

# Financial Results Presentation Meeting

Interim results for FY2006 (Apr.-Sep. 2006)

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## **Summary of Interim Results**

(Apr.-Sep. 2006)

### Key Points of Interim Financial Results

(Change from Projections)

◆Increase in both sales and income

(compared with Projection as of 7/28)

#### [Positive factors]

- Increase in residential gas sales volume because of low temperatures during the period
- Decrease in raw material cost due to a high exchange rate of the yen
- Decrease in fixed cost as a result of effort for cost cut and delay of budget execution

#### [Negative factors]

-Decrease in commercial gas sales volume because of low temperatures during the period (billion yen)

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	Projection	Projection	FY06 Interim	Change from projection	Change from projection
	as of 4/27	as of 7/28	Results	as of 4/27	as of 7/28
Sales	589.0	602.0	603.5	+14.5 (+2.4%)	+1.5(+0.3%)
Operating Income	39.0	49.0	62.7	+23.7 (+60.7%)	+13.7 (+28.1%)
Ordinary Income	35.0	43.0	55.5	+20.5(+58.5%)	+12.5 (+29.3%)
Net Income	21.0	26.0	36.0	+15.0(+71.4%)	+10.0 (+38.7%)
Crude oil price(\$/bbl)	120.00	117.25	115.38	-4.62	-1.87
Exchange rate(¥/US\$)	60.00	67.58	67.81	+7.81	+0.23

Note: Figures are rounded down to nearest ¥0.1 billion.

### Key Points of Interim Financial Results

compared with FY2005 1H)

◆ Increase in both sales and income from FY2005 1H

#### [Positive factors]

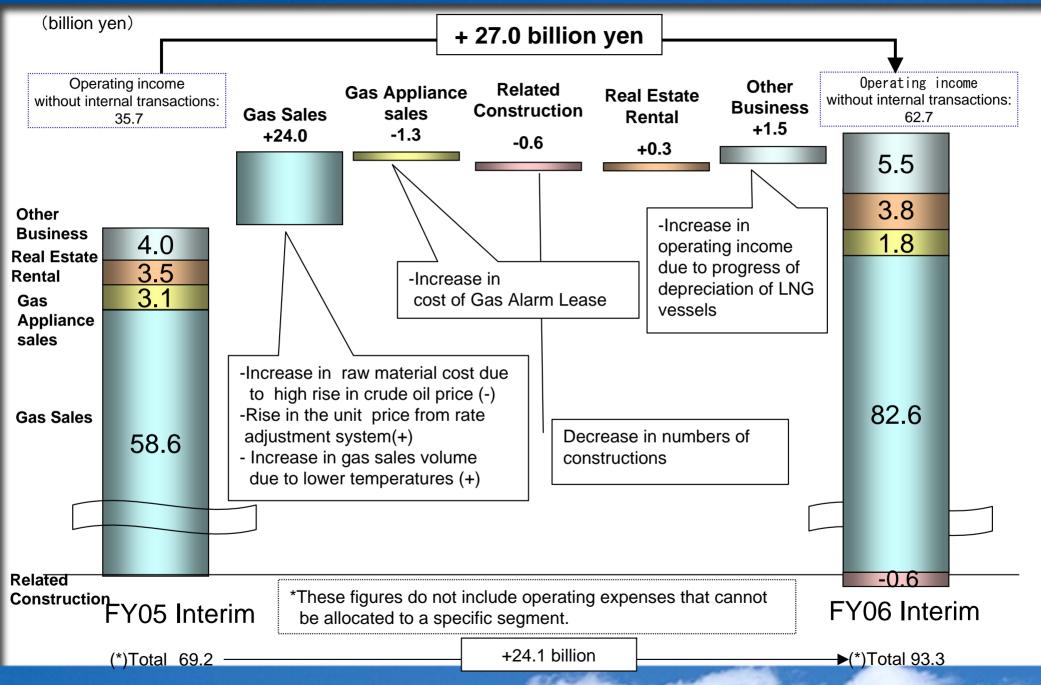
- Rise in the unit price from rate adjustment system
- Increase in Industrial gas sales

