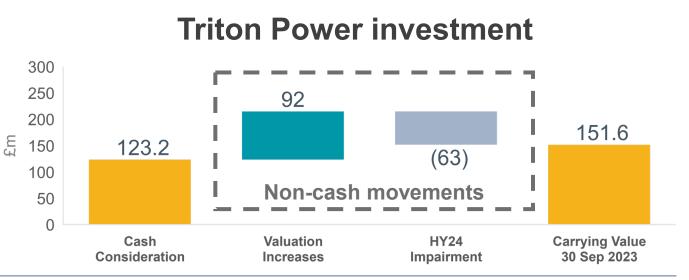
#### Six months ended 30 September 2023



#### **Asset impairment – Triton Power**

#### Non-cash HY24 Impairment reverses previous valuation increases and reflects strong cashflows realised by this asset

Triton remains a value-enhancing acquisition that is expected to be profitable on a cash basis going forward



Note: Continuing operations only. Excluded discontinued operation relates to the disposal of the gas production business which contributed £35.0 to reported profit for the period ended 30 September 2022 (30 September 2023: £nil).



### **Other reconciling items**

IFRS 9 movements reflect minimal movement in the net operating derivative mark-to-market valuation with  $\pounds(308)$ m derivative liability recognised at HY24.

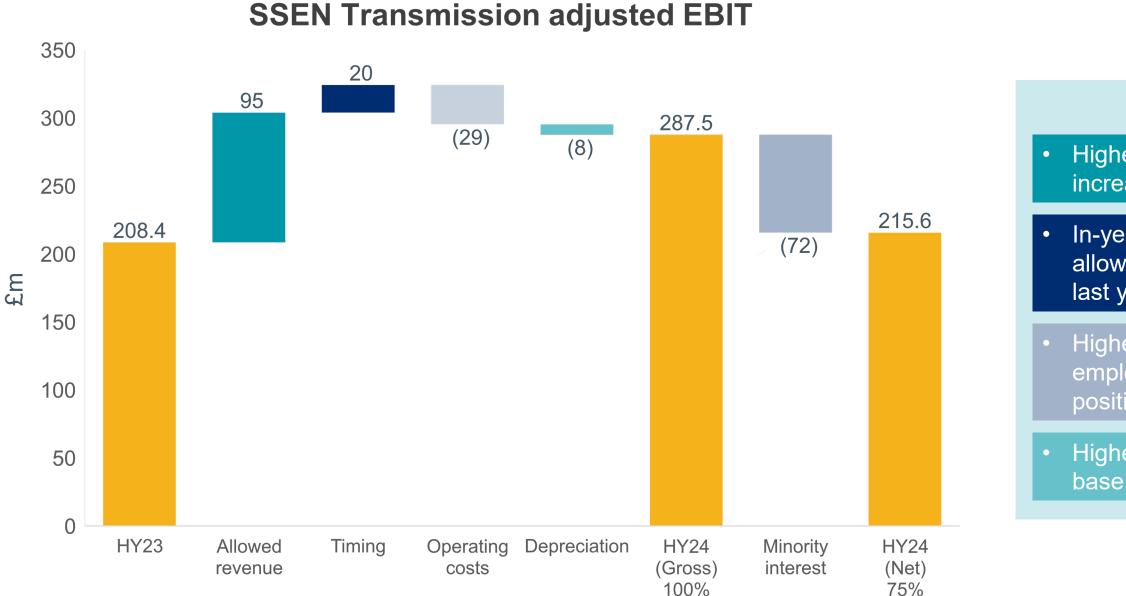
IFRS 17 provision increase in respect of guarantees provided to disposed businesses

Minority interest and Joint Ventures adjusts for profits relating to minority interest and JV interest and tax.



## **SSEN Transmission**

#### Six months ended 30 September 2023



<sup>1</sup> 25% stake divestment to Ontario Teachers Pension Plan (OTPP) 30 Nov 2022

<sup>2</sup> Transmission Network Use of System

<sup>3</sup> Over-recovery of £0.3m in HY24 versus under-recovery of £20m in prior year

#### **Operating profit**

Higher TNUoS<sup>2</sup> revenues in line with increased totex allowances

In-year recovery broadly in line with allowances versus under-recovery last year<sup>3</sup>

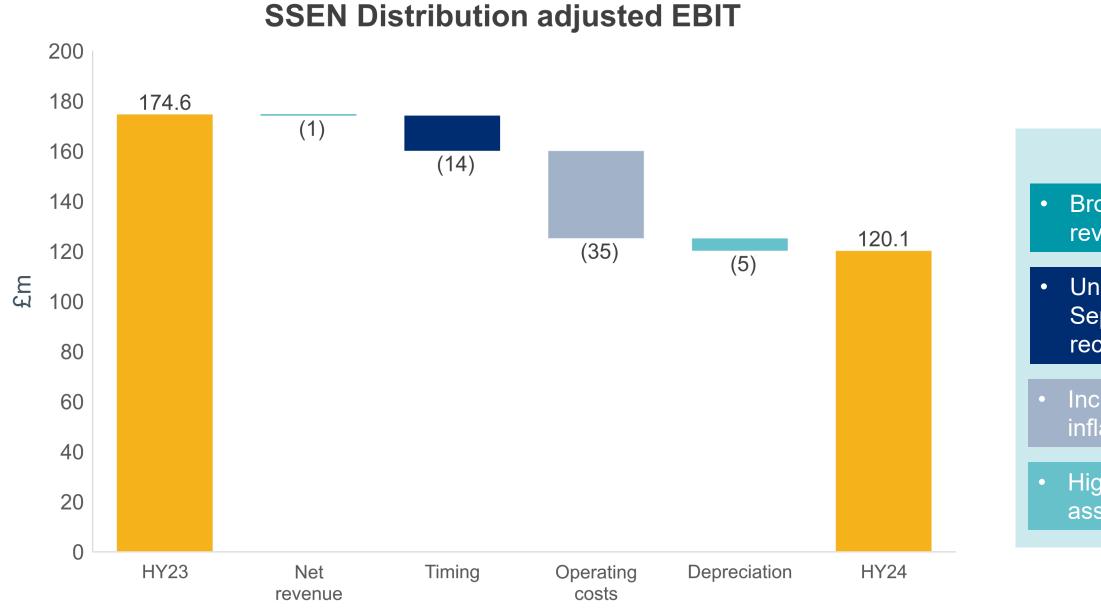
Higher operating costs including employee related costs as business positions to deliver further growth

Higher depreciation on larger asset base



## **SSEN Distribution**

#### Six months ended 30 September 2023



<sup>1</sup> Distribution Use of System

<sup>2</sup> Under-recovery of revenues in HY24 of £31m versus under-recovery of £17m in prior year

### **Operating profit**

Broadly flat allowed DUoS<sup>1</sup> revenues year on year

Under-recovery in the period to September versus a lower underrecovery in the prior period

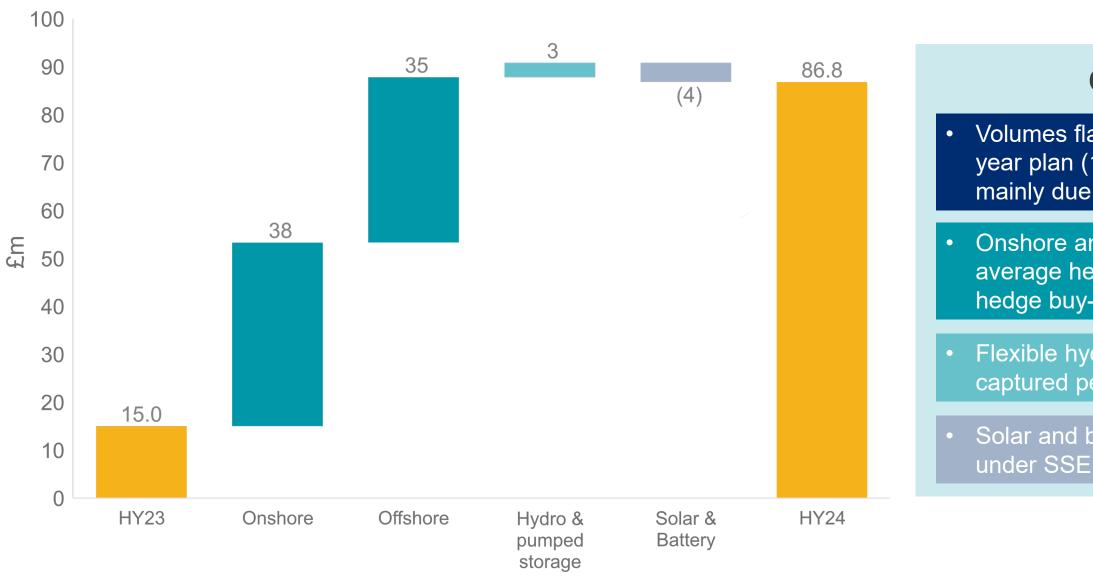
Increased operating costs including inflationary impact

Higher depreciation on increasing asset base



## **SSE Renewables**

#### Six months ended 30 September 2023



**SSE Renewables adjusted EBIT** 

#### **Operating profit**

Volumes flat YoY but remain 7% behind full year plan (19% relative to YTD plan), mainly due to adverse weather conditions

Onshore and offshore benefited from higher average hedge prices combined with lower hedge buy-backs required

