

NATIONAL GRID TRANSCO PLC

Form 6-K

September 30, 2004

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date: 30 September 2004

NATIONAL GRID TRANSCO plc

(Registrant's Name)

1-3 Strand  
London  
WC2N 5EH

(Registrant's Address)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

NATIONAL GRID TRANSCO plc  
s/David C. Forward

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: David C. Forward  
Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: September 30, 2004

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**ANNEX 1 - Summary**

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Announcement sent to the London Stock Exchange

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**Recent Announcements to The London Stock Exchange:**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DETAILS</u></b>
30.9.04	NGT Close period trading update for the six months ended September 2004
28.9.04	LTIS Operation
28.9.04	ESOP Operation
20.9.04	NGT's Exec. Directors' share interests (ESOP operation - One Director, N P. Winsor, exercises Sharematch options)
20.9.04	NGT's Exec Directors' share interests (Quest operation - One Director, N P Winsor, exercises Sharesave options)
10.9.04	Directors Share Purchase (S. Pettit)

8.9.04 Directors Interests - Share Incentive Plan - monthly update  
6.9.04 Quest Operation  
6.9.04 LTIS operation  
1.9.04 Quest Operation

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**ANNEX 2 - Copy Announcements as sent**

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30 September 2004

National Grid Transco close period trading update  
for the six months ended 30 September 2004

Continued strong performance

National Grid Transco plc (the "Group") is today issuing its trading update prior to entering its interim results on Thursday 18 November 2004.

In line with our expectations, Group operating performance has been strong. However, as anticipated by the planned year-on-year increase in expenditure on the replacement of UK gas mains, most of which is in the second half, and period-on-period weakness in the US dollar. Hence overall Group operating profit (excluding goodwill amortisation) will be marginally lower than the same period last year.

Group profit before tax (excluding exceptional items and goodwill amortisation) is expected to be higher than last year, reflecting the beneficial impact on the Group's interest charge of continued debt management.

The effective tax rate on profit before tax (excluding exceptional items and goodwill amortisation) is expected to be lower than last year's rate.

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On 31 August, the Group completed the 1.1bn pounds acquisition of the UK operations of Crown Ca higher than at the year-end, mainly reflecting the cost of this acquisition, the normal first strengthening of the US dollar since 31 March 2004.

Also on 31 August, the Group announced the sale of four UK gas distribution networks. The sale April 2005.

### Note

In our full year results, we indicated that we would implement FRS20 (accounting for share bas on the expected financial impact. We have now implemented FRS20. To align with our presen 2003/04, we have also reclassified losses on disposal of fixed assets in the prior half year fr within the depreciation charge. The net effect of these changes is shown in the table below. against the restated figures for the prior period.

Six months to 30 September 2003	Operating profit (before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation ) (m pounds)	Earnings (before and goodwill amor
As previously reported	815	2
FRS20	(12)	(
Losses on disposal reclassified to depreciation	(20)	(
Restated	783	2