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**Interim Results Announcement
Half year ended 31 December 2007
Media Presentation**

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 - All comparative data are in relation to the prior corresponding period, 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006, unless otherwise stated
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Performance Highlights

Origin achieved an Underlying Profit of \$200 million...

- Steady earnings in line with expectations
 - Profit, EBITDAF and cash flow consistent with prior corresponding period
 - increasing CSG production and BassGas offsetting maturing assets and delays in Otway
 - high revenues from Sun Retail partially offset by high wholesale costs
- Based on current market conditions, Origin is anticipating a higher result in the second half, due to
 - decrease in wholesale cost of energy
 - tariff increases in Victorian market
 - contributions from Otway Gas Project
 - greater CSG production servicing existing contracts
 - an increased contribution from Contact Energy
- Should result in an increase in full year profit of at least 15%

... with a strong outlook for the full financial year

Origin continues to build its business ...

Exploration and Production

- Increased CSG production
- Otway commissioning commenced
- Halladale / Blackwatch and Swift assets acquired
- Good progress on Kupe Gas Project

Generation

- Construction of Darling Downs and Quarantine commenced
- Committed to Mt Stuart expansion
- Geodynamics farm-in
- Committed to Cullerin wind farm development and acquired rights to additional development sites

Retail

- Tariff increases in electricity and gas
- On track with Sun Retail integration
- Maintained customers numbers
- Market leader in green products
- Progress on retail systems strategy

Contact Energy

- Higher gas costs absorbed
- Progressed development of geothermal and wind projects
- Secured access to gas storage
- Rockgas Integration

Safety: Improved TRIFR by 53% from 22.8 in Dec 06 to 10.6 in Dec 07

... and is well placed to benefit from a carbon constrained future

Origin has delivered steady underlying earnings ...

• Revenue	\$3,817 million	↑ 33%
• EBITDAF	\$608 million	↑ 3%
• EBIT	\$634 million	↑ 31%
• Statutory Profit	\$335 million	↑ 44%
• Underlying Profit	\$200 million	↓ 3%
• OCAT	\$385 million	↑ 5%
• EPS - Statutory	38.3 cps	↑ 32%
- Underlying	22.9 cps	↓ 11%
• Interim dividend fully franked	12 cps	↑ 20%
• OCAT Ratio - Calendar Year	11.8%	
• Adjusted net debt / (debt + equity)	38%	

... with 20% increase in the interim dividend



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Financial Review

Profit & Loss - Statutory

(\$ million)	Dec 07	Dec 06	% change
Revenue	3,817	2,865	33
EBITDAF ⁽¹⁾	608	590	3
EBIT	634	482	31
Net financing costs	(104)	(96)	(9)
Tax expense	(146)	(108)	(35)
Minority Interests	(49)	(53)	6
Statutory Profit	335	233	44
Statutory EPS	38.3 cps	29.0 cps	32
Free cash flow per share	29.6 cps	33.1 cps	(11)

⁸ (1) EBITDAF represents earnings before interest, tax, depreciation/amortisation, significant items and the impact of fair value to financial instruments from continuing operations



Underlying Profit \$200 million, 3% lower than the prior half year

(\$ million)	Dec 07		Dec 06		% change
	Impact after tax & OEI	NPAT	Impact after tax & OEI	NPAT	
Statutory Profit		335		233	44
Significant items					
Asset sales					
- Networks	147				
- Mokai geothermal assets	9				
Change in FV of fin. Instruments					
- Commodity instruments	(10)		10		
- Financing instruments	1		3		
Retirement of New Plymouth	(9)				
Sun Retail one-off costs	(4)				
Termination of Mt Stuart PPA			14		
Total significant items	134	(134)	26	(26)	
Underlying Profit		200		207	(3)
<i>Statutory EPS (cps)</i>		<i>38.3</i>		<i>29.0</i>	<i>32</i>
<i>Underlying EPS (cps)</i>		<i>22.9</i>		<i>25.7</i>	<i>(11)</i>

EBITDAF \$608 million, up 3%

Divisions (\$ million)	Dec 07	Dec 06	% change
Exploration & Production	133	140	(5)
Generation	28	46	(38)
Retail	201	166	21
Contact	246	238	4
Networks		16	
Adjustment for discontinued business		(16)	
EBITDAF	608	590	3

- **E&P:** Growth in BassGas and CSG offset decline in more mature assets
Increase in exploration expense (\$9 million)
- **Generation:** Steady operating performance and transition of Mt Stuart power station from externally to internally contracted plant
- **Retail:** Expected contribution from Sun Retail partially offset by high wholesale purchasing environment
- **Contact:** Increase in wholesale and retail electricity sales
- **Networks:** Discontinued business - Disposal settled in June and July 2007
- Corporate costs of \$30 million have been allocated to the Australian business segments