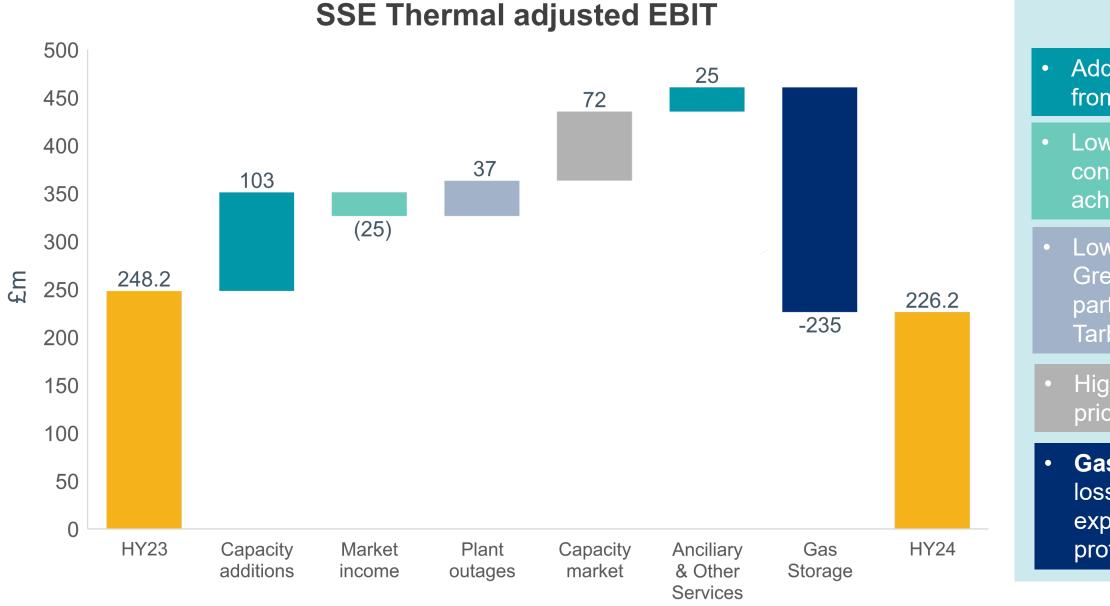
Flexible hydro and pumped storage captured peak prices in volatile market

• Solar and battery storage business reported under SSE Renewables from April 2023



## **SSE Thermal**

#### Six months ended 30 September 2023



### **Operating profit**

• Additional capacity contributions from Keadby 2 and Triton Power

Lower YoY volumes (-29%) offset by continued strong capture prices achieved by efficient flexible fleet

Lower YoY impact from outages as Great Island CCGT returned, partially offset by Marchwood and Tarbert outages in current period

Higher Capacity Market auction prices in GB and ROI

**Gas Storage** seasonal half-year loss due to withdrawal phasing, expected to revert back to profitability for the financial year



## **Other businesses**

Six months ended 30 September 2023

Adjusted EBIT (£m, continuing operations)	HY24	HY23
Business Energy	88.0	59.4
Airtricity	5.8	14.9
SSE Energy Markets (formerly EPM)	9.0	30.3
SSE Enterprise (formerly Distributed Energy)	(8.4)	0.6
Neos Networks	(14.7)	(6.5)
Corporate unallocated	(35.2)	(28.9)
Total Other Businesses	44.5	69.8

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#### **Operating profit**

• **Business Energy** – reflects phasing of customer contract margins, expected to partially reverse for the financial year

**Airtricity** – reflects phasing of tariff decreases and household credits

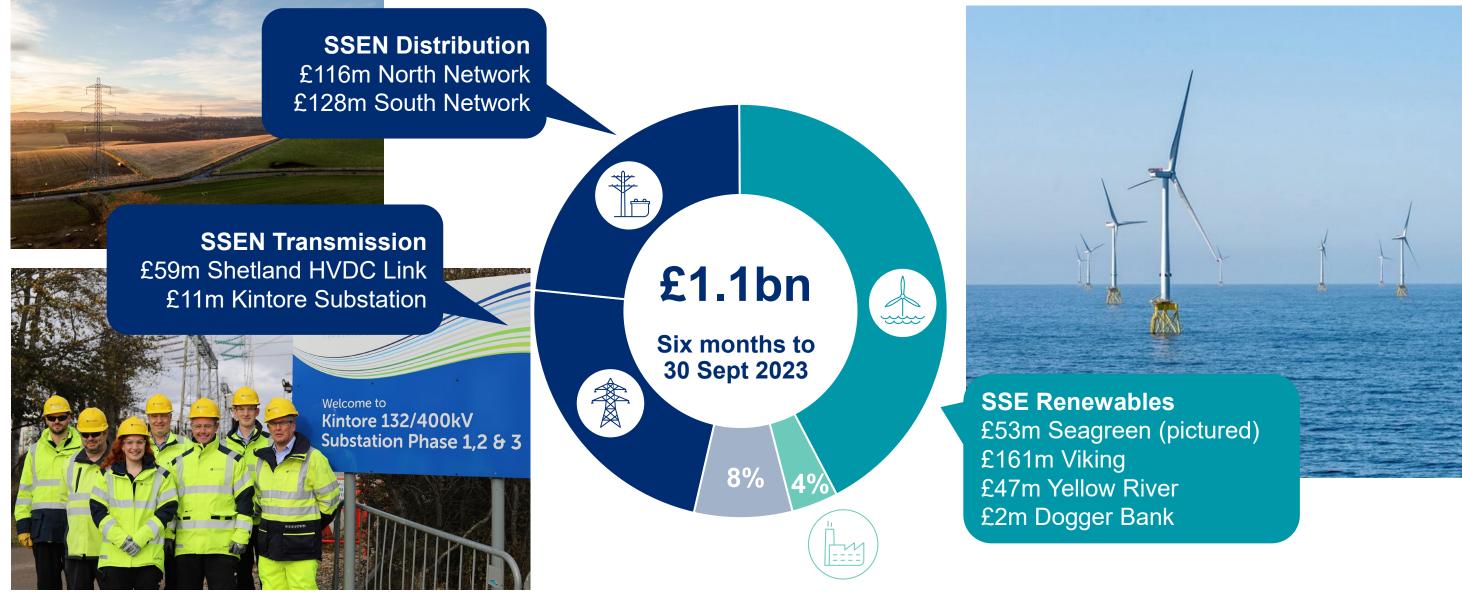
**SSE Energy Markets** – reflects lower commodity price environment and more stable market conditions

SSE Enterprise & Neos Networks - continue to incur a loss as they build out new business opportunities

**Corporate unallocated** – Reduction in external TSA income combined with increases in overhead costs



## **Financial results – Capital investment** Maintaining expected progress within five-year capital investment plan



~90% of investment directly focused on supporting 2030 Business Goals and EU Taxonomy TSC aligned

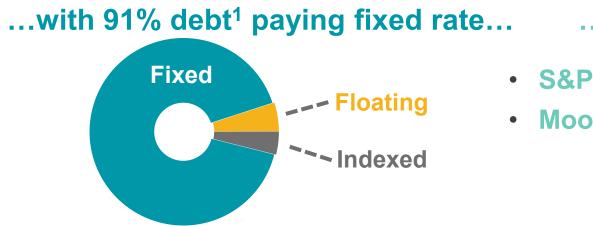


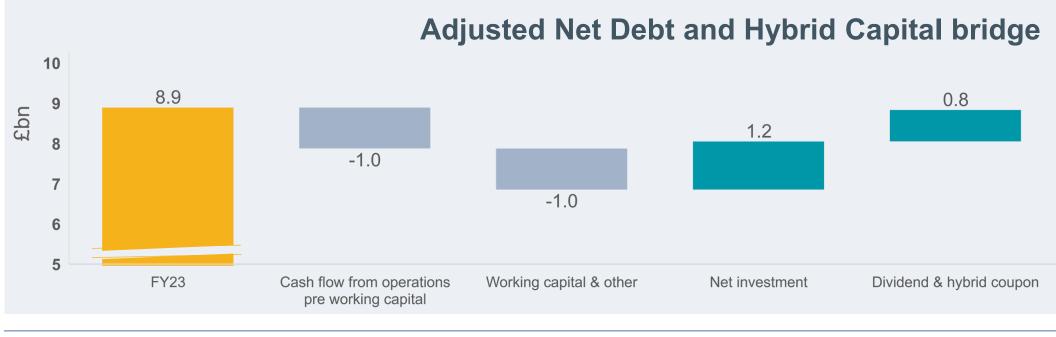
# **Financial results – Balance sheet**

**Robust to inflation and capacity for increasing investment** 

#### Balance Sheet remains strong...

- €750m 8-year Green Bond issued at 4.0% fixed coupon
- £3.5bn committed credit facilities
- Both defined benefit schemes remain in net surplus, totalling £411.0m

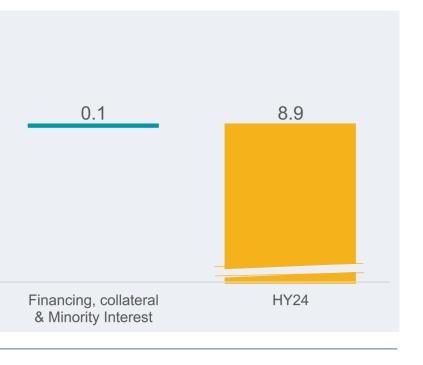




<sup>1</sup> As at 30 September 2023

#### ...and strong credit ratings.

# S&P: BBB+ with positive outlook Moody's: Baa1 with stable outlook







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## **SSEN Transmission – delivery in 1H Buildout of transmission infrastructure in the North of Scotland progressing at pace**

#### **RIIO-T2 Business Plan**

- North East Upgrade: Kintore Phase 1, first energised October 2023
- Inverary-Crossaig tower installation complete

#### Shetland Island Link

- Entire 260km of HVDC line now laid •
- On track for energisation in 2024 •
- Facilitates connection of Viking Onshore wind farm







