Electricity Invercargill Limited

Annual Report 2005

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The Year in Review

1. General

It has been another successful year for Electricity Invercargill Limited.

It's financial and network performance ensures it maintains its position as one of the best performing networks in the country.

2. Financial

The Group net surplus after tax for the year to 31 March 2005 of $5.285 million has enabled the Company to declare an increased ordinary dividend of $3.100 million at the end of the financial year (2004 - $2.600 million). In addition to the dividend a subvention payment of $13,000 was made to the Invercargill City Council.

The result reflects the continuing growth occurring in Invercargill and Bluff, the continued cost savings achieved through the management of the Company by PowerNet Limited and the investment in the OtagoNet Joint Venture.

The total equity of the Group is now $55.768 million.

The investments in OtagoNet Joint Venture and Otago Power Services Limited have met expectations both financially and operationally, the positive cash flow again contributing to the very satisfactory performance of these investments.

Electricity Invercargill Limited's share of the jointly acquired Otago Power Limited electricity distribution network assets was funded through a shareholder loan from Invercargill City Holdings Limited. This enabled the Company to access the competitive funding abilities of its shareholder. The debt has been reduced to $20.5m in line with the Business Plan projection.

Goodwill arising from the acquisition has been recognised in the Statement of Financial Position and is amortised over 20 years as prescribed by the New Zealand Financial Reporting Standards.

As detailed in Note 12 to the financial statements, the opportunity to replace this write down with an impairment test will be welcomed through the introduction of international accounting standards in 2005. The Directors support this approach as it more appropriately recognises the long-term nature of the infrastructural assets acquired.

Electricity Invercargill Limited continues to promote Invercargill activities to the extent of $25,000 through the erection of festival lights and a contribution to the City's Summer Festival.

The operating results supported by the strong financial position and operating cashflow, together with continued growth prospects in the Invercargill City, has the Company well positioned for the future.

The consolidated result for the Group is:

	31 March 2005 (12 months) $000	**31 March 2004 (9 months) $000**
Operating Surplus before Taxation	**6,154**	**4,126**
Less Taxation Expense	(869)	(599)
Net Surplus	**5,285**	**3,527**

3. Industry Environment

The major concern of the Directors continues to be the impact on sound business management by a regulatory regime which has the potential to suppress investment in a vital national infrastructure asset and divert the focus of management and governance from the business to increasing bureaucratic compliance.

Electricity Invercargill Limited has maintained a regular investment in its distribution network which has not only met its customer requirements in price and reliability but has also contributed to increased public safety and enhanced visual environment through its undergrounding policy. The Company has completed over 94% of the undergrounding programme.

The Company did not breach the March 2005 Price Path and Reliability Thresholds. The reliability of the network for the year again exceeded expectations and is a tribute to the aggressive undergrounding policy and asset stewardship of the past 30 years.

4. Line Business Performance

The net contribution is attributable to the Use Charge received from PowerNet Limited for the lease of the network assets and the profit from the Company's investment in OtagoNet Joint Venture.

This Use Charge calculation takes into account a specified rate of return on the book value of the assets, depreciation and the corporate costs of the Company.

The target and actual SAIFI and SAIDI reliability indices are shown below.

The Company remains one of the best performers in New Zealand.

SAIFI – System Average Interruption Frequency Index
(the average number of times each customer connected to the network is without supply)

Target	Actual
1.00	0.28

SAIDI – System Average Interruption Duration Index
(the average total time in minutes each customer connected to the network is without supply)

Target	Actual
35 minutes	15 minutes

Metering assets and load control relays were also retained by the Company and managed by PowerNet Limited during this period.

The Year in Review *Continued*

5. PowerNet Limited

Electricity Invercargill Limited retained its 50% shareholding in PowerNet Limited, a joint venture with The Power Company Limited. PowerNet is responsible for managing the Company's network, meter assets and business interests.

This management is executed through a capital and maintenance works programme which constitutes the major part of the Business Plan approved by the PowerNet and Electricity Invercargill Limited Directors.

PowerNet publishes its own annual report and as it is a break-even company its performance is reflected in the reliability statistics and line charges for each of its respective networks that it manages. In this regard, PowerNet has shown a further overall improvement on its previous years' performances and kept line charges within the Commerce Commission price path threshold limits.

6. Investment and Development

All investment and development have been channelled through the joint venture company Electricity Southland Limited, particularly those with a view to obtaining further economies of scale and improved efficiencies of network management.

The 50% investment in Electricity Southland Limited with The Power Company Limited (50%) continues to meet its projections on the first embedded network in Frankton.

Electricity Invercargill Limited completed its third year of its 24.5% investment in the electricity network owner OtagoNet Joint Venture and similar investment in the electrical contracting company Otago Power Services Limited with its neighbour The Power Company Limited (24.5%) and Marlborough Lines Limited (51%).

The OtagoNet entities performed as anticipated, contributing a positive cash flow in addition to the benefits of a strategic partnership and acquisition. Directors are pleased with the third year's performance and the shareholders are projected to benefit further from increased dividends and growth in value in the years to come. The agreement to defer line charge increases for three years following the purchase of Otago Power Limited terminates on 30 June 2005 and the OtagoNet Joint Venture Directors have resolved to increase line charges from 1 July 2005. The increased revenue will enable higher expenditure on renewing and upgrading network assets.