#### [Negative factors]

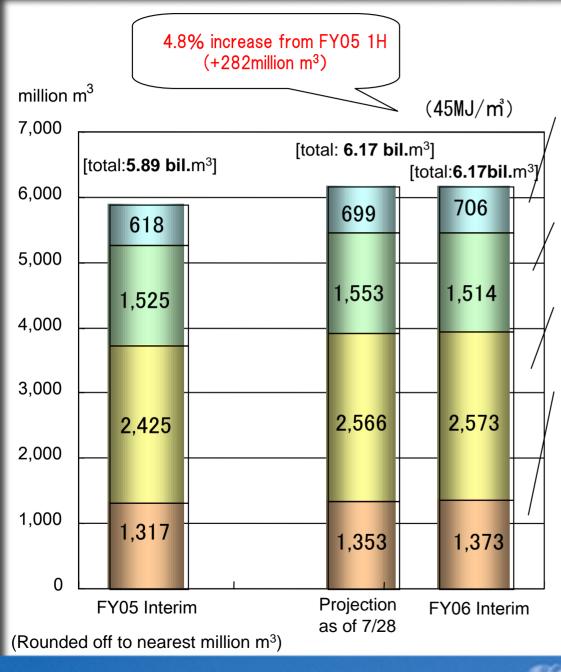
- Increase in raw material cost due to high rise in crude oil price

	FY05 Interim Results	FY06 Interim Results	Change from FY05
Sales	534.4	603.5	+69.1(+12.9%)
Operating Income	35.7	62.7	+27.0(+75.6%)
Ordinary Income	32.4	55.5	+23.1(+71.1%)
Net Income	22.1	36.0	+13.9(+62.8%)
Exchange rate(¥/US\$)	109.52	115.38	+5.86
Crude oil price(\$/bbl)	53.09	67.81	+14.72

## Reasons for Changes in Operating Income



## Gas Sales Volume Projections (Change from previous year and projections)



#### < Reasons for Changes in Gas Sales Volume from FY05 1H>

#### Wholesale Supply: +14.3% (+88mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

-Increase in sales to other gas utilities through developing new demand for those utilities and increasing demand of existing customers

#### Commercial & Other Use: - 0.7 % (-11mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

-Decreased demand for air conditioning due to low temperatures

#### **Industrial Use: + 6.1%** (+148mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

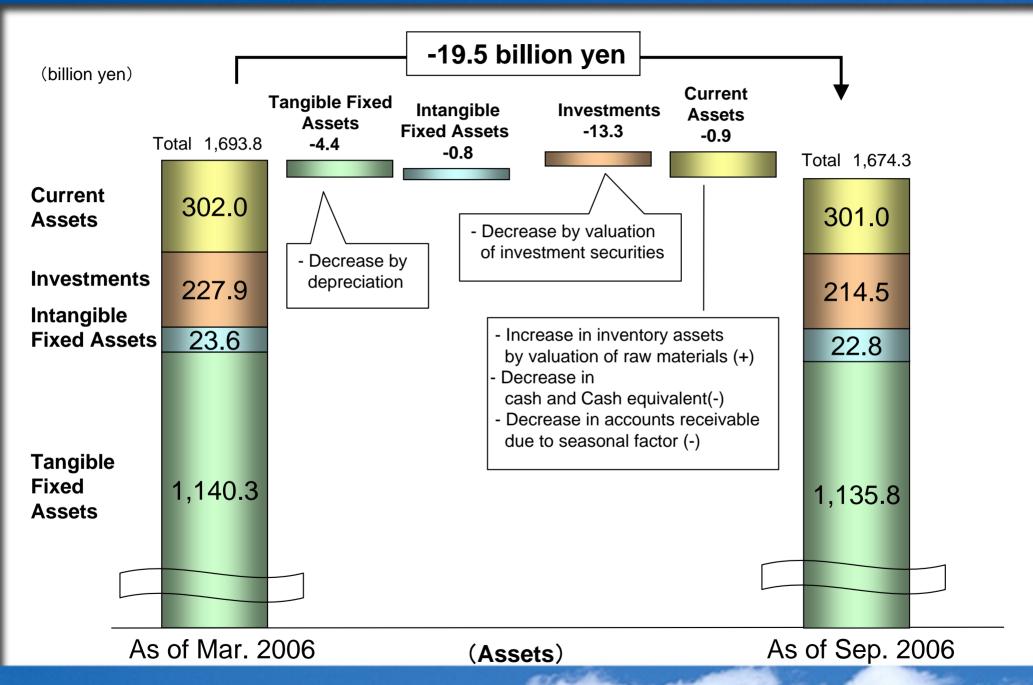
- -Developed new demand of power generation
- -Increased demand by existing customers