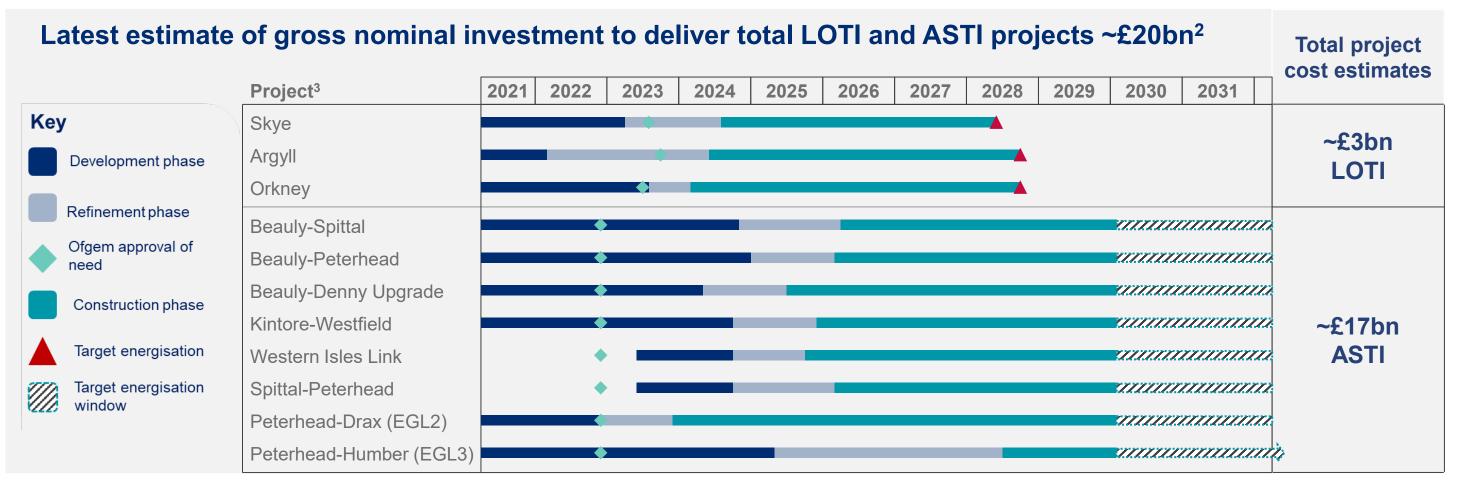








### **SSEN Transmission – Uncertainty Mechanisms** Refined cost estimates as projects progress through large capital project process



Subject to further project refinement, supply chain negotiations and cost inflation

### Working with communities to find optimal routes for delivering vital decarbonising infrastructure

<sup>3</sup> Chart shows target delivery timetable by calendar year. Subject to planning approvals, phasing of project delivery and supply chain availability

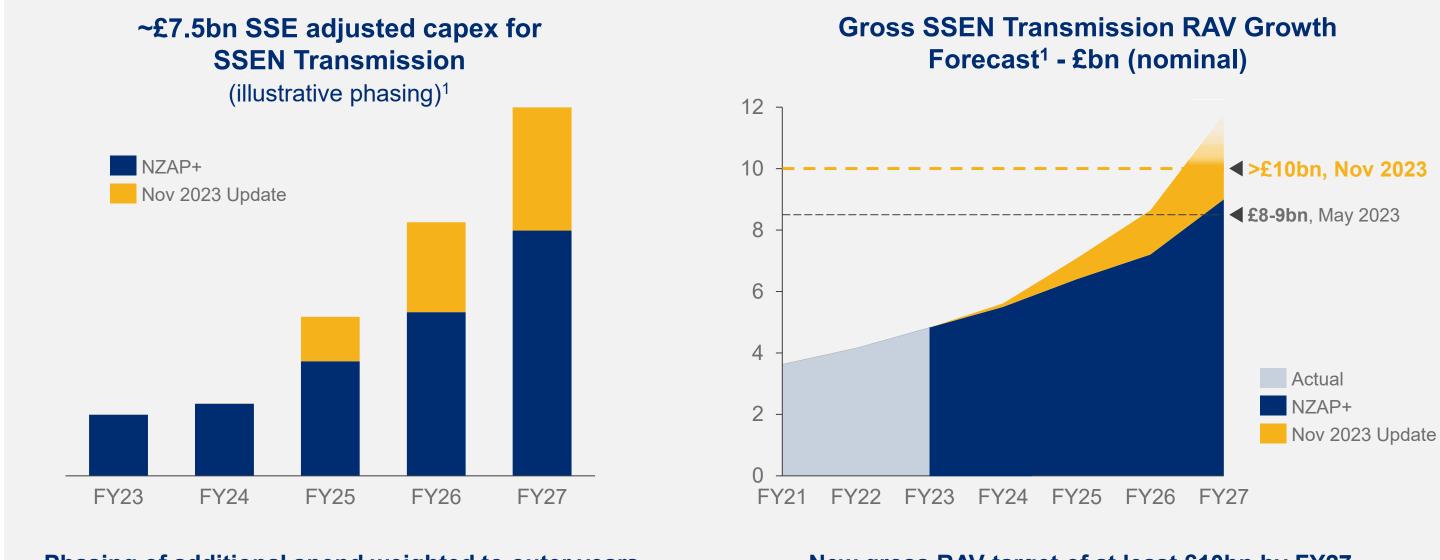


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> LOTI: 'Large Onshore Transmission Investment', a RIIO-T2 Uncertainty Mechanism reopener; ASTI: 'Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SSEN Transmission share (100%) current totex outlook, excludes non-cash items such as capitalised interest. Assuming a long term CPIH inflation rate of 2-2.5%.

## **SSEN Transmission – FY27 RAV target upgrade**

Increased investment in Transmission within NZAP Plus period



#### Phasing of additional spend weighted to outer years

#### New gross RAV target of at least £10bn by FY27

<sup>1</sup> Subject to planning approvals, phasing of project delivery and supply chain availability – assuming a long term CPIH inflation rate in range of 2-2.5%.





## **SSEN Transmission – Exponential growth potential**

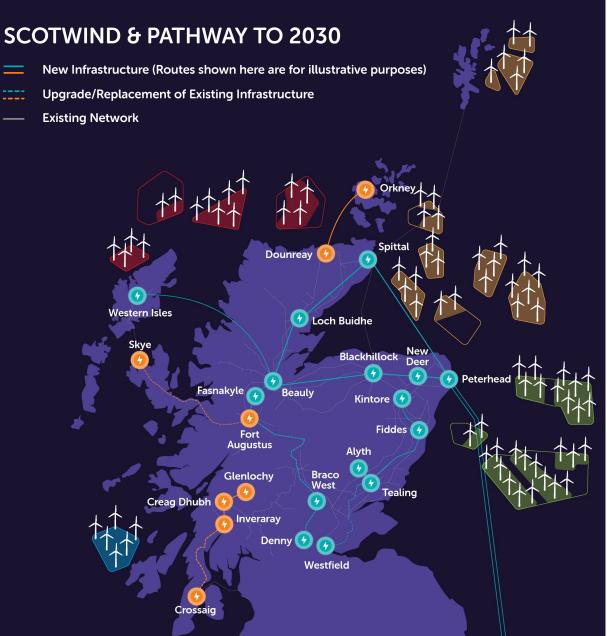
### Upside risk to investment requirements into the 2030s

#### Highly supportive policy environment continues to evolve

- **ASTI:** based on system operator plan to 2030 (HND) which delivers 11GW of 28GW ScotWind offshore wind
- Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP), including Holistic Network Design Follow Up Exercise (HNDFUE), due to be published early 2024
- **RIIO-T3:** Future System and Network Regulation (FSNR) published October 2023 – evolution of RIIO-T2, approval of need granted by Future System Operator



- **Existing Network**





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subject to planning approvals, supply chain availability and regulatory acceptance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Orange lines represent LOTI projects, Blue lines represent ASTI projects

### **SSEN Distribution: Strategic progression** Ramping up investment and operational capability as the platform for long-term growth



Focus on growing the RAV and underpinning net zero transition ...

**Delivery of £3.6bn<sup>1</sup> baseline plan** to enable **up to £0.7bn**<sup>1</sup> in additional funding under Uncertainty Mechanisims

... supported by improved customer performance and operational efficiency

**Targeted interventions to improve** incentive performance through digitalisation, process and organisational change

and taking the lead on delivering the future system

Taking a leadership position in resolving constraints challenge, and accelerating local distribution investment

Creating the foundations for sustainable growth and performance

<sup>1</sup> Total expenditure (2020/21 prices)

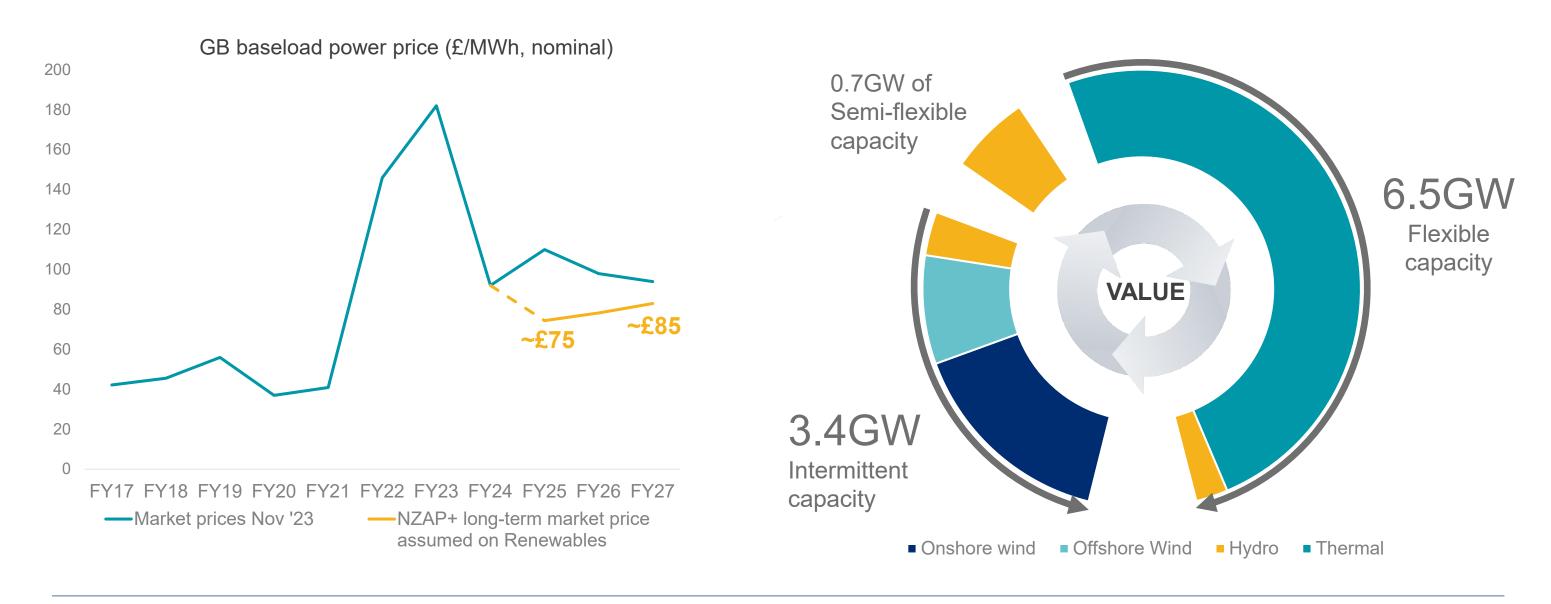
- On track for delivery of increased investment
- First UM funding secured
- **Two-year holistic** transformation programme
- **Investing in automation** to improve interruptions performance
- **Deploying agile solutions** to facilitate connections and manage queues
- Maximising use of innovation allowance