Capital Expenditure

(\$ million)	Dec 07	Dec 06
Stay-in-business	70	79
Growth		
Exploration & Production	305	172
Generation	240	13
Retail	38	16
Contact	56	23
Total capital expenditure	708	303
Acquisitions (net of cash)	6	16
Capex including acquisitions	714	320

- **E&P:** Predominantly Kupe (\$122 million), CSG (\$120 million), Otway (\$28 million) and Cooper (\$18 million)
- **Generation:** Darling Downs (\$110 million), Geodynamics (\$96 million), Quarantine expansion (\$24 million) and Solar (\$9 million)
- **Retail:** Customer systems associated with the acquisition of Sun Retail (\$22 million)
- **Contact:** Predominantly geothermal drilling (\$56 million)

Operating Cash Flow After Tax increased by 5% while funds employed increased by 20% as a result of the Sun Retail acquisition and continuing E&P capital expenditure

(\$ million)	Dec 07	Dec 06
EBITDAF	608	590
Discontinued Networks Operations	-	16
Change in working capital	(48)	(76)
Stay-in-business capex	(70)	(79)
Other	(22)	3
Tax paid	(83)	(85)
OCAT	385	368
Net interest paid	(126)	(102)
Free cash flow	259	267
Funds Employed ⁽¹⁾ - Calendar Year	6,473	5,395
OCAT Ratio ⁽²⁾ - Calendar Year	11.8%	12.2%

OCAT Ratio remains above target of 9.4% per annum

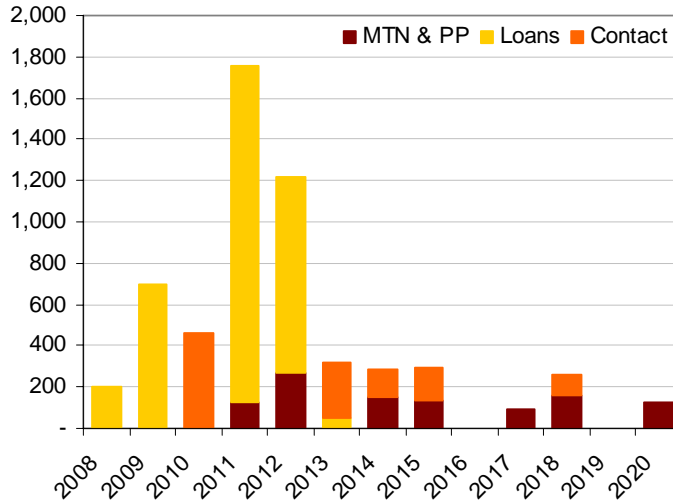
(1) Average funds employed excluding capital work in progress

(2) OCAT Ratio = (OCAT - interest tax shield) / funds employed excluding capital work in progress



Origin has less than 5% of its debt portfolio maturing in the next 12 months and...

Origin Debt & Bank Guarantee Maturity Profile (Financial years, \$ million)

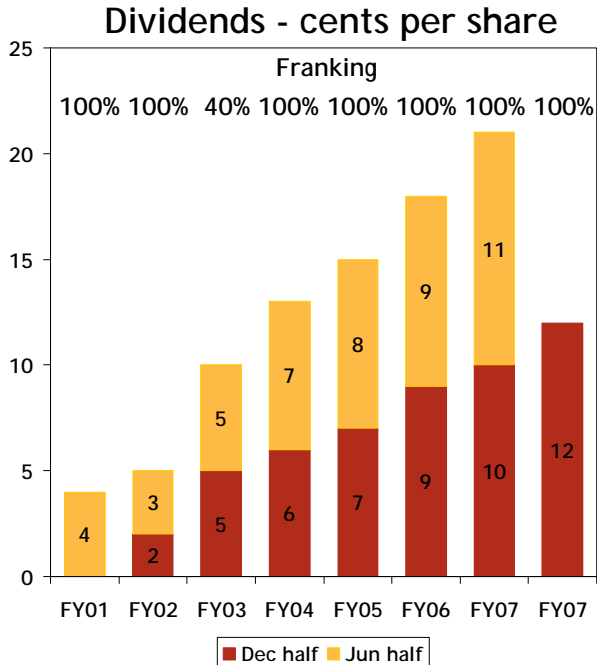


- Diversified funding base comprising domestic and US bonds, syndicated bank facilities and bilateral bank facilities
- Strong supportive Bank group
- Origin recently executed 3 year underwritten bank loan facility for A\$900 million and US\$200 million
- Discussions commenced on \$200 million rollover due in May 2008

Total committed debt & bank guarantee facilities of A\$5.7 billion

... currently has undrawn committed debt facilities of \$1.6 billion

A fully franked interim dividend of 12 cps has been declared (prior period 10 cps fully franked)...