#### Residential Use: +4.3% (+56mil.m<sup>3</sup>)

- -Increase in hot water demand due to low temperatures
- -Increase in number of customers

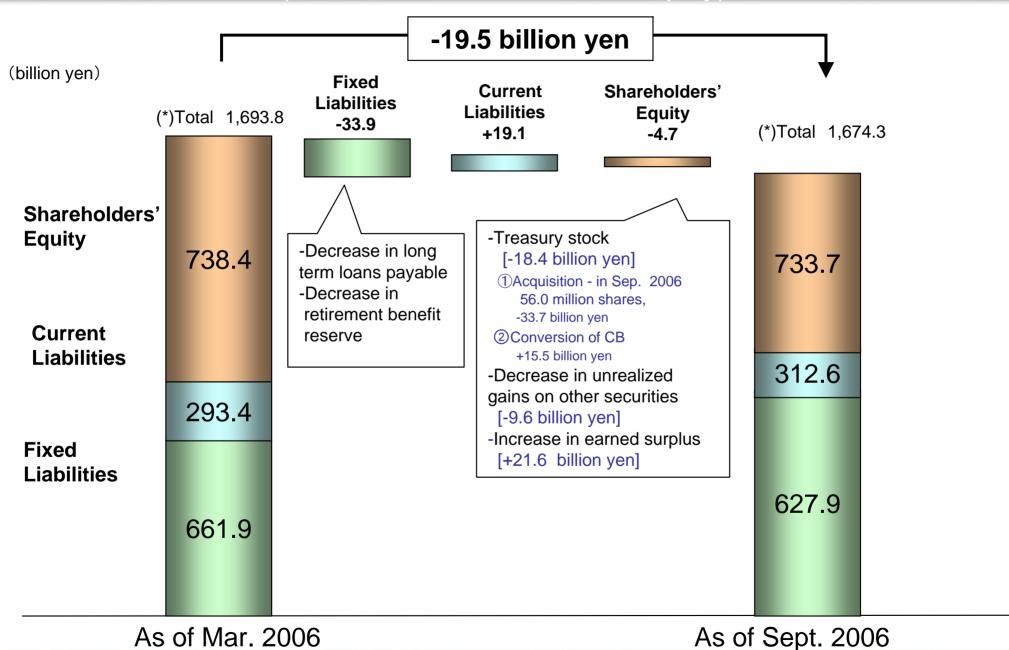
(Reference)	projection as of 7/28	FY06 Interim results	Change projection a	
Residential	1,353	1,373	+21	+1.5%
Industrial	2,566	2,573	+7	+0.3%
Commercial & Other	1,553	1,514	-39	-2.5%
Wholesale	699	706	+7	+1.0%
Total	6,172	6,167	-5	-0.1%

## Reasons for Changes in Balance Sheet (Assets)



## Reasons for Changes in Balance Sheet

(Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity)





# Outlook for FY06 projection (April 2006 – March 2007)

## Key points for FY06 projection (change from projection)

Decrease in sales, Increase in income (compared with projection as of FY2006 1Q)

#### [Positive factors]

- Decrease in raw material cost
- Increased Income in consolidated subsidiary

#### [Negative factors]

- Decrease in gas unit price due to a high exchange rate of the yen
- Increased in operating expenses (cost of measure for safety etc.)