### **Continued supportive price environment** Forward prices combined with integrated generation portfolio provides confidence

#### **CURRENT FORWARD PRICES ABOVE NZAP PLUS**

#### WITH CONFIDENCE FROM PORTFOLIO EFFECT





## **SSE Renewables – Investment plan** Accelerated earnings growth supported by project delivery and quality pipeline

#### **CONTINUING TO DELIVER AGAINST PLAN IN 1H**

### **Offshore Wind**

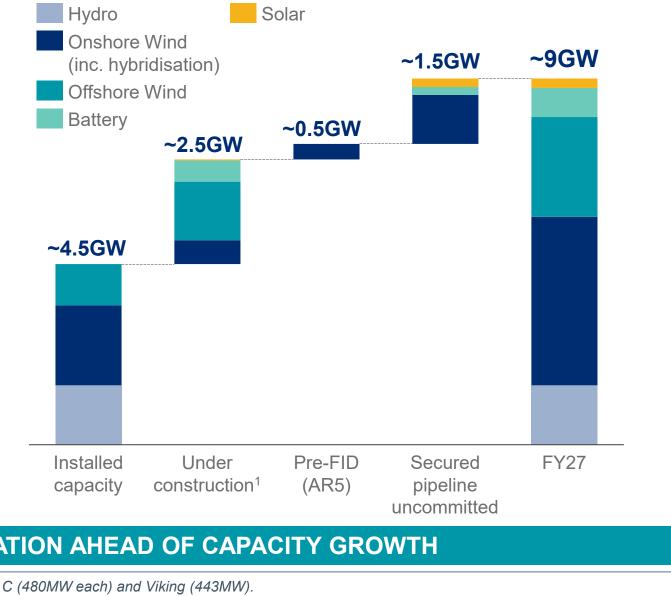
- Dogger Bank A first power
- Seagreen (527MW) fully operational •

### **Onshore Wind**

- 605MW awarded 15-year CfD in AR5 •
- Yellow River 101MW awarded up to 16.5 year contract in RESS 3
- Commenced construction on Chaintrix (28MW)

### Solar and Battery

- Taken FID on Monk Fryston Battery (320MW)
- Batteries at Salisbury (50MW) and Ferrybridge (150MW) • under construction
- Solar array at Littleton (30MW) under construction



#### **CONTINUE TO PRIORITISE VALUE CREATION AHEAD OF CAPACITY GROWTH**

<sup>1</sup> Capacity under construction reflects current ownership as at 31 October 2023 and includes Dogger Bank A, B & C (480MW each) and Viking (443MW). For more details, please see Appendix

#### **ON TRACK TO DELIVER ~9GW TARGET BY FY27**



### **SSE Renewables – Construction programme** Expert delivery of projects with strong fundamentals, indexed revenues & stable costs

	STRONG FUNDAMENTALS	INDEXED CONTRACTS	
<ul> <li>SEAGREEN OFFSHORE WIND FARM</li> <li>Fully operational after &gt;3 year build time and over a decade in development</li> </ul>	1.1GW with ~52% avg load factor	42% CfD at ~£52/MWh in today's prices	>
<ul> <li>First power achieved with full operation at phase one expected Q3 2024 and across all three phases by 2026</li> </ul>	3.6GW with ~57% avg load factor	100% CfD at avg. of ~£52/MWh in today's prices	2-
<ul> <li>VIKING ONSHORE WIND FARM</li> <li>Final turbine installed well ahead of schedule with full commissioning expected in Summer 2024</li> </ul>	443MW with ~48% avg load factor	100% CfD at avg. of ~£64/MWh in today's prices	

Notes: SSE equity share of Seagreen 49%, Dogger Bank 40% and Viking 100%. Load factors presented are pre-transmission losses. Capex and gearing figures provided reflect those disclosed at FID and exclude transmission, financing and operational costs capitalised during construction.

#### **STABLE COST BASE**

>90% of ~£2.5bn generation capex contracted at FID

~40% off-B/S financed at ~3% fixed rate for 15 years

>90% of ~£6.5bn generation capex contracted at FID

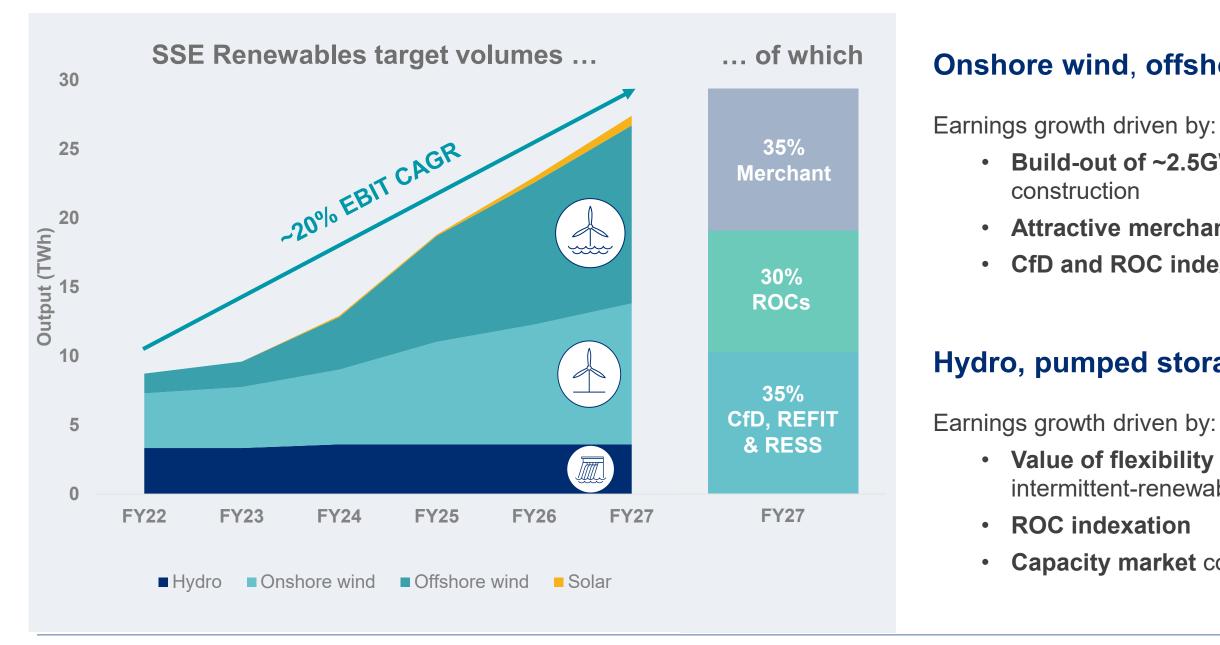
65-70% off-B/S financed at -2.5% fixed rate for 15 years

>90% of £580m capex contracted at FID

**Balance Sheet financed** 



### **SSE Renewables – Delivery driving growth** Profit underpinned by attractive power prices, indexed contracts and value of flexibility



#### **Onshore wind, offshore wind and solar**

- Build-out of ~2.5GW of projects under
- Attractive merchant power prices
- CfD and ROC indexation

#### Hydro, pumped storage and batteries

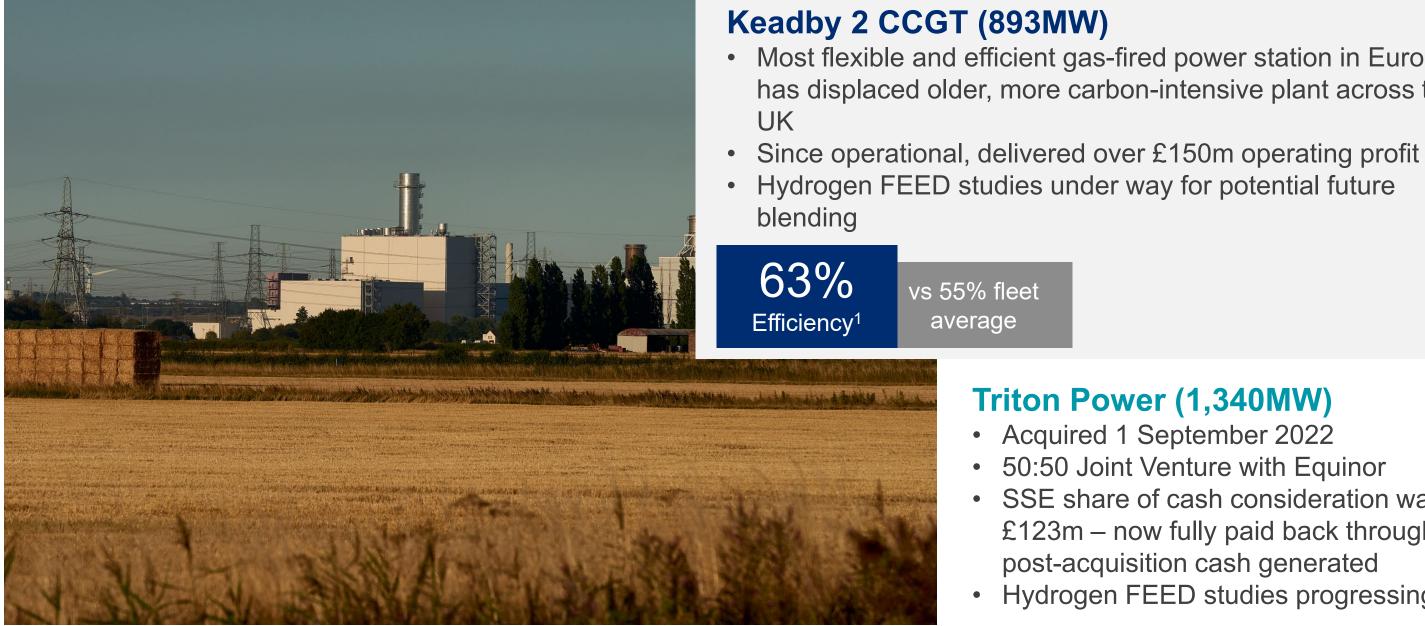
- Value of flexibility in energy system led by intermittent-renewables