Payment and DRP

- Ex-dividend date 5 March 2008
- Date of record 11 March 2008
- Payable 4 April 2008
- DRP to apply at no discount

Payout Ratio

- Dividend payout ratio of 52% of Underlying earnings per share, or 31% of Statutory earnings per share

... and continues Origin's record of increasing dividend payments to shareholders

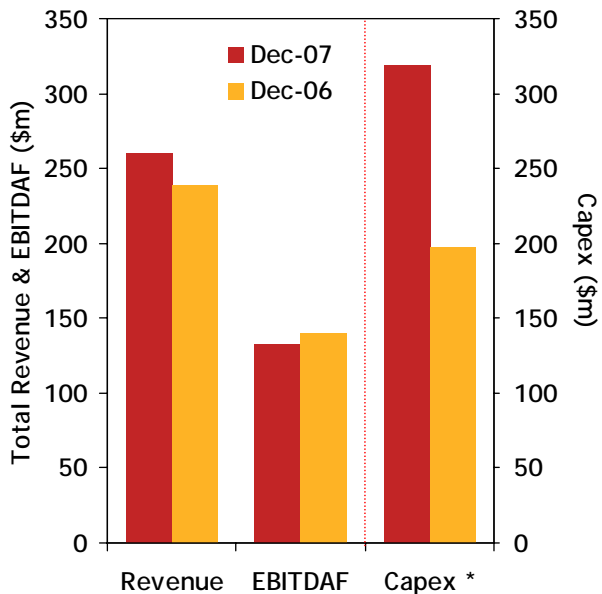




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Operating Review

Exploration & Production: Major capital program now delivering record production as new producing areas...



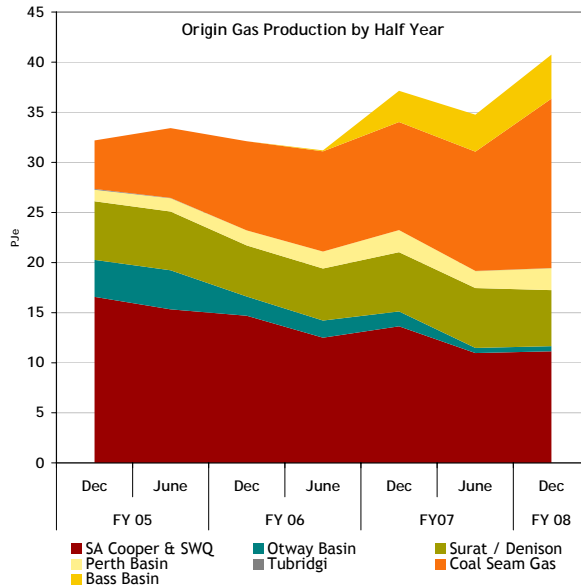
- EBITDAF of \$133m, down 5%, reflecting higher exploration expenses (up \$9m)
- CSG and BassGas gas sales more than offset decline from maturing areas such as Cooper
- Liquids production lower but condensate and LPG sales from BassGas, and then Otway and Kupe will progressively offset Perth Basin decline
- CSG production reached 100TJ/d equity share, major developments on schedule, on track to meet reserves addition of 500 PJ by June 2008
- BassGas production restricted to around 56TJ/d (Origin share 24TJ/d)
- Otway Gas Project completed in September 2007 - remedial requirements delayed commissioning to February 2008
- Offshore phase of Kupe progressing to schedule
- Swift and Halladale/Blackwatch acquisitions

... are progressively replacing production from more mature assets

* Does not include acquisitions



Over the last decade Origin has made a series of investments in new production areas to offset the anticipated decline of the Cooper Basin and other traditional gas producing areas...