- Factors of change in projection as of FY06 1Q(non consolidated)
- [1] Increase margin because of gas sales volume +1.6 ¥billion
- [2] Increase revenue by rate adjustment system

+3.6 ¥billion

[3] Increase in operating expenses

-2.0 ¥billion

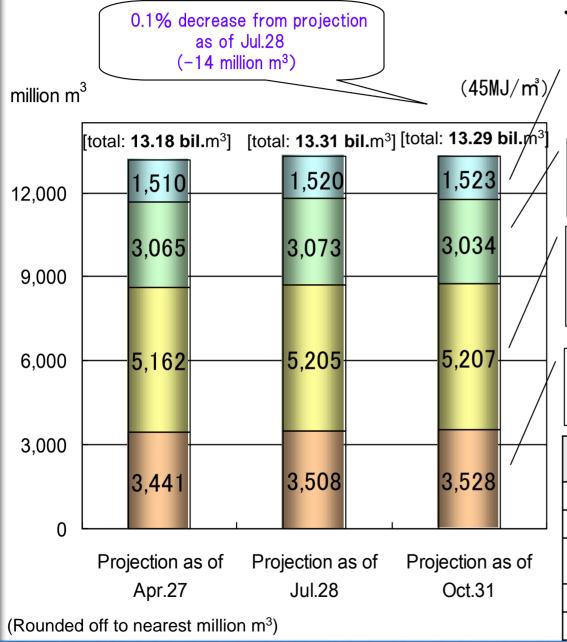
- [4] Increase in operating expense of gas appliances sales -1.3 ¥ billion
- [5] Decrease in non-operating profit

-2.0 ¥ billion

Ordinary Income 0 ¥billion (117.0 ¥billion → 117.0 ¥billion)

	FY06 projection as of Apr. 27	FY06 projection as of Jul. 28	FY06 projection as of Oct. 30	Change from projection as of Apr.27	Change from projection as of Jul.28
Sales	1,370.0	1,394.0	1,392.0	+22.0(+1.6%)	-2.0(-0.1%)
Operating Income	134.0	135.0	141.0	+7.0(+5.2%)	+6.0(+4.4%)
Ordinary Income	126.0	126.0	131.0	+5.0(+4.0%)	+5.0(+4.0%)
Net Income	82.0	82.0	86.0	+4.0(+4.9%)	+4.0(+4.9%)
Crude oil price(\$/bbl)	62.50	68.79	68.95	+6.45	+0.16
Exchange rate(¥/US\$)	120.00	118.62	117.69	-2.31	-0.93

## Gas Sales Volume Projections (Change from previous year and past projections)



#### < Reasons for Changes in Gas Sales Volume Projection from projection as of Jul.28>

#### Wholesale Supply: +0.2% (+4 mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

- Increased in wholesale demand by low temperature in first half of FY2006

#### Commercial & Other Use: -1.3% (-39 mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

- Decreased demand for air conditioning due to low temperature in first half of FY2006

#### **Industrial Use: +0.0%** (+2 mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

- -Decreased demand of power generation due to periodical repair
- -Increased demand of existing customers

#### Residential Use: +0.6% (+20 mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

- Decreased demand for hot water due to low temperature in first half of FY2006

(Reference)	Projection as of 4/27	projection as of 10/30	Change projection a	
Residential	3,441	3,528	+87	+2.5%
Industrial	5,162	5,207	+45	+0.9%
Commercial& Other	3,065	3,034	-31	-0.1%
Wholesale	1,510	1,523	+14	+0.9%
Total	13,177	13,291	+114	+0.9%