  - Capacity market contracts



# **SSE Thermal – Key investments**

Efficient fleet provides strong portfolio risk management in volatile markets



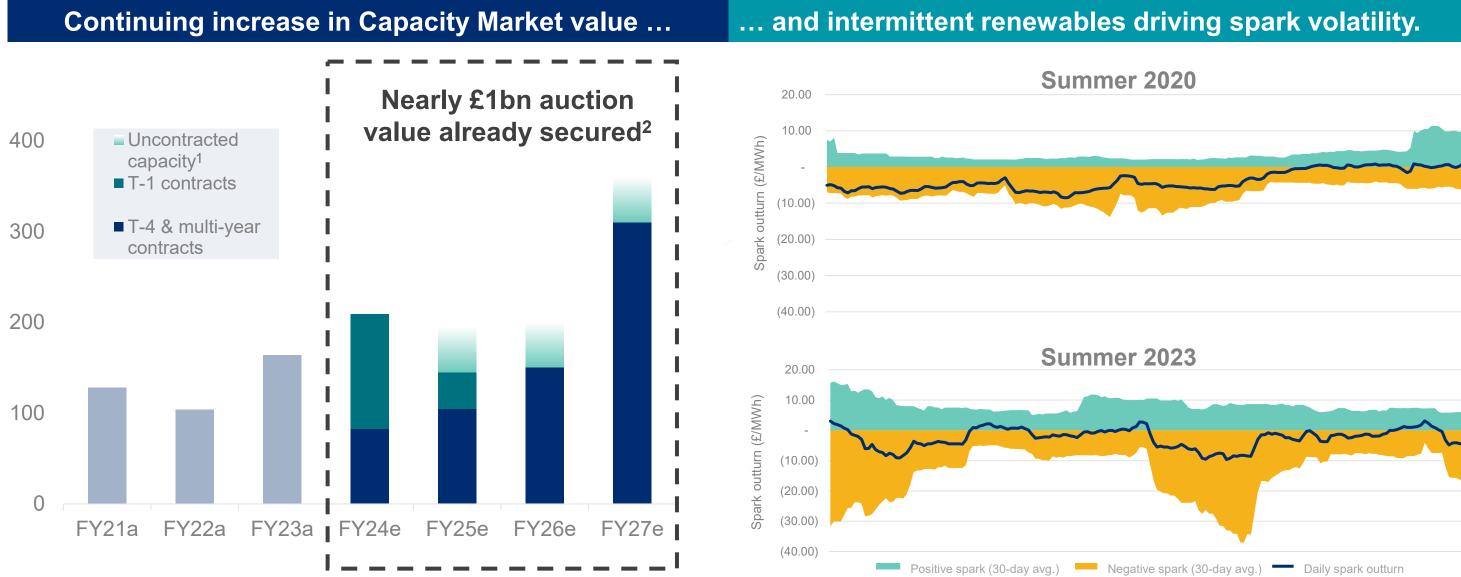
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FY23 Corrected LHV Efficiency, versus capacity weighted (excluding Tarbert, closed September 2023)

• Most flexible and efficient gas-fired power station in Europe has displaced older, more carbon-intensive plant across the

Triton Power (1,340MW) • Acquired 1 September 2022 50:50 Joint Venture with Equinor SSE share of cash consideration was £123m – now fully paid back through post-acquisition cash generated Hydrogen FEED studies progressing



## **SSE Thermal – Constructive market trends** Value of flexibility has increased as market tightens and transitions to renewables-led



<sup>1</sup> Height of bars representing periods with uncontracted capacity are for illustrative purposes only.

<sup>2</sup> Assuming a long term CPI inflation rate of 2-2.5%. Provisional results from 2027/28 Irish auction included but subject to approval, no contracts from future auctions assumed. Includes SSE's equity share of JV capacity income.



# **SSE Thermal – New normal underpins profits**

Value of flexibility has increased as market tightens and transitions to renewables-led



#### ABILITY TO EFFICIENTLY FLEX OUTPUT INCREASINGLY VALUABLE IN ALL SCENARIOS

<sup>1</sup> Subject to prevailing market conditions and plant availability

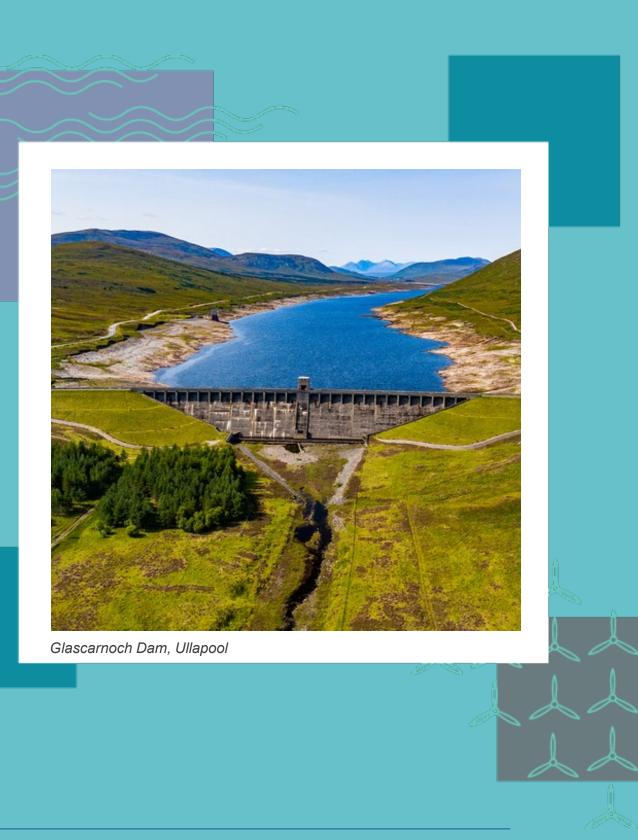




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### **Commitment to investment criteria** Maintaining attractive returns through world-class capabilities and high-quality assets

	Solar (Market Solar Wind (Market Solar Sol	Offshore wind	Networks	Emerging tech
Target returns	<b>50-300 bps</b> Spread to WACC <sup>1</sup> Spread to WACC <sup>1</sup>	>11% equity return excluding developer profits	<b>7-9%</b> Return on equity (RoE) <sup>2</sup>	<b>300-500 bps</b> Spread to WACC <sup>1</sup>
<section-header></section-header>	<ul> <li>UK: 605MW onshore wind contracted AR5 prices ~10% higher than AR4</li> <li>Ireland: 101MW Yellow River RESS 3 auction success</li> <li>Southern Europe: FID on 28MW onshore wind farm with further selective capital deployment expected</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>UK: Seagreen 1A deferred from AR5 due to low strike price</li> <li>Ireland: required risk-adjusted returns for Arklow Bank not met in ORESS 1 auction</li> <li>Other: no onerous revenue, seabed or supply agreements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strong regulatory price control environment means real equity returns are stable, relative to inflation</li> <li>ASTI framework provides allowances for pre- construction expenditure ahead of commitment</li> <li>Business focus on capital efficiency will enable strong returns on equity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commenced construction on c.500MW of battery projects at expected returns within targeted spread</li> <li>Awaiting policy support before investing in CCS and Hydrogen at scale</li> </ul>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Spreads to WACC reflect balance of merchant, technology and construction risk specific to each project, and are on unlevered projects <sup>2</sup>Targeted ROE Based on CPIH inflation of 2% p.a. and gearing ratio of 60%



# **FY24** financial outlook

**Reaffirming FY24 earnings guidance with EPS still expected to be >150p** 

#### **EPS** guidance remains unchanged

Guidance takes into account:

- Strong performance from balanced portfolio of assets across electricity networks, renewables, flexible generation and storage.
- Winter months key given seasonal nature of • operations.
- Performance remains subject to weather, plant performance and market conditions.

#### Expect to provide updated guidance on full-year EPS later in the financial year

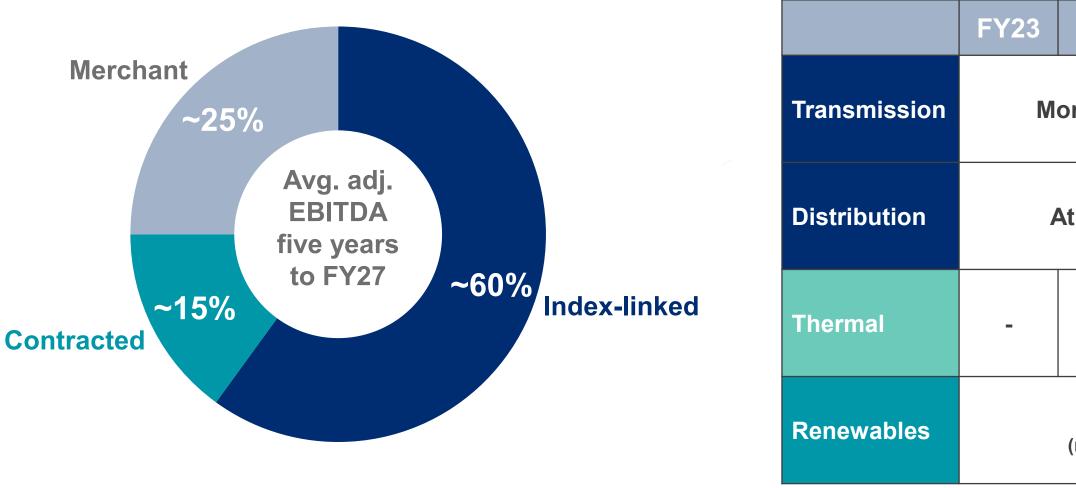
Adjusted	FY24 Guidance	FY23 Actual
Adjusted EBIT (£m)		
SSEN Transmission	More than FY23	372.7
SSEN Distribution	Less than FY23	382.4
SSE Renewables	More than FY23	580.0
SSE Thermal and Gas Storage	>750	1,244.4
Of which Gas Storage	>75	212.5
Energy Customer Solutions	More than FY23	23.5
EPS - pence	>150p	166.0
DPS - pence	60.0	96.7
Investment - £bn1	~2.5	2.8
Net Debt / EBITDA	below 3.5x	2.7x