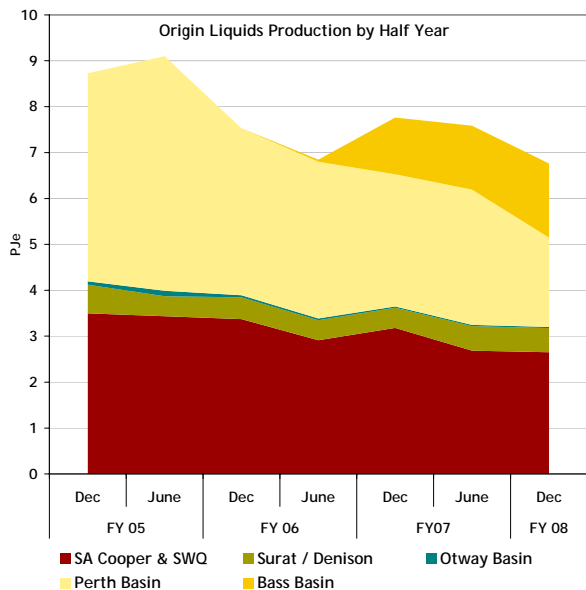


- The Cooper Basin is in decline as contract volumes begin to ramp down
- Origin's CSG projects have ramped up over the last few years and now produce more than the Cooper Basin interest
- BassGas has added to production, although has been restricted in the current half by the requirement for remedial work on the Yolla 3 well
- The Otway Gas project is currently commissioning and will add 18 PJ of gas sales (Origin share)
- The Kupe project starting in mid calendar year 2009 will add a further 10 PJ of gas sales (Origin share)
- Further contracted or committed CSG sales will add around 70 PJ by mid calendar year 2011

...with CSG developments and the BassGas project now delivering, and the Otway Gas Project, Kupe and further CSG expansion yet to come



Oil production from the Perth Basin continues to decline, as is oil, condensate and LPG production from the Cooper Basin although at a more modest rate

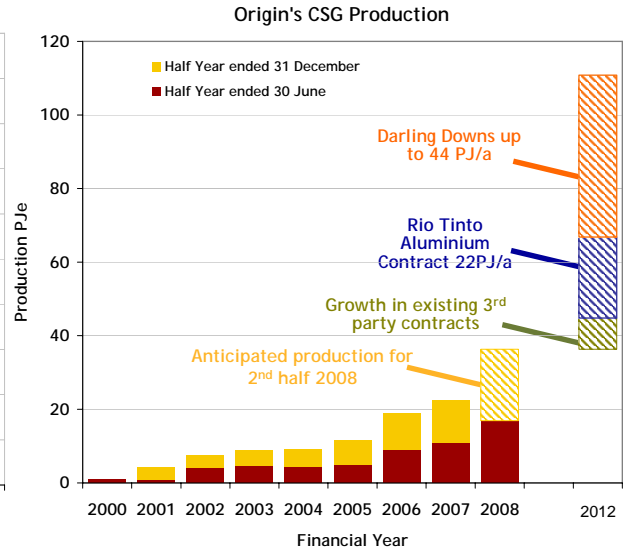
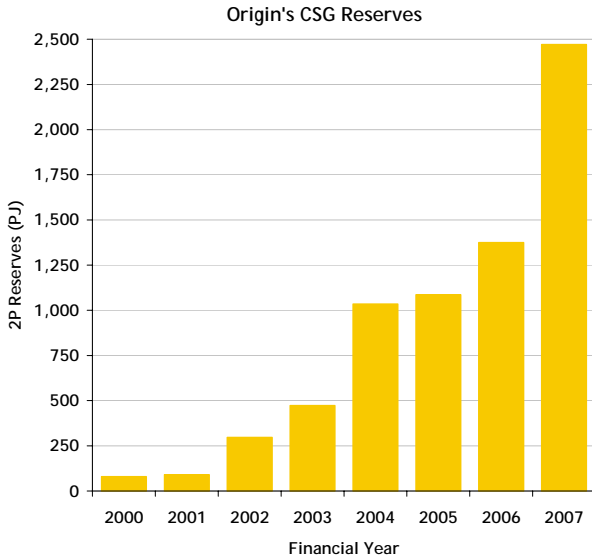


- Oil production from the mature Perth Basin oil fields has followed a steep decline curve from its peak
- Cooper decline is more modest reflecting a broad production base of oil and liquids rich gas fields
- The BassGas project has added 3 PJe per annum to production, although rates have been restricted in the current half by the requirement for remedial work on the Yolla 3 well
- The Otway Gas project will add around 3 PJe of liquids production per annum from later this year (Origin share)
- The Kupe project will add a further 6 PJe to Origin's liquids production from mid calendar year 2009

Average Price Received (A\$/bbl) (oil and condensate inclusive of hedging)	
Year ended 31 Dec '07	\$85.53
Year ended 31 Dec '06	\$73.58
Before tax earnings sensitivity: +/- \$1 USD oil price ~ +/- AUD \$0.3m	

While liquids from BassGas has commenced and will be progressively supplemented by production from the Otway and the liquids-rich Kupe projects over the next two years

As well as growing its gas reserves Origin has been able to monetise these reserves through good channels to market...