During the year Electricity Invercargill Limited became a 25% shareholder in Continuity Contracting Limited. The other shareholders in this company are The Power Company Limited (25%) and Netcon Limited (50%), itself a joint venture company owned by Alpine Energy Limited and Network Waitaki Limited. Continuity Contracting Limited has the lines and technical field service contracts for the Electricity Invercargill Limited network.

Electricity Invercargill Limited is keen to develop its relationships with its joint venture partners in the interest of its stakeholders.

7. Acknowledgement

Directors wish to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Directors of Invercargill City Holdings Limited throughout the year.

The Directors also acknowledge the ongoing partnership with The Power Company Limited which is continuing to reap benefits for both Companies.

Directors are pleased with the developing relationship with Marlborough Lines Limited following the joint venture investment in OtagoNet and also wish to record their appreciation to the staff of PowerNet Limited who have successfully managed the business for another year.

Neil Boniface
Chairman

Philip Mulvey
Deputy Chairman

Major Projects

The following major projects on the Electricity Invercargill Limited network were completed by PowerNet Limited during the year.

Project	Approximate Expenditure
Princes Street Area, Invercargill - Undergrounding	$564,000
New Customer Connections	$370,000
Hamilton Street Area, Invercargill - Undergrounding	$278,000
Lorn Street Area, Invercargill - Undergrounding	$237,000
Racecourse Road & Southern Substations	
SCADA Upgrading	$133,000
Distribution Transformer Replacements	$89,000

Network Details

	31 March 2005	31 March 2004
Length of overhead line	91km	100km
Length of underground cable	604km	594km
Number of distribution transformers	450	434
Distribution transformer capacity *(does not include customer owned transformers)*	144MVA	142MVA
Consumer connections (ICP's)	16,842	16,910

Directors' Report

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2005.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the parent entity, Electricity Invercargill Limited is the provision of electricity distribution services. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Invercargill City Holdings Limited. The group consists of Electricity Invercargill Limited, its subsidiary, joint ventures and associate companies.

Result and Distribution

The Directors report that the Group's profit after tax and interest for the year under review was $5,285,000. A dividend of $3,100,000 is recommended, payable in September 2005 and March 2006. The dividend will carry full imputation credits.

State of Company's Affairs

The Directors consider the state of the Company's affairs to be satisfactory.

Directors

The Directors are appointed by the Shareholder.

Directors' Interests

The following entries were made in the Interests Register of the Company with regard to the Directors:

General:
All Directors are interested in transactions with the Company involving the supply of standard network services, on standard terms and conditions, to premises in which they may have one or more of the following interests:

(a) Owner, either alone or jointly with others.
(b) Parent, child or spouse of another person who may have a material interest in a property.
(c) Director, officer or shareholder of a body corporate which may have a material interest in a property.
(d) Trustee or beneficiary of a trust which may have a material interest in a property.

Because the interest which Directors may have in such transactions is no different in kind, quality, benefit or obligation from transactions which the Company has with other network services customers, it is not intended to list such premises or properties in the Interests Register.

Director	Company	Position
Neil Boniface		
	Electricity Southland Ltd	Director
	PowerNet Ltd	Director
	Invercargill Licensing Trust	Member
	Invercargill City Council	Deputy Mayor
	Southland Driving School	Director
	Pylon Ltd	Director
	OtagoNet Ltd	Director
	OtagoNet Joint Venture	Member, Management Commitee
Philip Mulvey		
	Cook Adam and Co	Managing Partner
	Cook Adam and Co Ltd	Director
	PowerNet Ltd	Chairman
	Bond Contracts Ltd	Director
	Forest Dynamics Ltd	Director
	Zak Holdings Ltd	Chairman
	Southland Outdoor Stadium Trust	Trustee
	United Pacific Energy Ltd	Director
	Focus Computer Consultants Ltd	Director
	Investor Group New Zealand Ltd	Director
	Incompass Ltd	Director
	Pylon Ltd	Director
	ABCO Meats Ltd	Director
	Electricity Southland Ltd	Director
Geoffrey Piercy		
	Invercargill City Council	Councillor
	Pylon Ltd	Director
	Electricity Southland Ltd	Director
	PowerNet Ltd	Director
	Southern Group Training Trust	Trustee
	Invercargill Te Ara a Kewa Primary Health Organisation	Member
Ross Smith		
	Southland Building Society	Director, Chief Executive Officer
	Southsure Assurance Ltd	Director
	Finance Now Ltd	Director
	Funds Administration NZ Ltd	Director
	Fraser Properties Ltd	Director
	James Hargest High School	Trustee
	PowerNet Ltd	Director
	Pylon Ltd	Director
	Electricity Southland Ltd	Director
	Continuity Contracting Ltd	Director

Directors' Report *Continued*

Remuneration of Directors

The following Directors held office during the year under review and were paid fees accordingly:

Neil Boniface	-	Chairman
Philip Mulvey	-	Director
Geoffrey Piercy	-	Director
Ross Smith	-	Director

Remuneration paid or due and payable to Directors for services as a Director and in any other capacity for Electricity Invercargill Limited, during the year were:

Neil Boniface	$24,000	Geoffrey Piercy	$12,000
Philip Mulvey	$12,000	Ross Smith	$12,000

Remuneration paid or due and payable to Directors for services as a Director and in any other capacity for PowerNet Limited during the year were:

Neil Boniface	$12,000	Geoffrey Piercy	$12,000
Philip Mulvey	$22,000	Ross Smith	$12,000

Employee Remuneration

No employees or former employees received remuneration to the value of $100,000 or greater during the year.