## **Increasing visibility on medium-term outlook** Contracted, indexed revenues and natural hedges provide predictable earnings

## ~75% of EBITDA indexed or contracted<sup>1</sup>

## **Reaffirming medium-term EBIT guidance**



<sup>1</sup>After 25% minority interest disposal of SSEN Transmission (from 30 November 2022); excluding corporate unallocated. Contracted non-index-linked mainly reflects hedged volumes in Renewables and Thermal <sup>2</sup> Subject to market conditions, normal weather and plant availability

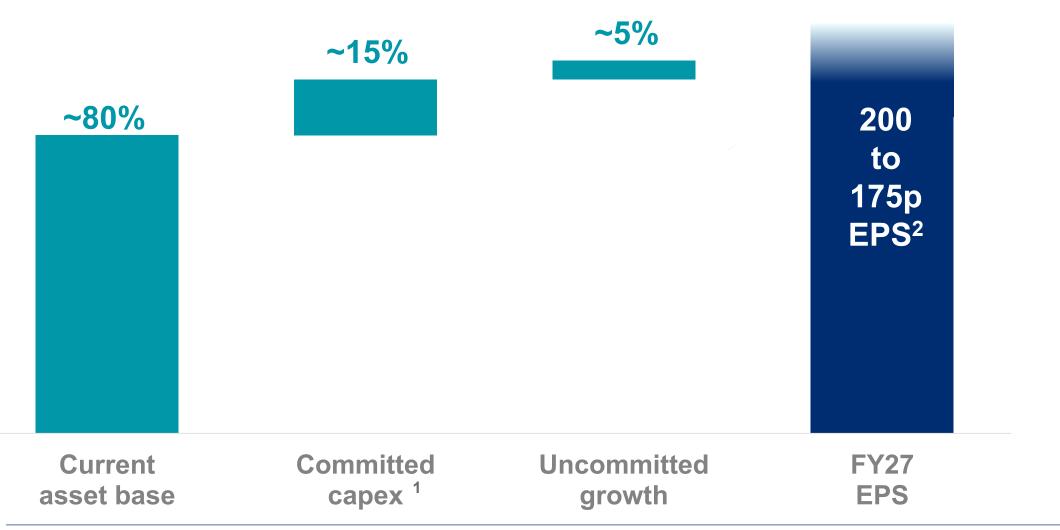
FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
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t least £	450m p.a	average	9
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, ,	<b>EBIT C</b>		



# **Clear line of sight on FY27 EPS**

Key projects driving earnings are already built, being built or are contracted to build

## Strong visibility of assets underpinning FY27 EPS target



<sup>1</sup> Committed capex comprises post-FID Renewables and Thermal projects, and committed Networks capex including LOTI and a proportion of ASTI spend.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to market conditions, normal weather and plant availability.

<sup>3</sup> Including hybrid coupon payments, excluding JV interest and capitalised interest; compared to 3.92% at March 2023.

#### **Assumption on interest:**

Average cost of debt across the five year plan of 4.5%<sup>3</sup>

Assuming 5.5% coupon on new debt issuance

#### **Continued assumptions:**

#### ~£85/MWh

Nominal baseload power price on renewables in **FY27** 

£0m Developer profits FY27 v £64m in FY22

#### Normal weather and plant availability

### ~16% avg. adj. effective

tax rate across the plan



# **Dividend plan to FY27**

**Balanced support of investment and growth** 

- Strong delivery of investment plan and strategic progress
- Financial performance in year to date broadly in line with **Board's expectations**
- Continue to reiterate 5-10% growth per annum to FY27

FY24 interim dividend	FY24 dividend	FY25 to FY27 dividend
declared 20p	intend to recommend 60p	5-10% growth per annum

## Scrip dividend capped at 25%

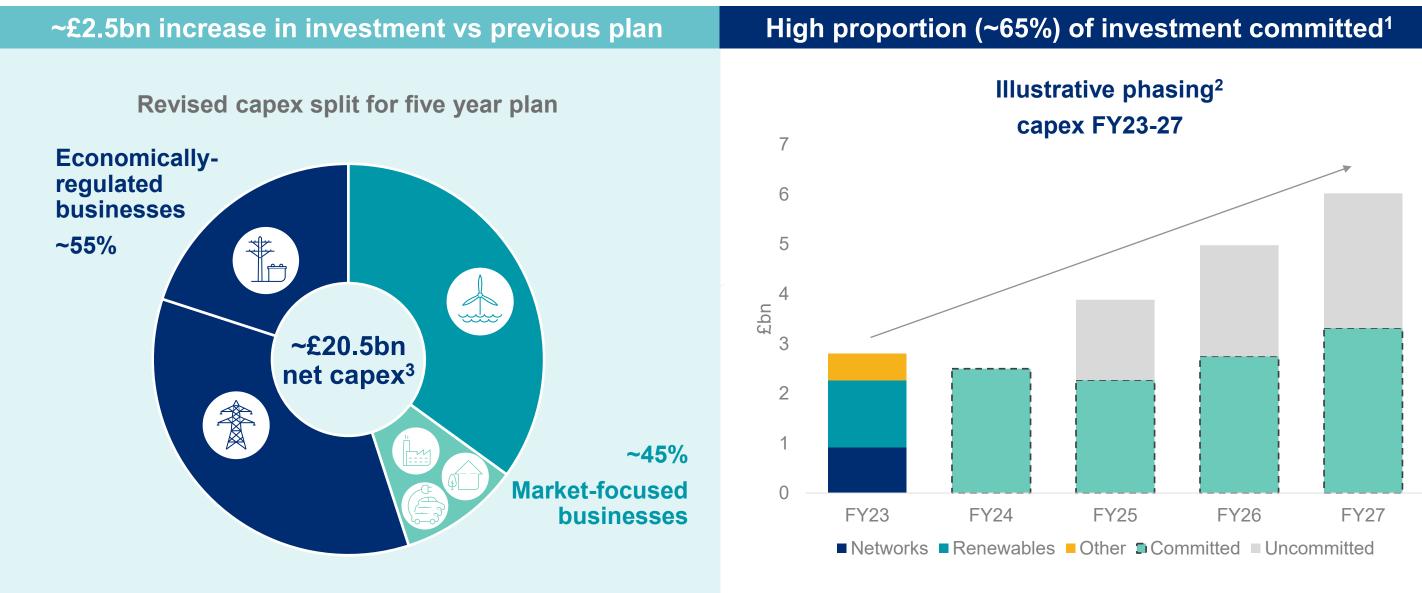


<sup>1</sup> Interim dividend represents a third of the expected full year dividend of 60p per share, in line with historic split



# **Updating capital allocation**

Business optionality the foundation for increasing long-term, consistent value creation



### WILL CONTINUE TO REALLOCATE CAPITAL TOWARDS BEST RISK / REWARD OPPORTUNITIES

<sup>1</sup>Committed capex comprises post-FID Renewables and Thermal projects, and committed Networks capex including LOTI and a proportion of ASTI spend. <sup>2</sup>Shows stylised uncommitted capex out to FY27.

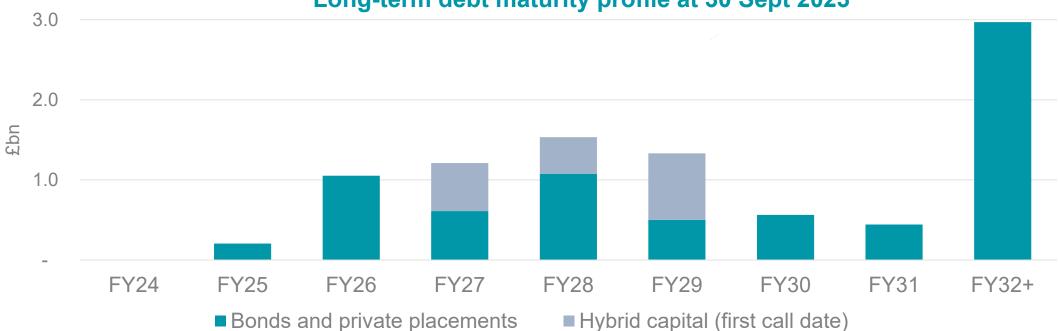
<sup>3</sup>SSE adjusted investment, capex and acquisitions expenditure net of 25% SSEN Transmission Minority Interest post 1 December 2022 disposal.



## Strong balance sheet and credit ratings Limited refinancing requirements expected in the near-term market environment

## **NET DEBT / EBITDA RATIO EXPECTED TO REMAIN WITHIN 3.5 – 4.0X TARGET**

- Less than £1.5bn long-term debt refinancing required over the next 24 months<sup>1</sup>
- Average cost of debt remains low at 4.0%<sup>2</sup> with average debt maturity of 6 years



#### Long-term debt maturity profile at 30 Sept 2023<sup>1</sup>

### HEADROOM FOR UP TO 4.5X NET DEBT / EBITDA WHILST RETAINING STRONG INVESTMENT GRADE RATING

<sup>1</sup> Excludes short term Commercial Paper (£902m outstanding at 30 September 2023) but includes revolving credit facility in Transmission (£220m drawn at 30 September 2023). <sup>2</sup> As at 30 September 2023.