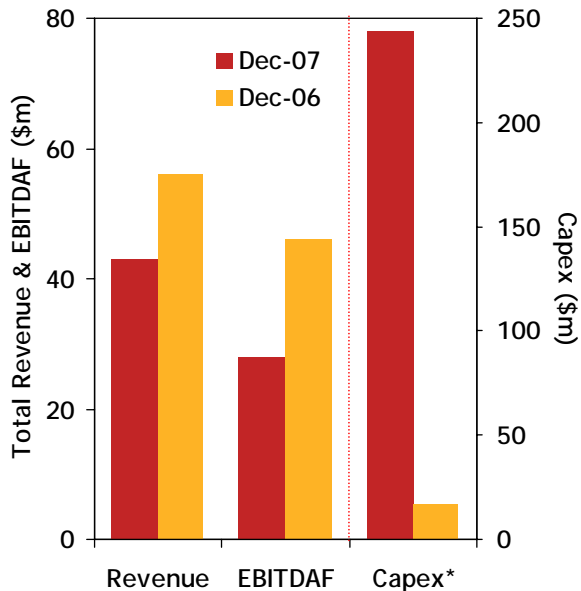


... with committed supply arrangements providing the potential for Origin's CSG production to rise from ~ 35 PJ in FY2008 to a rate of over 100 PJ/a by FY2012

Source: Origin Energy Reports



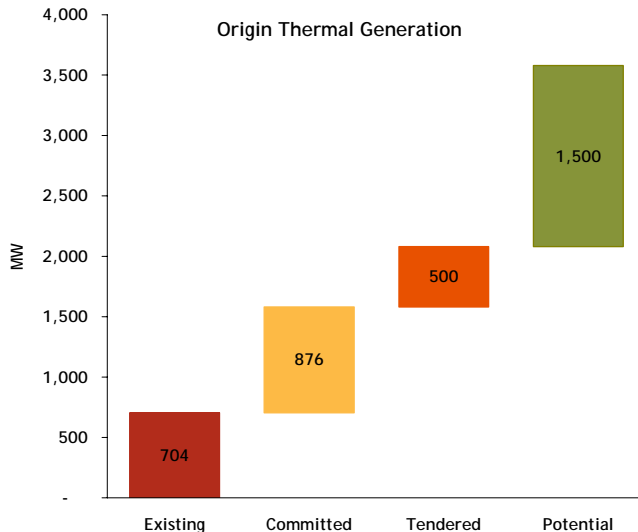
Generation: Operational performance steady with Mt Stuart moving from externally to internally contracted plant...



- EBITDAF 38% lower - reflecting steady operational performance and the transition of Mt Stuart from external to internal contracting
- Construction making good progress at Darling Downs CCGT (630MW) and Quarantine OCGT expansion (120MW), with Mt Stuart expansion committed (126 MW)
- Tenders sought for first 500MW OCGT at Mortlake - Victoria
- Significant progress on Renewables including:
 - 30 MW Cullerin Range wind farm
 - option on additional Epuron sites
 - 30% JV with Geodynamics
- Development of SLIVER® continues

... with 900MW of new generation capacity committed

Origin has committed to build an additional 876 MW of gas fired power generation, including Australia's largest combined cycle gas turbine plant at Darling Downs...



- 120MW expansion of Quarantine peaking power station in Adelaide increasing Origin's peaking capacity in South Australia. Expected completion in late 2008 calendar year
- 126MW expansion of Mt Stuart peaking power station in Townsville. Plant jet-fuelled turbine with potential to convert to gas. Expected completion in mid-2009 calendar year
- 630MW base load gas-fired Darling Downs power station at Braemar, Qld. Largest CCGT in Australia and will have one of the lowest short run marginal costs in the NEM due to integration with CSG development. Expected completion in early 2010 calendar year
- Tenders sought for first 500 MW OCGT at Mortlake. Permitted sites available for an additional 1,500 MW
- Origin committed and tendered projects of 1,376 MW represent almost half of NEM new build requirement to 2012

... with significant opportunities for further expansion at already permitted sites



Origin is well positioned to capture value from key climate change developments...



Geothermal

- Origin acquired a 30% stake in a JV with Geodynamics Ltd. The JV owns permits in South Australia
- Geodynamics have drilled 3 wells to-date. Habanero 3 was completed in early 2008 and is currently being evaluated