Donations

Donations of $3,000 were made during the year.

Use of Company Information

During the year the Board received no notices from the Directors of the Company requesting to use Company information received in their capacity as Directors which would not otherwise have been made available to them.

Directors' and Employees' Indemnity and Insurance

Liability Insurance was effected for Directors of the Company.

Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the year. These have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in the previous period.

Auditor Remuneration

It is proposed that the Auditor, Audit New Zealand on behalf of the Controller and Auditor General, continues in office in accordance with Section 70 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Refer to Note 3 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for Auditor remuneration.

For and on behalf of the Directors.

Neil Boniface
Chairman

Philip Mulvey
Deputy Chairman

Approval by Directors

The Directors have approved for issue the Consolidated Financial Statements of Electricity Invercargill Limited for the year ended 31 March 2005 on pages 6 to 19.

Neil Boniface
Chairman

Philip Mulvey
Deputy Chairman

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
26 May 2005

Statement of Service Performance *For the Year Ended 31 March 2005*

The objectives of Electricity Invercargill Limited for this financial year are clearly specified in the Statement of Intent, which was approved by the Shareholders. The performance targets and measures identified in the Statement of Intent, along with the performance achieved during the financial year, are detailed below.

Performance Targets

	Target	Achievement	
	Year Ended 31 March 2005 $000	Year Ended 31 March 2005 $000	Nine Months Ended 31 March 2004 $000
Financial Measures			
Operating Profit Before Tax	5,811	6,154	4,126
Earnings Before Interest and Tax (EBIT%)	8.99%	9.41%	6.73%
Return on Equity %	8.42%	9.48%	6.59%
Equity to Total Assets %	67.37%	68.23%	67.01%

Network Reliability Performance

System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI)

The average total time in minutes each customer connected to the network is without supply.

SAIDI	35	15	27

System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI)

The average number of times each customer connected to the network is without supply.

SAIFI	1.00	0.28	0.76

Other Network Reliability Performance Measures

Total number of interruptions		20	22
Faults per 100km of line		20.90	7.19

The Directors have reasonable assurance that the performance data of the company is free from material misstatement and is a reliable measure of the network's performance. However, there is an inherent risk that there is no independent evidence to verify the accuracy of the information recorded.

Supplementary Information

Network Statistics

Length of overhead line	91km	100km
Length of underground cable	604km	594km
Transformer capacity MVA	144	142
Maximum demand kW	60,610	59,410
Energy into network GWh	283	203
Total consumers	16,842	16,910

Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance *For the Year Ended 31 March 2005*

	Note	GROUP 2005 (12 Months) $000	GROUP 2004 (9 Months) $000	PARENT 2005 (12 Months) $000	PARENT 2004 (9 Months) $000
Operating Revenue	(2)	18,376	13,504	10,422	7,047
Operating Expenses	(3)	(12,222)	(9,378)	(4,116)	(2,952)
Operating Surplus Before Taxation		**6,154**	**4,126**	**6,306**	**4,095**
Less Taxation Expense	(4)	(869)	(599)	(787)	(578)
Net Surplus After Taxation		**5,285**	**3,527**	**5,519**	**3,517**

Consolidated Statement of Movements in Equity *For the Year Ended 31 March 2005*

	Note	GROUP 2005 (12 Months) $000	GROUP 2004 (9 Months) $000	PARENT 2005 (12 Months) $000	PARENT 2004 (9 Months) $000
Total Recognised Revenues and Expenses					
Net Surplus for the Period		5,285	3,527	5,519	3,517
Revaluation of Assets		111	4,669	111	4,669
		5,396	8,196	5,630	8,186
Distributions to Shareholders					
- Dividend Declared and Paid		(3,100)	(2,600)	(3,100)	(2,600)
		(3,100)	(2,600)	(3,100)	(2,600)
Movements in Equity for the Period		2,296	5,596	2,530	5,586
Equity at Beginning of Period		53,472	47,876	53,946	48,360
Equity at End of Period	(5)	55,768	53,472	56,476	53,946

The accompanying notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position *As At 31 March 2005*