### Key points for FY2006 projection (change from FY05)

◆Increase in both sales and income from FY2005

#### [Positive factors]

- Increase in gas sales volume
- Rising the gas price due to rate adjustment system because of jump in crude oil prices
- Decrease in labor cost by one-off expense in actuarial differences

#### [Negative factors]

- Increase in raw material cost due to high rise in crude oil price
- Increase in operating expenses

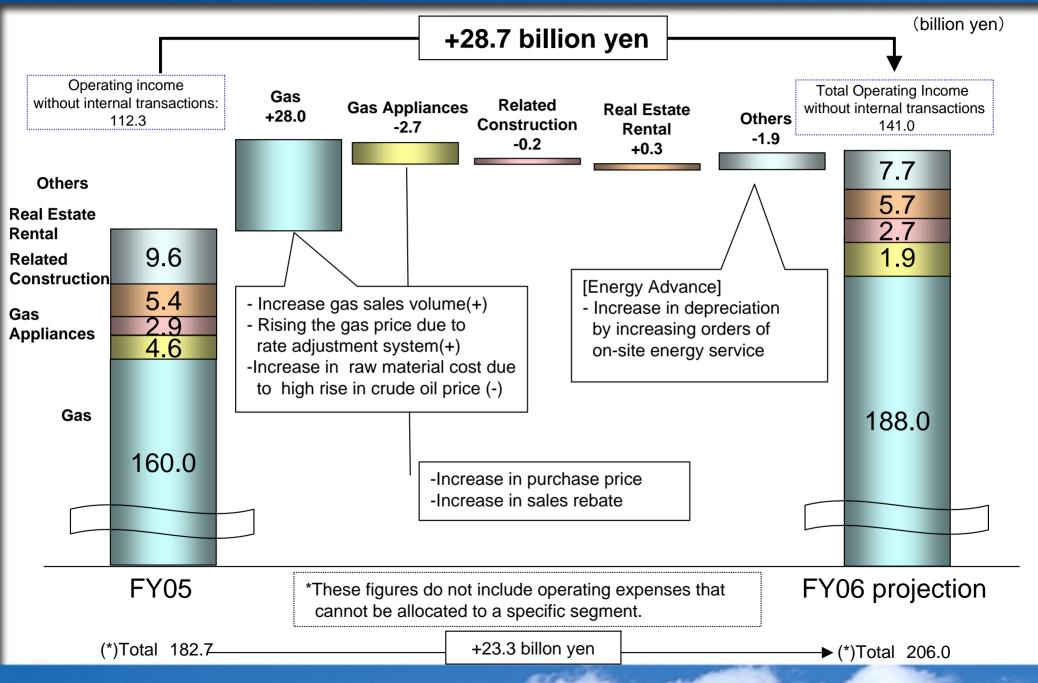
(Cost of measure for safety, Cost for against a serious challenge from electricity in residential use)

(billion yen)

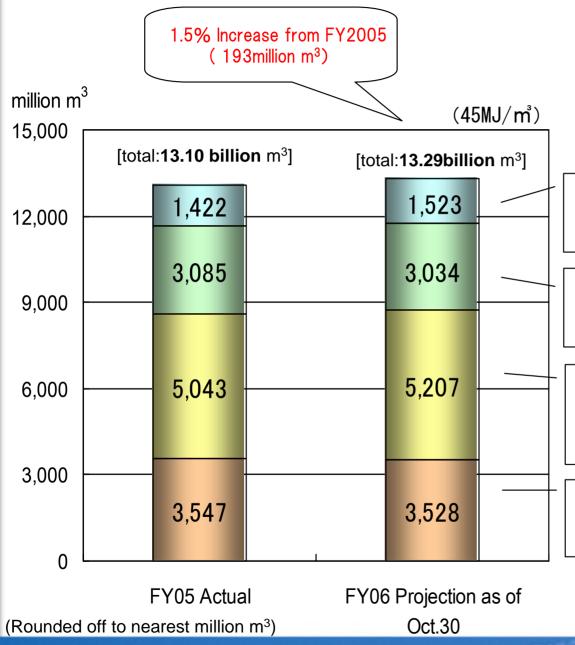
	FY 05 Actual	FY06 Projection	Change from FY05
Sales	1,266.5	1,392.0	+125.5(+9.9%)
Operating Income	112.3	141.0	+28.7(+25.5%)
Ordinary Income	98.6	131.0	+32.4(+32.7%)
Net Income	62.1	86.0	+23.9(+38.5%)
Exchange Rate(¥/US\$)	113.32	117.69	+4.37
Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl)	55.81	68.95	+13.14