Wind

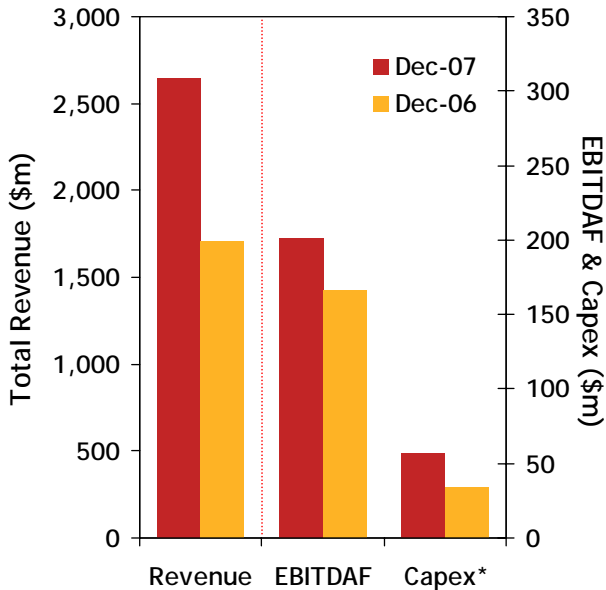
- Origin acquired an option for access to 590MW of wind farm development sites from Epuron
- Origin has committed to build the first 30MW wind farm at Cullerin Range

Solar

- Continue to work on plans for an at scale facility which will enable commercialisation of SLIVER®
- Unit sales of grid-connected solar photovoltaic installation grew over 200% during the period

... across its low emissions intensity gas and renewable options

Retail: Contribution from Sun Retail was partially offset by higher energy purchasing costs



- EBITDAF of \$201 million up 21%
- Higher purchasing costs across all commodities
 - Higher average prices in the NEM
 - Higher gas costs and Otway delay
 - Higher CP for LPG
- Sun Retail integration well progressed
- Won 236,000 gas and electricity customers in the half year for a net gain of 4,000 from June 2007
- Leading green market share with 361,000 signed accounts
- Dual fuel accounts increased by 48,000 from June 2007
- LPG accounts increased by 18,000 from June 2007
- Good progress on retail capability delivery

Further uplift in second half contribution expected as tariff increases apply and average wholesale prices decrease

* Does not include sun retail acquisition

Sun Retail has boosted the scale of the Retail business with commodity revenues up \$935 million...

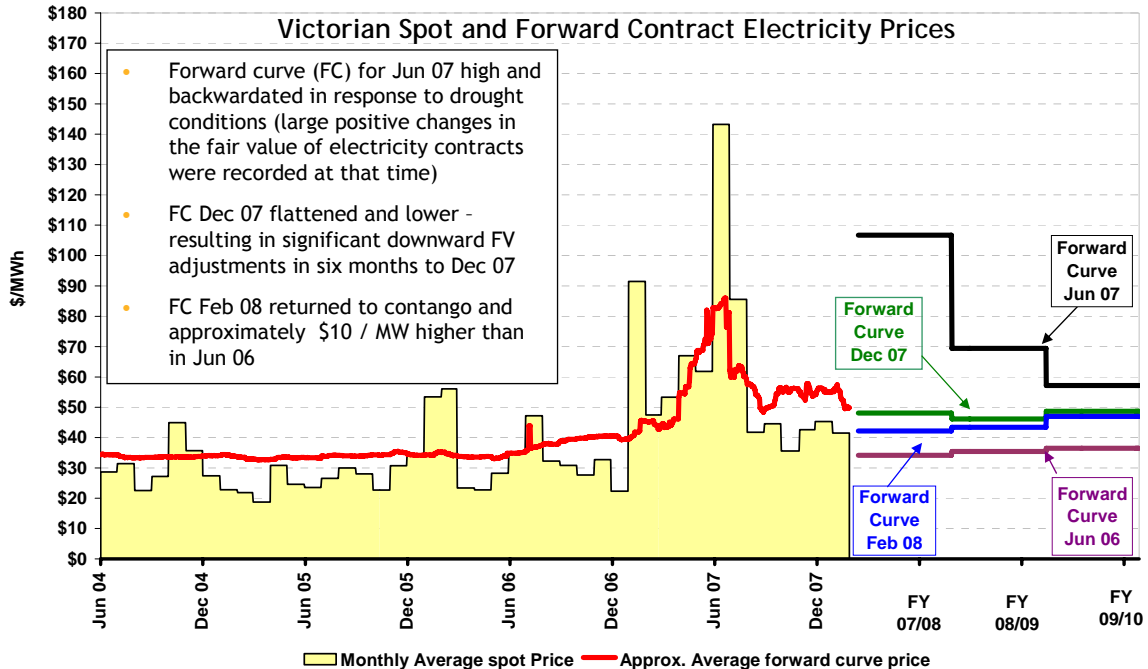
Product information and % change from Dec 06 ⁽¹⁾	Natural Gas	Electricity	LPG
Product Revenue (\$m)	481 (+2%)	1,768 (+101%)	289 (-4%)
Gross Profit (\$m)	61 (-18%)	258 (+48%)	62 (-20%)
EBITDAF (\$m)		177 (+29%)	24 (-18%)
Underlying EBIT ⁽²⁾ (\$m)		164 (+31%)	13 (-24%)
Sales (PJ)	67 (+2%)		
Sales (TWh)		15.5 (+86%)	
LPG (Ktonnes)			234 (-10%)
Total sales (PJe)	67 (+2%)	56 (+86%)	12 (-10%)
Customers ('000) - (Change from 30 June 2007)	883 (-0.6%)	1,824 (+0.5%)	354 (+5%)