	Note	GROUP 2005 $000	GROUP 2004 $000	PARENT 2005 $000	PARENT 2004 $000
Equity					
Share Capital	(5)	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Reserves	(5)	30,740	30,629	30,740	30,629
Retained Earnings	(5)	12,028	9,843	12,736	10,317
Total Equity		55,768	53,472	56,476	53,946
Represented By:					
Current Assets					
Cash and Bank Deposits	(6)	2,469	1,187	964	529
Receivables & Prepayments	(7)	1,657	1,544	1,311	629
Inventories		31	35	-	-
Construction Work in Progress		81	70	-	-
Provision for Tax		584	162	550	143
Total Current Assets		4,822	2,998	2,825	1,301
Non Current Assets					
Investments in Associates	(8)	1,108	753	743	442
Investment in Joint Venture		-	-	1,250	1,250
Investments in Subsidiaries	(9)	-	-	26,901	26,902
Property, Plant and Equipment	(11)	71,666	72,595	48,873	49,476
Capital Work in Progress		937	223	721	116
Intangibles	(12)	3,199	3,385	-	-
Total Non Current Assets		76,910	76,956	78,488	78,186
Total Assets		81,732	79,954	81,313	79,487
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and Accruals	(13)	2,242	1,777	1,237	941
Provision for Employee Entitlements	(14)	122	105	-	-
Provision for Dividend	(14)	3,100	2,600	3,100	2,600
Shareholder Advance	(15)	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
Total Current Liabilities		6,964	5,482	5,837	4,541
Non Current Liabilities					
Shareholder Advance	(15)	19,000	21,000	19,000	21,000
Total Non Current Liabilities		19,000	21,000	19,000	21,000
Total Liabilities		25,964	26,482	24,837	25,541
Net Assets		55,768	53,472	56,476	53,946

The accompanying notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows *For the Year Ended 31 March 2005*

	Note	GROUP 2005 (12 Months) $000	GROUP 2004 (9 Months) $000	PARENT 2005 (12 Months) $000	PARENT 2004 (9 Months) $000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash Was Provided From:					
Receipts from Customers		17,762	13,466	8,131	6,092
Interest Received		200	103	191	108
Dividends Received		376	-	1,492	945
Taxation Refunds		17	-	2	-
		18,355	13,569	9,816	7,145
Cash Was Disbursed To:					
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		7,074	6,119	294	455
Income Tax Paid		1,309	749	1,196	719
Interest Paid		1,532	1,709	1,532	1,709
		9,915	8,577	3,022	2,883
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	(16)	8,440	4,992	6,794	4,262
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash Was Provided From:					
Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		17	-	17	-
		17	-	17	-
Cash Was Applied To:					
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment		2,662	2,075	1,917	1,316
Investments in Associates		54	19	-	-
Advances to Associates		301	140	301	140
Investments		58	-	58	-
		3,075	2,234	2,276	1,456
Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities		(3,058)	(2,234)	(2,259)	(1,456)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Cash Was Provided From:					
Shareholder Advance		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Cash Was Applied To:					
Dividend Payment		2,600	2,400	2,600	2,400
Repayment of Shareholder Advance		1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
		4,100	3,400	4,100	3,400
Net Cash Flows From/(Used in) Financing Activities		(4,100)	(3,400)	(4,100)	(3,400)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held		1,282	(642)	435	(594)
Add Opening Cash Brought Forward		1,187	1,829	529	1,123
Closing Cash To Be Carried Forward		2,469	1,187	964	529

The accompanying notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

The parent entity, Electricity Invercargill Limited was incorporated on 30 June 1991 and is registered under the Companies Act 1993.
The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Invercargill City Holdings Limited. The group consists of Electricity Invercargill Limited, its subsidiaries and associates (refer to note 8 and note 9).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Energy Companies Act 1992, the Companies Act 1993 and the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

The principal activity of Electricity Invercargill Limited is the provision of electricity distribution services.

Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis are followed by the Group, with the exception that certain property, plant and equipment have been revalued.

Specific Accounting Policies

All policies relate to both Group and Parent.

a) Principles of Consolidation

The Parent financial statements are prepared from the financial statements of Electricity Invercargill Limited.

The Group financial statements include the parent company (as outlined above), its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates using both the line-by-line and equity methods where appropriate.

All significant inter-company transactions have been eliminated on consolidation.

b) Revenue

Network Charges

Revenue comprises the amounts received and receivable for goods and services supplied to customers in the ordinary course of business.

Investment Income

Interest and dividend income are accounted for as earned.

Customer Contributions

Contributions from customers in relation to the construction of new lines for the network are accounted for as income in the year in which they are received.

c) Receivables

Receivables are stated at their estimated realisable value. All known losses are written off in the period in which it becomes apparent that the debts are not collectable.

d) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost at weighted average cost price, and net realisable value. Obsolete items of inventory (if any) have been written off.

e) Investments

Investments are stated at cost.

f) Property, Plant and Equipment

All property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of purchased property, plant and equipment is the fair value of the consideration given to acquire the assets and the value of other directly attributable costs which have been incurred in bringing the assets to the location and condition necessary for their intended service.

Revaluation

The Electricity Invercargill Limited network assets were revalued as at 31 March 2004 to Depreciated Replacement Cost (DRC) as assessed by independent valuers PricewaterhouseCoopers. Previously these assets were recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation

The OtagoNet Joint Venture network assets were valued at 1 July 2002 to Depreciated Replacement Cost (DRC) as assessed by independent valuers Meritec Consultants Limited. This valuation is based on fair value as defined under Financial Reporting Standard 3 and is based on current construction costs. Subsequent additions are recorded at cost.

Network assets are revalued on a cyclical basis with no asset being recognised at a valuation undertaken more than five years previously.