Note: Figures are rounded down to nearest ¥0.1 billion.

## Reasons for Changes in Operating Income



## Gas Sales Volume Projections (Change from previous year)



#### < Reasons for Changes in Gas Sales Volume **Projection from FY2005 Actual>**

#### Wholesale Supply: +7.1% (+101mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

-Increase in sales to other gas utilities by acquiring new demands and existing customers

#### Commercial & Other Use: -1.7% (-52mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

-Decreased demand of air conditioning demand due to low temperature in the first half year of FY2006

#### **Industrial Use: +3.2%** (+163mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

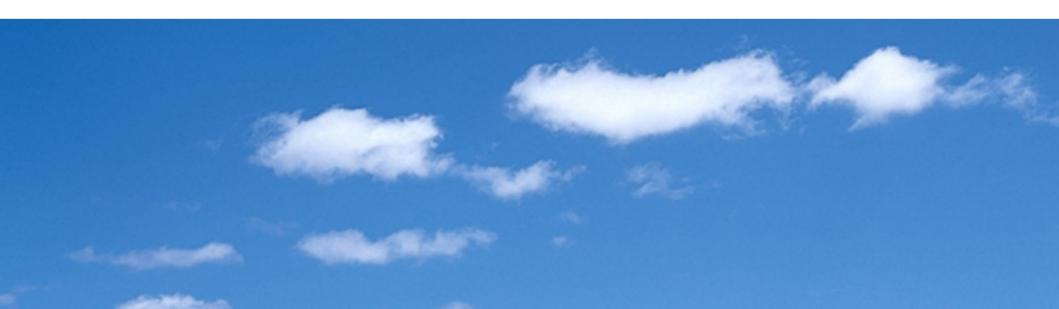
- -Decreased demand of power generation due to periodical repair
- Increased demand of existing customers

#### Residential Use:-0.5% (-19mil. m<sup>3</sup>)

- Decrease in hot water demand due to low temperature in the first half year of FY2006



## References



## Performance Indicators (Interim Results-1)

	FY05 Interim Results	Projection as of Apr.27	Projection as of Jul.28	FY06 Interim Results	Change from FY05	Change from projection as of Apr.27	Change from projection as of Jul.28
Sales	534.4	589.0	602.0	603.5	+12.9%	+2.4%	-0.2%
Operating Income	35.7	39.0	49.0	62.7	+75.6%	+60.7%	+27.9%
Ordinary Income	32.4	35.0	43.0	55.5	+71.1%	+58.5%	+29.0%
Net Income	22.1	21.0	26.0	36.0	+62.8%	+71.4%	+38.4%
EPS(¥)	8.39	-	-	13.41	+5.02	-	-
TEP	0.5	-	-	12.7	+12.2	-	-
Gas sales volume (million m3)	5,885	6,044	6,172	6,167	+4.8%	+2.0%	-0.1%
FX rate (yen/US\$)	109.52	120.00	117.25	115.38	+5.86	-4.62	-1.87
Oil price (\$/bbl)	53.09	60.00	67.58	67.81	+14.72	+7.81	+0.23

## Performance Indicators (Interim Results-2)

(billion yen)