... COGS is higher due to increased volume of electricity sales, combined with higher commodity prices for all products

(1) Some items in December 06 have been re-stated due to both changes in methodology associated with the introduction of EBITDAF and the sale of minor business as part of the sale of Origin's Networks business in mid 2007

(2) Excludes changes in fair value of financial instruments and Sun Retail one-off integration costs

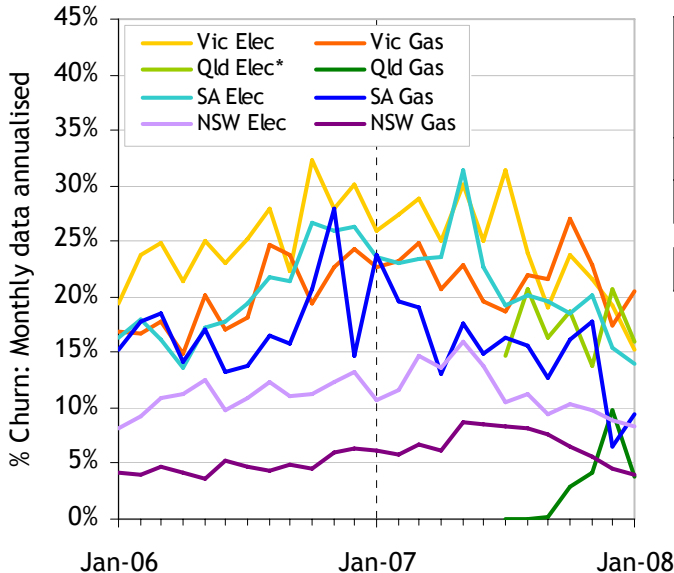
Large movements in the forward curve have caused significant movements in mark-to-market values



While forward curve has fallen significantly since June 07 it continues to signal higher wholesale prices than the prior year

Churn rates have started to ease over the 6 months period. Origin acquired over 236k new accounts for a net gain of 4k gas and electricity accounts

Mass Market Churn: Completed and Pending#



*Qld Elec market churn excludes Origin retains and estimated AGL retains

December 2007 Origin Energy Accounts Numbers

('000)	Natural Gas	Electricity	Total
Jun-07	889	1,814	2,703
Change	-6	+9	+4
Dec-07	883	1,824	2,707

Change	-0.6%	+0.5%	+0.1%
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- Origin effectively retained accounts numbers
- Origin now has 838,000 dual fuel accounts, up 48,000 on June 2007
- Over 260k electricity customer accounts in SA and NSW
- 361k customers signed to Green products

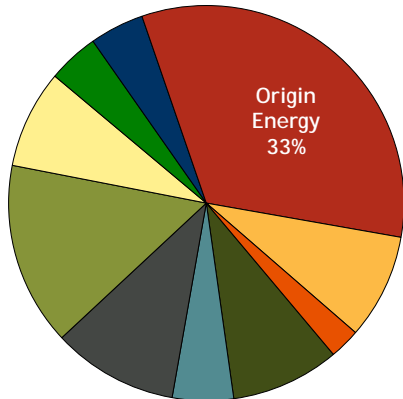
In the prior period Origin acquired 197k new accounts for a net gain of 5k on a customer base of 1,840k

#Source: Various websites including Vencorp, Nemmco, Gasmarketco and Company Information



Origin has clearly established its leadership position in green energy sales and carbon responsibility...

A leading market position*



- In December 2007 Origin had signed 361,000 GreenPower customers

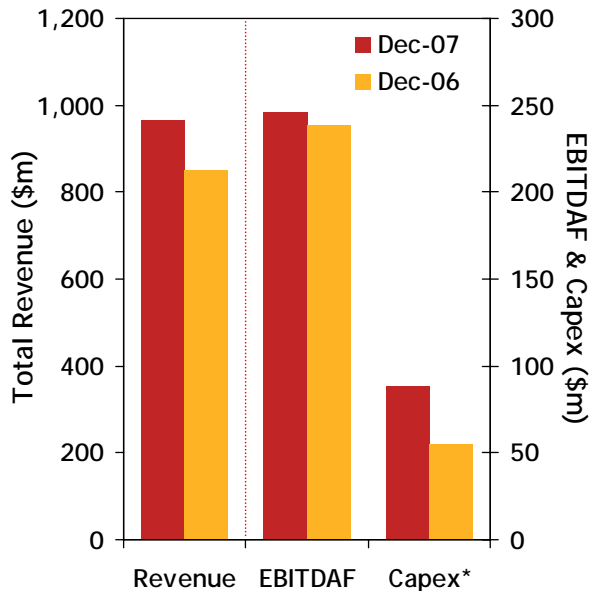
... resulting in continuing and credible retail market differentiation and emerging brand strength

and leading market products



- Unit sales of grid-connected solar photovoltaic installation grew over 200% during the period
- Origin introduced to the market an innovative solar hot water product, which allows customers to add solar panels to its existing gas or electricity system
- A selection of Origin's GreenPower products once again achieved the highest ranking in Green Electricity Watch