Revaluation increments are transferred to the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

g) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a combination of straight line and diminishing value on all tangible property, plant and equipment with the exception of land easements and information systems data, at rates calculated to allocate the costs of the assets, less any estimated residual value, over their estimated useful lives.

The primary annual rates used are:

Buildings	1.0-10.0%	Straight Line/Diminishing Value
Network Assets	1.4-15.0%	Straight Line
Plant and Equipment	5.0-39.6%	Straight Line/Diminishing Value
Motor Vehicles	18.0-31.2%	Diminishing Value
Office Furniture and EDP Equipment	5.0-60.0%	Straight Line/Diminishing Value

h) Impairment

If the estimated recoverable amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the asset is written down to its estimated recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

i) Capital Work in Progress

Capital Work In Progress is stated at cost and is not depreciated.

j) Intangibles

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of a business represents the excess of the purchase consideration over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired. The carrying value will be reviewed annually by the Directors and adjusted for impairment where it is considered necessary.

Goodwill is amortised to the Statement of Financial Performance over 20 years.

k) Income Tax

The income tax expense charged against the profit for the year is the estimated liability in respect of that profit and is calculated after allowance for permanent differences and timing differences not expected to reverse in future periods. This is the partial basis for the calculation of deferred taxation. The Company uses the liability method of accounting for deferred taxation. Future tax benefits attributable to tax losses or timing differences are only recognised when there is virtual certainty of realisation.

l) Goods and Services Tax

All amounts in the financial statements have been shown exclusive of Goods and Services Tax, with the exception of receivables and payables which are shown inclusive of Goods and Services Tax.

m) Financial Instruments

The Group is party to financial instrument arrangements as part of its everyday operations. Revenues and expenses in relation to all financial instruments are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance on an accrual basis.

The Group has no off-balance sheet exposures. The Group values all financial instruments at fair value in the Statement of Financial Position.

n) Operating Leases

Leases where the lessor effectively retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased items are classified as operating leases. Payments under these leases are recognised as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

o) Employee Entitlements

Provision is made in respect of the Company's liability for annual and long service leave. Annual leave has been calculated on an actual entitlement basis at current rates of pay.

Comparative Figures

Comparative figures are for a nine month period as a result of a change to a March balance date in the 2003/2004 year.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the year ended 31 March 2005.

	GROUP 2005 (12 Months) $000	GROUP 2004 (9 Months) $000	PARENT 2005 (12 Months) $000	PARENT 2004 (9 Months) $000
2. Operating Revenue				
Network Charges	16,909	11,985	8,645	5,986
Interest Revenue	204	95	206	104
Share of Retained Surplus of Associates	149	118	-	-
Dividends Received	376	-	1,492	945
Other Income	709	1,306	79	12
	18,347	13,504	10,422	7,047
3. Operating Expenses				
Operating Expenses Include:				
Amortisation of Goodwill	244	186	58	-
Auditors Remuneration:				
• Audit of Financial Report				
- Audit New Zealand	30	23	30	23
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	11	11	-	-
- Deloitte	7	13	-	-
• Other Services				
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	20	19	16	19
- Audit New Zealand	11	6	11	6
- Deloitte	2	-	-	-
Bad Debts Written Off	1	1	-	-
Depreciation				
• Buildings	14	9	-	-
• Office Equipment & EDP Equipment	76	90	-	-
• Motor Vehicles	-	1	-	-
• Plant & Equipment	31	28	-	-
• Metering Assets	314	144	314	144
• Network Assets	2,512	1,920	1,676	1,098
	2,947	2,192	1,990	1,242
Directors' Fees	126	93	60	45
Donations	3	1	-	-
Interest Expense	1,540	1,244	1,540	1,244
Operating Lease Expenses:				
- Tenancy and Repeater Site Leases	20	15	-	-
- Motor Vehicle Leases	30	25	-	-
- Office Equipment Leases	5	4	-	-
Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	25	13	20	10
Subvention Payment	32	150	14	141

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2005 (12 Months) $000	2004 (9 Months) $000	2005 (12 Months) $000	2004 (9 Months) $000
4. Taxation				
Operating Surplus Before Taxation	6,154	4,126	6,306	4,095
Timing Differences	(756)	(778)	295	43
Permanent Differences:				
- Group Loss Offsets	(2,000)	(1,000)	(2,258)	(1,348)
- Other	10	(317)	(1,182)	(816)
Taxable Income	3,408	2,031	3,161	1,974
Prima Facie Taxation at 33%	1,125	670	1,043	651
Imputation Credits	-	-	-	-
Under/(Over) Provisions in Prior Years	(256)	(71)	(256)	(73)
Taxation Expense for Year	869	599	787	578

Tax Losses Transferred Within the Group

The tax expense is calculated on the assumption that:

- Tax losses of $2,000,000 (31 March 2004: $1,000,000) with a tax benefit of $660,000 (31 March 2004: $330,000) have been transferred from Invercargill City Holdings Limited Group by way of group loss offset.
- Tax losses of $258,000 (31 March 2004: $348,000) with a tax benefit of $85,000 (31 March 2004: $115,000) have been transferred from Pylon Limited Group by way of group loss offset.