### **Credit ratings**

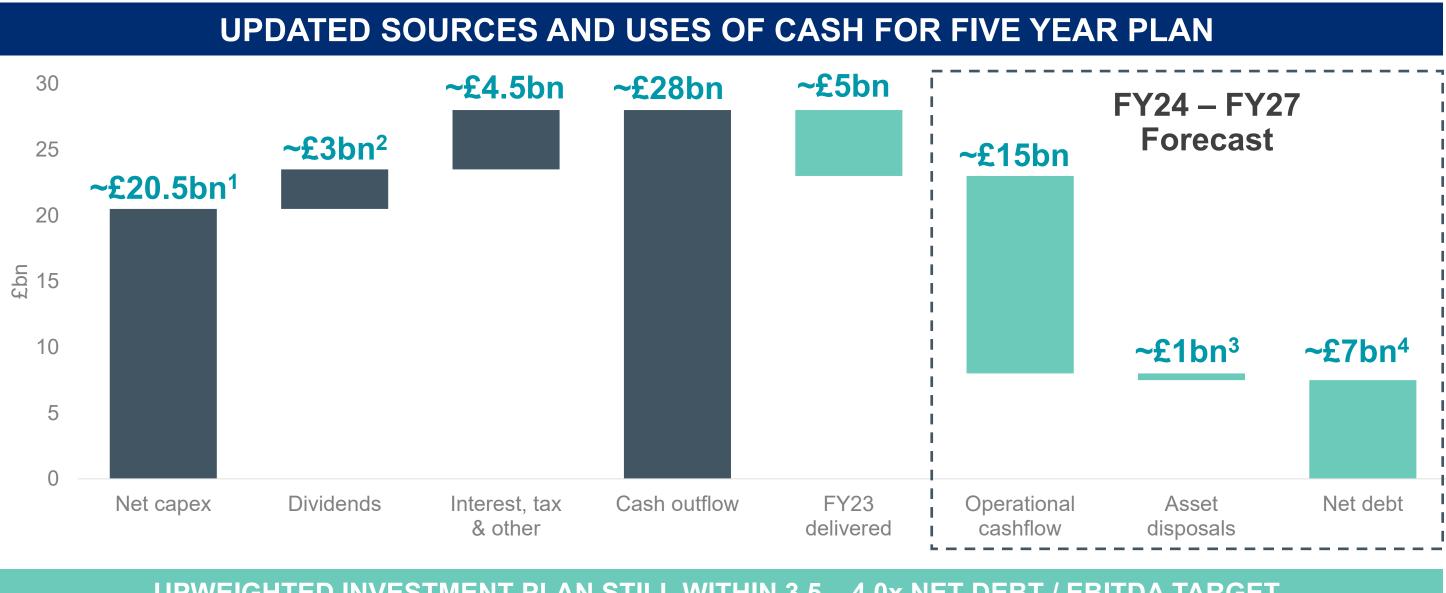
S&P: BBB+ with positive outlook

Moody's: Baa1 with stable outlook



# **Fully-funded investment plan**

Upweighted NZAP Plus continues to be fully-funded whilst retaining credit headroom



#### **UPWEIGHTED INVESTMENT PLAN STILL WITHIN 3.5 – 4.0x NET DEBT / EBITDA TARGET**

<sup>1</sup> Capex presented after 25% Minority Interest disposal of SSEN Transmission from 31 November 2022 and net of project finance development expenditure refunds which primarily occur for Renewables projects.

<sup>2</sup> Including scrip dividend assumption, with scrip capped at 25% across the plan

<sup>3</sup> Residual non-core disposals.

42 <sup>4</sup> Net debt is after deduction of estimated Minority Interest debt relating to SSEN Transmission, consistent with the Alternative Performance Measure definitions.



# **Financial Outlook – Conclusion**

Solid financial framework provides the platform for strong growth



**Highly-visible growth opportunities** driving £2.5bn capex plan increase



retains credit headroom



**Greater confidence in earnings outlook** of 175-200p adj. EPS in FY27





All underpinned by value over volume approach where capital discipline is paramount





# Fully-funded investment plan which

### Sustainable dividend policy targets 5-10% p.a. dividend growth to FY27





### **Interim Results to 30 September 2023**

Part 1: Overview
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Part 4: Financial Outlook
Part 5: Summary









## Steps to a sustainable future energy system Continued wealth of opportunities right across the net zero electricity value chain

#### A compelling investment proposition

- Exposure across the clean energy chain
- Balance sheet strength
- Exceptional optionality and capability
- Visibility of sustainable earnings growth





<sup>1</sup> Including projects in development and future prospects

**Electricity networks** 

Dogger Bank with **15GW** of

future options<sup>1</sup>



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**CCS and Hydrogen** 

Delivered Keadby 2 flagship asset, with pipeline of CCS and Hydrogen options

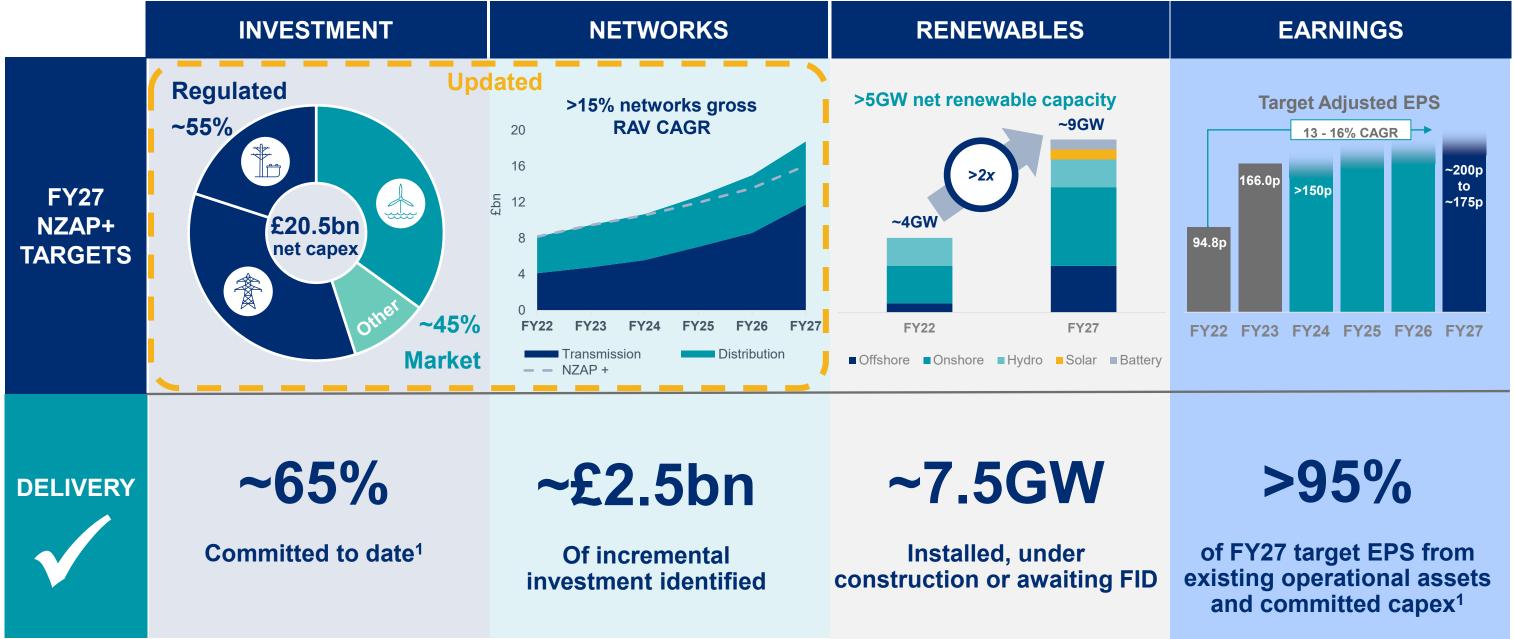
FY27 Targets and platform for growth into 2030s







## **On track to achieve NZAP Plus targets** Strong start, market tailwinds and optionality mean on track to deliver NZAP Plus



<sup>1</sup> Committed capex comprises post-FID Renewables and Thermal projects, and committed Networks capex including LOTI and a proportion of ASTI spend.



# **Delivery, drive and discipline**

Highly confident in earnings growth through capital discipline and optionality

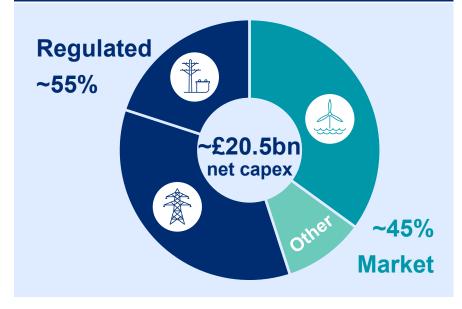
#### **Delivering on capital** investment programme

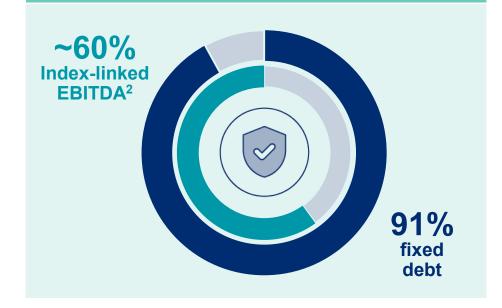
- Major progress on delivering flagship construction projects
- Fully-funded plan upgrade driven by greater visibility over networks spend

#### Guidance driven by visibility of earnings

- Currently operational assets and committed capex expected to deliver ~95% of FY27 EPS target<sup>1</sup>
- Balanced asset portfolio provides earnings stability and visibility

#### Capital discipline and optionality across balanced business mix





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Committed capex comprises post-FID Renewables and Thermal projects, and committed Networks capex including LOTI and a proportion of ASTI spend. <sup>2</sup> Average over the five-year plan to 2026/27, excludes Corporate Unallocated and 25% Transmission from 30 November 2022 following minority interest disposal

Regulated networks provide inflation protection and reliable returns

Selective renewables growth, only where value accretive

#### Maintaining UK onshore wind returns





# APPENDIX



## **SSE plc – recent updates to ESG ratings**

**Aiming for leading ESG performance** 



<sup>1</sup>For further information please see SSE's Half Year Sustainability Statement for 2023/24, available at www.sse.com/sustainability