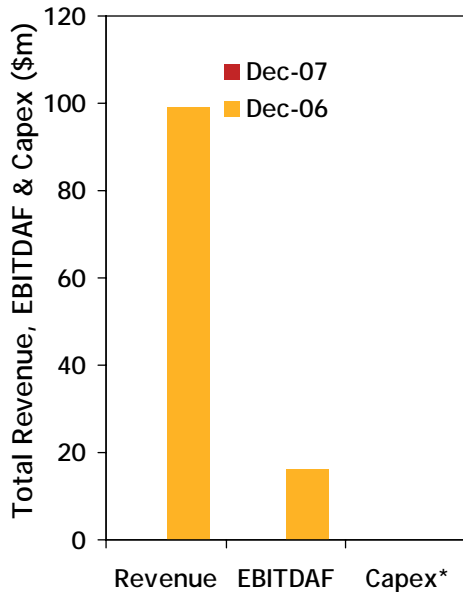
Contact Energy: Higher retail price and increased generation offset higher gas costs



- EBITDAF of \$246 million, 4% higher
- The main operating factors that contributed were:
 - an increase in electricity generation;
 - an increase in total electricity revenue, driven by 3% increases in both volume and price of retail sales;
 - operating revenue and costs increased as a result of the addition of the Rockgas LPG business purchased from Origin; and
 - a 20% increase in the average per unit cost of natural gas

... while the second half should benefit from higher wholesale electricity prices in New Zealand

Networks (Discontinued Business): In April 2007, Origin entered into an agreement to sell its Networks business to APA for \$556 million



- The Networks business was sold in two parts:
 - Settlement for the sale of the SEA Gas Pipeline portion of the business was effected on 29 June 2007 and is included in the accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 2007
 - The settlement of the balance of the business for \$423.3 million (pre-tax profit of \$225.1 million) took place on 2 July 2007
- It made no contribution to the operational performance of the business in the six months to 31 December 2007



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Outlook

Based on prevailing market conditions Origin expects the second half of the financial year to deliver a stronger performance than the first half, due to:

- an expected decrease in the wholesale cost of electricity as already observed in the past two months of the second half;
- a return to more traditional levels of volatility in the NEM, providing returns on Origin's electricity cap instruments;
- tariff increases for electricity and gas awarded in the Victorian market from 1 January 2008;
- Otway Gas Project contribution to earnings from March 2008;
- further increases in coal seam gas production servicing existing contracts in Queensland; and
- an increased contribution from Contact Energy in New Zealand due to higher wholesale electricity prices

Origin should deliver an increase in Underlying Profit for the financial year of at least 15%

Origin has a large forward schedule of major projects each of which will add to earnings and cash flow

Major Project Timetable						
Financial Year	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
Calendar Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
BassGas						
CSG - SG Phase 4						
Otway Gas Project						
Quarantine Expansion						
Mt Stuart Expansion						
Kupe Gas Project						
Darling Downs Power Station						
CSG - Darling Downs						
CSG - Rio Tinto Aluminium						
Legend	Planning & permitting	Construction	Production			

Recent additions to Origin's debt facilities, together with strong cash flow, see Origin well placed to continue to access funds for its ongoing development and growth

Origin already has in place projects and opportunities that will deliver ongoing growth...

- Leading CSG reserves position and increasing production volumes
- Major liquids-rich offshore gas projects progressively coming on-line: BassGas producing, Otway commissioning, Kupe under construction
- Over 900 MW committed, including largest Australian CCGT and Origin's first wind project
- Tenders sought for a further 500 MW OCGT
- Pipeline of over 2000 MW of opportunities
- Good access to markets

...and is well positioned for a carbon constrained future

- Growing CSG reserves
- Lower emissions gas fired generation
- Renewable energy projects and opportunities: geothermal and wind across Australia and New Zealand plus SLIVER® Solar technology
- Leading green energy supplier: 361,000 green customers signed
- Voted Ethical Investor Sustainable Company of the Year 2007

Origin's integrated strategy continues to provide the basis for long term development and growth



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