The Parent and Group tax liability in relation to the 2004 year was reduced by actual losses transferred from other group companies, as follows:

- Loss offset from ICC Group $2,028,000
- Loss offset from Pylon Limited Group $347,000
- Subvention payment to ICC Group $13,000

The Group has an unrecorded deferred tax liability of $8,844,000 (31 March 2004: $7,035,000). The Parent has an unrecorded deferred tax liability of $7,146,000 (31 March 2004: $6,632,000).

	PARENT	
	2005 $000	2004 $000
Imputation Credit Account:		
Credit Balance at Beginning of Period	1,327	1,790
Credits:		
Income Tax Payments During Period	1,196	720
Imputation Credits on Dividend Received	34	-
Debits:		
Imputation Credits on Dividend Paid	(1,428)	(1,183)
Credit Balance at End of Period	1,129	1,327

The Imputation Credit Account relates to Electricity Invercargill Limited only.

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2005 (12 Months) $000	2004 (9 Months) $000	2005 (12 Months) $000	2004 (9 Months) $000
5. Equity				
Paid up Capital				
Authorised and fully paid up share capital of 13,000,000 ordinary shares	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Reserves				
General Reserve	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
Revaluation Reserve Opening Balance	27,829	23,160	27,829	23,160
Network Revaluation	111	4,669	111	4,669
Revaluation Reserve Closing Balance	27,940	27,829	27,940	27,829
Total Reserves	30,740	30,629	30,740	30,629
Retained Earnings				
Opening Balance	9,843	8,916	10,317	9,400
Net Surplus	5,285	3,527	5,519	3,517
Dividend Declared and Paid	(3,100)	(2,600)	(3,100)	(2,600)
Closing Balance	12,028	9,843	12,736	10,317
Total Equity	55,768	53,472	56,476	53,946
6. Cash and Bank Deposits				
Current Account	375	53	24	14
Bank Deposits (Short term)	2,094	1,134	940	515
Total Cash and Bank Deposits	2,469	1,187	964	529
7. Receivables & Prepayments				
Trade Debtors	1,587	1,512	1,310	628
Prepayments	70	32	1	1
Total Receivables & Prepayments	1,657	1,544	1,311	629

8. Associate Companies

	Percentage Held By Group 2005	Percentage Held By Group 2004	Balance Date	Principal Activity
Otago Power Services Limited	24.5%	24.5%	31 March	Electricity Contracting Business
Electricity Southland Limited	50%	50%	31 March	Electricity Lines Business
Continuity Contracting Limited	25%	-	31 March	Electricity Contracting Business

	GROUP	
	2005 $000	2004 $000
The Group Share of the results of its associate entities are as follows:		
Share of Surplus before Taxation	178	154
Less Taxation Expense	(60)	(36)
Total Recognised Revenues and Expenses	118	118
The Group's Interests in associate entities are as follows:		
Carrying Amount at Beginning of Period	753	593
Investments in Associates	10	-
Total Recognised Revenue and Expenses	118	118
Increase in Advances to Associates	301	140
Dividends Paid	(74)	(98)
Carrying Amount at End of Period	1,108	753

9. Investment in Subsidiaries

	GROUP 2005 $000	GROUP 2004 $000	PARENT 2005 $000	PARENT 2004 $000
Shares in Subsidiaries	-	-	26,901	26,901
Advances to Subsidiaries	-	-	-	1
Total Investment in Subsidiary	-	-	26,901	26,902

Subsidiaries:

	Percentage Held By Group 2005	Percentage Held By Group 2004	Balance Date
Pylon Limited	100%	100%	31 March

10. Investments in Joint Ventures

The Group has a participating interest in the following Joint Ventures through its wholly owned subsidiary Pylon Limited.

	Percentage Held By Group 2005	Percentage Held By Group 2004	Balance Date
PowerNet Limited	50%	50%	31 March
OtagoNet Joint Venture	24.5%	24.5%	31 March

	2005 $000	2004 $000
Financial Performance		
The Group's operating revenues and share of expenses for the period, consolidated on a line-by-line basis was:		
Revenue	17,598	13,349
Expenses	8,127	6,633
Financial Position		
The Group's share of assets and liabilities consolidated on a line-by-line basis was:		
Current Assets	1,963	1,538
Non Current Assets	26,207	26,611
Current Liabilities	1,775	924
Non Current Liabilities	-	-

11. Property, Plant and Equipment

	GROUP 2005 (12 Months) $000	GROUP 2004 (9 Months) $000	PARENT 2005 (12 Months) $000	PARENT 2004 (9 Months) $000
Land (At Cost)	54	54	-	-
Buildings (At Cost)	471	418	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation	(125)	(109)	-	-
	346	309	-	-
Office Equipment & EDP (At Cost)	1,157	1,143	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation	(786)	(845)	-	-
	371	298	-	-
Motor Vehicles (At Cost)	2	2	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation	(2)	(1)	-	-
	-	1	-	-
Plant and Equipment (At Cost)	567	547	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation	(396)	(346)	-	-
	171	201	-	-
Metering Assets (At Cost)	7,039	6,950	7,039	6,950
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,439)	(3,125)	(3,439)	(3,125)
	3,600	3,825	3,600	3,825
Network Assets (At Valuation and Cost)	71,070	69,331	46,959	45,651
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,946)	(1,424)	(1,686)	-
	67,124	67,907	45,273	45,651
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	71,666	72,595	48,873	49,476

Network Assets

The network assets of Electricity Invercargill Limited were revalued as at 31 March 2004 to Depreciated Replacement Cost as assessed by independent valuers PricewaterhouseCoopers.