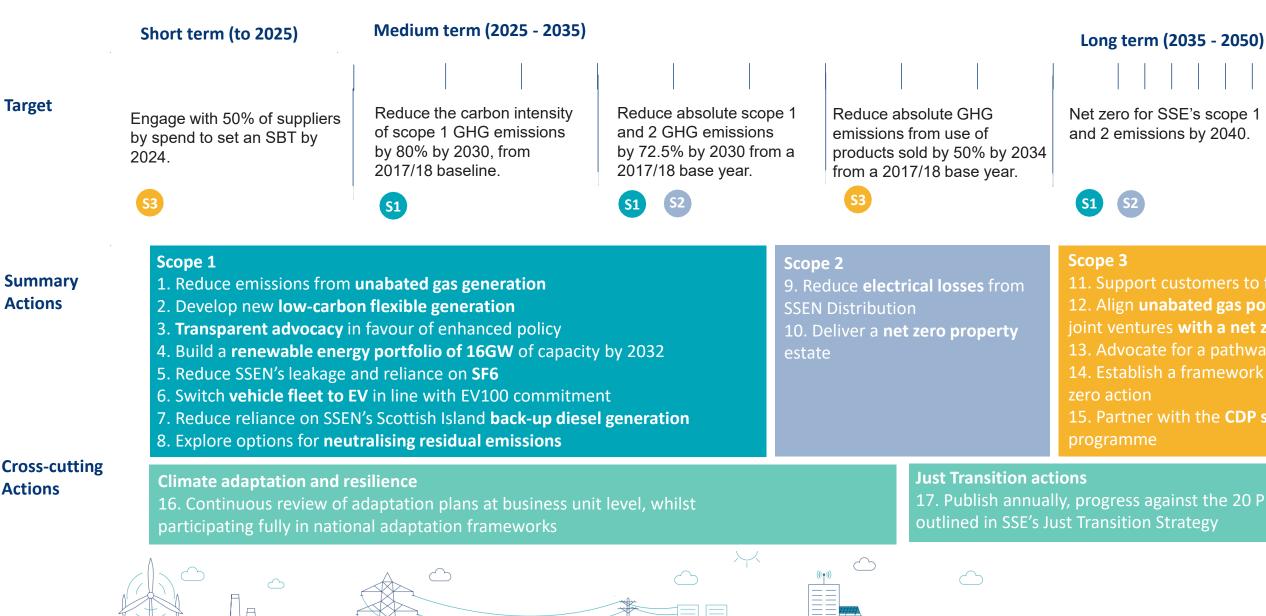




	SSE score	Sector ranking <sup>1</sup>
AA	AAA	Top 13 percent (Oct 2023)
00	72	89 <sup>th</sup> percentile (Oct 2023)
igible sk	20.4 (medium risk)	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile (Aug 2023)
00	71	Advanced (Oct 2023)
<b>\</b> +	B-	Top 20 percent (Oct 2023)



## **Net Zero Transition Plan on a Page** SSE's short-, medium- and long-term carbon targets, alongside key actions to achieve them



Net zero for all SSE's remaining scope 3 emissions by 2050.



11. Support customers to fuel switch and **consume less gas** 12. Align **unabated gas power generation** owned through joint ventures with a net zero pathway 13. Advocate for a pathway for **decarbonised heat** 14. Establish a framework for **supplier collaboration** on net

15. Partner with the **CDP supply chain engagement** 

17. Publish annually, progress against the 20 Principles for a Just Transition,





# **Leverage Calculation - Net Debt / EBITDA**

**Consistent methodology best reflects SSE's activities and commercial structure** 

£m	FY23		FY22	
Adjusted Net Debt & Hybrid Capital		8,894		8,598
Adjusted EBITDA		3,382		2,251
Beatrice (@99% gearing)	(122)		(123)	
Seagreen (@66% gearing) <sup>2</sup>	(25)		-	
Cloosh (@55% gearing) <sup>3</sup>	-		(2)	
Less: EBITDA relating to project finance		(147)		(125)
EBITDA as reduced <sup>1</sup>		3,235		2,126
Net Debt / EBITDA		2.7x		4.0x

<sup>1</sup> EBITDA as reduced reflects the Adjusted EBITDA APM, further adjusted to remove the proportion of Adjusted EBITDA from equity-accounted Joint Ventures which relates to off-balance sheet debt. This further adjustment means an appropriate reduction is applied against the Adjusted EBITDA consolidated from levered Joint Ventures, bringing the contribution recognised in line with the equity investment made by SSE <sup>2</sup> As project was under construction at 31 March 2023, external debt gearing at that date may not reflect final project gearing

<sup>3</sup> Project financed debt was repaid in the period



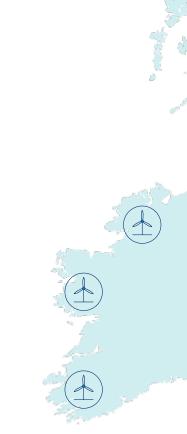


# **SSE Renewables – Current operations**

## **Diversity of key assets across geographies and technologies**

Technology	Geography	Net Capacity (MW)		
	Scotland	762		
	England	252		
	Total Offshore Wind	1,014		
	Scotland	1,217		
	England	68		
	Northern Ireland	122		
	Republic of Ireland	567		
	Total Onshore Wind	1,969		
	Pumped Storage	300		
	Conventional Hydro	1,159		
	Total Hydro	1,459		
Total renewabl	e generation capacity	4,442		







#### Map of operational clusters





Note: All capacities are net SSE ownership

## **SSE Renewables – Leader in Offshore Wind**



**504MW** Operational: 2012 NORTH FALLS Offshore Wind Farm

**504MW** In development

#### Development, construction & operations lead

- ~£1.5bn investment
- · On-balance sheet
- A pioneer for the UK once the world's largest offshore wind farm
- Currently developing North Falls extension project



Double ROC contract for 100% of output



**588MW** Operational: 2019

#### Development, construction & operations lead

#### ~£2.5bn investment

- Off-balance sheet funding refinanced in 2019
- Gearing increased post construction allowing equity release via dividends
- Scotland's largest operational offshore wind farm
- World's deepest installation of fixed foundations



CfD for 100% of output at £140/MWh1



1.075MW Operational: 2023

- ~42% for generation assets
- farm when completed
- World's largest and deepest



<sup>1</sup>In 2012 prices Capex and funding detail accurate as at FID

### **DOGGER BANK** WIND FARM

#### 3,600MW

In construction



# **SSE Renewables – Pipeline and Prospects**

		CTION	LATE-STA DEVELOPM		EARLY-STA DEVELOPM	-	SECURED PI	PELINE	FUTURE PROS	PECTS
		MW		MW		MW		MW		MW
	Viking	443	Strathy South	208	Cloiche	125	GB	1,047	Other GB	~450
ONSHORE	Yellow River	101	Bhlaraidh Ext.	99	Other GB & Ire	319	Ireland	400	Other Ire	~200
2GW operational	Lenalea	15	Other GB & Ire	137	Spain	636	Spain	955	Spain	~1,750
	Chaintrix	28	Spain	319	Other Europe	1,247	Other Europe	1,375	Other Europe	~450
			Other Europe	100						
	Total Onshore	587	Total Onshore	863	Total Onshore	2,327	Total Onshore	3,777	Total Onshore	2,850
SOLAR	Littleton	30	ByPass	50			GB Solar	80	Other GB Solar	~400
							1		Polish Solar	~500
BATTERY	Salisbury	50	Fiddler's Ferry	150	Staythorpe	350	GB Battery	1,020	Other GB Battery	~900
DAITERT	Ferrybridge	150	Tawnaghmore	100			Ire. Battery	100		
	Monk Fryston	320	· ·			I				I
HYDRO 1.5GW operational			Coire Glas	1,300			Pumped storage	1,300	Other GB Hydro	75
		MW		MW		MW		MW		MW
	Dogger Bank A	480	Seagreen 1A	245	Berwick Bank	4,100	GB	7,477	Dogger Bank D	~1,0001
OFFSHORE	Dogger Bank B	480			Ossian	1,440	Ireland	800	Ireland	~3,000
1GW operational	Dogger Bank C	480			North Falls	252			Japan	~4,800
					Arklow Bank 2	800				
	Total Offshore	1,440	Total Offshore	245	Total Offshore	6,592	Total Offshore	8,277	Total Offshore	8,800
	TOTAL: <b>2.6</b>	GW	TOTAL: <b>2.</b> 7	<b>′GW</b>	TOTAL: 9.3	GW	TOTAL: <b>14.5</b>	GW	TOTAL: >13	GW

Notes – Table reflects ownership and development status as at Nov 2023. All capacities are subject to change as projects refined. Onshore includes solar hybridisation. Late-stage is consented in GB and Ireland and grid or land security elsewhere, early-stage has land/seabed rights in GB and Ireland and some security over planning or land elsewhere. Future prospects are named sites where non-exclusive development activity is under way <sup>1</sup>Current grid connection offer for 1,320MW (SSE share 660MW) with potential capacity up to ~2,000MW



## **SSE Renewables – Project Assumptions** Assumed future ownership percentages used as basis for net capacity additions

Technology	Project	Gross Capacity (MW)	Current SSE ownership	Assumed future SSE ownership	Net Capacity Additions (MW)
Total Onshore Wind	d (see breakdown on previous slide)	-	100% for most projects	No sell-downs planned	3,777
Total Solar (see brea	akdown on previous slide)	80	100%	100%	80
Total Battery (see b	reakdown on previous slide)	1,120	100%	100%	1,120
	Dogger Bank	3,600	40%	40%	1,440
	Seagreen 1A	500	49%	49%	245
	Arklow Bank 2	800	100%	50%	400
	Berwick Bank	4,100	100%	40%	1,640
	North Falls	504	50%	50%	252
	Ossian	3,600	40%	40%	1,440
Total Offshore Win	d	13,104	-	-	5,417
	Coire Glas	1,300	100%	50%	650
Total Hydro		1,300	100%	50%	650
Total Potential Add	litions from Secured Pipeline				11GW



## **SSE Renewables – EBIT and EBITDA**

Breakdown by technology, on SSE adjusted basis

Adjusted EBITDA	HY24	HY23	HY22
Conventional hydro	55.8	48.0	37.3
Foyers pumped storage	25.6	29.3	15.2
Onshore wind	89.0	51.1	32.1
Offshore wind <sup>1</sup>	59.7	9.1	53.4
Solar & battery storage	(11.5)	(7.5)	-
Developer profits	-	-	-
Total SSE Renewables	218.6	130.0	138.0
Adjusted EBIT	HY24	HY23	HY22
Conventional hydro	40.2	33.4	22.4
Foyers pumped storage	24.2	28.0	13.9
Onshore wind	27.0	(11.3)	(28.3)
Offshore wind <sup>1</sup>	6.9	(27.6)	17.4
Solar & battery storage	(11.5)	(7.5)	-
Developer profits	-	-	-
Total SSE Renewables	86.8	15.0	25.4

<sup>1</sup>HY23 impacted by hedge buyback costs associated with Seagreen construction delay