	FY05 Interim Results	projectio n as of Apr.27	projection as of Jul.28	FY06 Interim Results	Change from FY05	Change from projection as of Apr.27	Change from projection as of Jul.28
Total Assets(a)	1,645.4	-	-	1,674.3	+1.7%	-	-
Shareholders' Equity (b)	666.1	-	-	723.1	+8.6%	-	-
Equity Ratio: (b)/(a)	40.5%	-	-	43.2%	+2.7%	-	-
Outstanding Debt	637.6	-	1	612.1	-4.0%	-	1
Operating Cash Flow (c) + (d)	87.3	86.0	91.0	101.2	+15.9%	+17.6%	+11.2%
Net Income (c)	22.1	21.0	26.0	36.0	+62.8%	+71.4%	+38.5%
Depreciation (d)	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.2	+0.1%	+0.3%	+0.3%
CAPEX	54.2	71.0	71.0	58.6	+8.1%	-17.4%	-17.4%
ROA: (c) / (a)	1.3%	-	-	2.1%	+0.8%	-	-
ROE: (c) / (b)	3.4%	-	-	5.0%	+1.6%	-	-

Note: Total Assets and Shareholders' Equity and Equity ratio and Outstanding Debt in FY05 is shown as of Mar.2006 ROA=Net Income / Average Total Assets, ROE=Net Income / Average Shareholders' Equity Operating Cash Flow = Net Income + Depreciation

## Performance Indicators (FY2006 projection-1)

(billion yen)

	FY05 Results	Projection as of Apr.27	Projection as of Jul.28	FY06 projection	Change from FY05	Change from projection as of Apr.27	Change from projection as of Jul.28
Sales	1,266.5	1,370.0	1,394.0	13,920	+9.9%	+1.6%	-0.1%
Operating Income	112.3	134.0	135.0	1,410	+25.5%	+5.2%	+4.4%
Ordinary Income	98.6	126.0	126.0	1,310	+32.9%	+4.0%	+4.0%
Net Income	62.1	82.0	82.0	860	+38.5%	+4.9%	+4.9%
EPS(¥)	23.48	30.46	30.37	32.19	+8.71	+1.73	+1.82
TEP	22.9	37.8	37.9	40.9	+18.0	+3.1	+3.0
Gas sales volume (million m3)	13,098	13,177	13,305	13,291	+1.5%	+0.9%	-0.1%
FX rate (yen/US\$)	113.32	120.00	118.62	117.69	+4.37	-2.31	-0.93
Crude oil price (\$/bbl)	55.79	62.50	68.79	68.95	+13.16	+6.45	+0.16

Note: EPS=earnings per number of shares as of half year ended

## Performance Indicators (FY2006 projection-2)

	FY05 Results	Projection as of Apr.27	Projection as of Jul.28	FY06 projection	Change from FY05	Change from projection as of Apr.27	Change from projection as of Jul.28
Total Assets(a)	1,693.8	1,697.0	1,697.0	1,684.0	-0.6%	-0.8%	-0.8%
Shareholders' Equity (b)	728.2	766.0	766.0	771.0	+5.9%	+0.7%	+0.7%
Equity Ratio: (b)/(a)	43.0%	45.1%	45.1%	45.8%	+2.8%	+0.7%	+0.7%
Outstanding Debt	559.9	570.0	570.0	529.0	-5.5%	-7.2%	-7.2%
Cash Flow from Operating Activities (c) + (d)	198.4	218.0	218.0	222.0	+11.9%	+1.8%	+1.8%
Net Income (c)	62.1	82.0	82.0	86.0	+38.5%	+4.9%	+4.9%
Depreciation (d)	136.3	136.0	136.0	136.0	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
CAPEX	119.4	143.0	143.0	140.0	+17.3%	-2.1%	-2.1%
ROA: (c) / (a)	3.7%	4.8%	4.8%	5.1%	+1.4%	+0.3%	+0.3%
ROE: (c) / (b)	9.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.5%	+2.5%	+0.5%	+0.5%

<sup>(\*)</sup> ROA=Net Income / Average Total Assets, ROE=Net Income / Average Shareholders' Equity EPS: earnings per average number of shares issued and outstanding

## Major management targets