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	$000	$000	$000	$000

12. Intangibles

Balance at Beginning of Period	3,385	3,571	-	-
Goodwill Arising During Period	58	-	58	-
Amortised During the Period	(244)	(186)	(58)	-
Total Intangibles	3,199	3,385	-	-

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of a business represents the balance of the purchase consideration in addition to the fair value for financial reporting purposes of the identifiable net assets acquired.

This valuation approach, while generally being more objective for financial reporting purposes, does have limitations. This is due to certain assets of the infrastructure purchased, such as easements, consents, existing use rights and information system data, not being recognised.

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of the Otago Power Limited electricity distribution network has been amortised over 20 years as prescribed by FRS36 Accounting for Acquisitions Resulting in Combinations of Entities.

It is the view of the Directors that amortisation of goodwill as prescribed by FRS36 is inappropriate. The assets purchased have an average life of 53 years and were valued and purchased on the basis that they would continue in perpetuity. The Directors believe that amortisation of goodwill over a 20-year period results in the understatement of the operating surplus in these accounts by an amount of $186,000 (31 March 2004: $186,000).

There is considerable industry concern that the acquisition of monopoly assets is not appropriately treated under FRS36, particularly in relation to the establishment of goodwill and the minimum amortisation requirements for goodwill. The adoption of international accounting standards (optional from 2005) will require amortisation on the basis of an annual impairment test. The Directors will consider the early adoption of the international standard.

13. Creditors & Accruals

Trade Creditors & Accruals	2,132	1,688	1,163	907
GST Payable	110	89	74	34
Total Creditors & Accruals	2,242	1,777	1,237	941

14. Provisions

Provision for Employee Entitlements

Balance at Beginning of Period	105	113	-	-
Additional Provision Made	99	62	-	-
Amount Utilised	(82)	(70)	-	-
Balance at End of Period	122	105	-	-

The provision for employee entitlements relates to employee benefits such as accrued annual leave and long service leave and has been calculated on an actual entitlement basis at current rates of pay. The provision may be affected by the timing of benefits being taken. The liability is expected to be incurred during the next year.

Provision for Dividend

Balance at Beginning of Period	2,600	2,400	2,600	2,400
Additional Provision Made	3,100	2,600	3,100	2,600
Amount Utilised	(2,600)	(2,400)	(2,600)	(2,400)
Balance at End of Period	3,100	2,600	3,100	2,600

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2005 $000	2004 $000	2005 $000	2004 $000

15. Shareholder Advance

Invercargill City Holdings				
- Current Portion	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
- Non Current Portion	19,000	21,000	19,000	21,000
Total Shareholder Advance	20,500	22,000	20,500	22,000

This advance is subject to interest at 7%. The advance has no specified repayment Terms.

16. Reconciliation of Net Surplus After Taxation with Net Operating Cash Flows

The following is a reconciliation between the net surplus after taxation shown in the Statement of Financial Performance and the Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities.

Net Surplus After Taxation	5,285	3,527	5,519	3,517
Plus/(Less) Non Cash Items:				
Depreciation	2,947	2,192	1,990	1,242
Amortisation of Goodwill	244	185	58	-
	3,191	2,377	2,048	1,242
Plus/(Less) Items Classified as Investing:				
Loss on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	25	13	20	10
	25	13	20	10
Plus/(Less) Movements in Working Capital:				
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors, Accruals & Provisions	481	(877)	296	(474)
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(113)	72	(682)	109
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	(7)	31	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Taxation	(422)	(151)	(407)	(142)
	(61)	(925)	(793)	(507)
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	8,440	4,992	6,794	4,262

17. Commitments

Capital Commitments

There are no Capital Commitments as at 31 March 2005 (31 March 2004: Nil).

Operating Lease Commitments

Operating lease commitments are payable as follows:				
- Not later than one year	22	37	-	-
- Later than one year and not later than two years	10	18	-	-
- Later than two years and not later than five years	10	23	-	-
- Later than five years	-	2	-	-
Total Operating Lease Commitments	42	80	-	-

18. Contingent Liabilities

There are no Contingent Liabilities as at 31 March 2005 (31 March 2004: Nil).

19. Financial Instruments

Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments -

The Group does not have any off balance sheet financial instruments.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a third party will default on its obligation to the Group, causing the Group to incur a loss.

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Group to credit risk principally consist of cash, short-term deposits and accounts receivable. Bank deposits are placed with high credit quality financial institutions. The Group performs credit evaluations on all customers requiring credit and generally does not require collateral.

Maximum exposures to credit risk at balance date are:

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2005 $000	**2004 $000**	**2005 $000**	**2004 $000**
Current Account	375	53	24	14
Short Term Deposits	2,094	1,134	940	515
Receivables	1,587	1,512	1,310	628
	4,056	2,699	2,274	1,157

The above maximum exposures are net of any recognised provision for losses on these financial instruments. No collateral is held on the above amounts.

Concentrations of Credit Risk -

The Group is exposed to a concentration of credit risk by one significant energy retailer. This entity is considered to be a high quality entity.

Foreign Exchange Risk -

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Group is not exposed to any foreign exchange risk.

Interest Rate Risk -

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Group is exposed to normal fluctuations in market interest rates except for an arrangement to fix the interest rates through Electricity Invercargill Limited's parent company Invercargill City Holdings Limited.

Fair Values -

The estimated fair value of the Group's financial instruments are represented by the carrying values.

20. Segmental Reporting

Electricity Invercargill Limited operates predominantly in one segment, being the management of assets involved in the distribution of electricity in New Zealand.

21. Transactions with Related Parties

Electricity Invercargill Limited is 100% owned by Invercargill City Holdings Limited. Invercargill City Holdings Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Invercargill City Council.

Electricity Invercargill Limited has an interest in the PowerNet Limited joint venture, OtagoNet Joint Venture, Electricity Southland Limited, Otago Power Services Limited and Continuity Contracting Limited through their wholly owned subsidiary Pylon Limited.

All transactions between Electricity Invercargill Limited and related parties relate to the normal trading activities of Electricity Invercargill Limited and have been conducted on a commercial basis.

No related party debts have been written off or forgiven during the period.

Material transactions Electricity Invercargill Limited has had with the above-mentioned parties during the period are as follows:

	2005 $000	**2004 $000**
Supplied to:		
PowerNet Limited	8,728	6,059
Electricity Southland Limited	20	10
Receivables Outstanding at Balance Date		
PowerNet Limited	1,293	621
Electricity Southland Limited	5	4
Supplied by:		
PowerNet Limited	2,027	1,383
Electricity Southland Limited	-	-
Invercargill City Holdings Limited	1,694	929
Invercargill City Council	66	211
Creditors Outstanding at Balance Date		
PowerNet Limited	502	348
Invercargill City Holdings Limited	9	8
Invercargill City Council	-	-

Other Related Parties

There have been no material transactions with Directors with the exception of the following:

Electricity Invercargill Limited, through its joint venture interest in PowerNet Limited, uses AWS Legal as its solicitors, of which Alan Harper is a Partner. Electricity Invercargill Limited's share of fees paid to AWS Legal during the year amounted to $16,000 of which $500 (incl GST) is owing at balance date.

All transactions between PowerNet Limited and AWS Legal relate to normal trading activities and have been conducted on a commercial basis.

Electricity Invercargill Limited holds term investments with Southland Building Society of which Ross Smith is Chief Executive. Electricity Invercargill Limited received $13,000 interest (paid and accrued) during the year from Southland Building Society and held a term investment of $500,000 at balance date.

Audit New Zealand

TO THE READERS OF ELECTRICITY INVERCARGILL LIMITED AND GROUP'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Electricity Invercargill Ltd and Group (the Company and Group). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Tony Uttley, using the staff and resources of Audit New Zealand, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and performance information of the Company and Group, on his behalf, for the year ended 31 March 2005.

Unqualified opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Company and Group on pages 7 to 19:
    - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
    - give a true and fair view of:
        - the Company and Group's financial position as at 31 March 2005;
        - the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

- the performance information of the group on page 6 gives a true and fair view of the achievements measured against the performance targets adopted for the year ended 31 March 2005.

- based on our examination the Company and Group kept proper accounting records.

The audit was completed on 26 May 2005, and is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis of the opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Auditor, and explain our independence.

Basis of Opinion

We carried out the audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the New Zealand Auditing Standards.

We planned and performed our audit to obtain all the information and explanations we considered necessary in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements and performance information did not have material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error.

Material misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts and disclosures that would affect a reader's overall understanding of the financial statements and performance information. If we had found material misstatements that were not corrected, we would have referred to them in the opinion.

Our audit involved performing procedures to test the information presented in the financial statements and performance information. We assessed the results of those procedures in forming our opinion.

Audit procedures generally include:

- determining whether significant financial and management controls are working and can be relied on to produce complete and accurate data;
- verifying samples of transactions and account balances;
- performing analyses to identify anomalies in the reported data;
- reviewing significant estimates and judgements made by the Board of Directors;
- confirming year-end balances;
- determining whether accounting policies are appropriate and consistently applied; and
- determining whether all required disclosures are adequate.

We did not examine every transaction, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements and performance information.

We evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements and performance information. We obtained all the information and explanations we required to support the opinion above.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Auditor

The Board of Directors is responsible for preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Those financial statements must give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and Group as at 31 March 2005. They must also give a true and fair view of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date. The Board of Directors is also responsible for preparing performance information that gives a true and fair view of service performance achievements for the year ended 31 March 2005. The Board of Directors responsibilities arise from the Energy Companies Act 1992 and the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and performance information and reporting that opinion to you. This responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and section 45(1) of the Energy Companies Act 1992.

Independence

When carrying out the audit we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand.

In addition to the audit we have carried out an audit related assignment for the Company and Group. This involved issuing audit certificates pursuant to the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004. Other than this assignment we have no relationship with or interests in the company.

A. Uttley

Tony Uttley
Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Christchurch, New Zealand