

Financial Report for 1st Half of FY2014.3 (April 2013 – September 2013)

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I. Business Results for 1st Half of FY2014.3 and Forecasts for FY2014.3

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All gas sales volumes are indicated based on the standard heating value at 45 MJ/m³.

Note regarding consolidated gas sales volume The fiscal year of Nabari Kintetsu Gas, toyooka Energy, and Shingu Gas ends on December 31.

Note regarding the indication of quarter

"Quarter" refers to "quarterly cumulative period," unless otherwise noted.

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I would now like to present the results for the first half of the fiscal year ending March 2014, and the forecast for the full fiscal year.

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Overview		
Consolidated Net sales	Increased to 670.3 billion yen, up 6.4% (40.4 billion in gas sales price based on the fuel cost adjustment in LNG price.	5 .
Consolidated Ordinary income	Decreased to 47.7 billion yen, down 1.2% (0.5 billi in gas sales gross margin caused by the increase in \rightarrow 9.6 billion yen) and the decrease in gas sales vo	n time-lag loss (7.3 billion yen
Gas Sales Vo	lume	
Residential	Decreased to 789 million m ³ , down 5.1% (42 million temperatures of the air and water than last year, whot water and heating demand.	
Commercial, public and medical	Decreased to 774 million m ³ , down 0.4% (3 million temperatures in summer than last year, which cau slowed down by further energy conservation by cu	sed cooling demand increase,
Industrial	Increased to 2.132 billion m ³ , up 0.5% (10 million marketing effort to develop new demand.	m ³) due mainly to our
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Let me start from year on year comparison.

In the first half of the fiscal year ending March 2014, revenue grew but profit declined from the previous year.

Consolidated net sales increased to 670.3 billion yen, up 6.4% or 40.4 billion yen, due mainly to the rise in gas sales price, based on the fuel cost adjustment system, along with the rise in LNG price.

Ordinary income decreased to 47.7 billion yen, down 1.2% or 500 million yen, due mainly to the decline in gross margin of gas sales caused by the increase in time-lag loss, and by the decrease in gas sales volume.

Gas sales volume for residential sector decreased by 5.1% to 789 million m³ due mainly to higher temperatures of the air and water than the previous year, which caused the decrease of hot water and heating demand.

Gas sales volume for commercial, public and medical sectors decreased by 0.4% to 774 million m³ due mainly to further energy conservation by customers, partially offset by cooling demand increase owing to higher temperatures in summer than the previous year.

For industrial sector, gas sales volume increased by 0.5% to 2.132 billion m³ due mainly to our marketing effort to develop new demand.

Summary of the Results for 1st Half of FY2014.3 - II

Comparison with targets

Overview

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	greenfield, and M&A	the FY equal 43.1 billion yen (31% of annual budget).	
	expansion,	Company in 2 nd Quarter of the FY. Total investments made in the first half of	of
	Investment for	Decided to acquire shares of a UK water supply and distribution holding	
-	Investments		
		decrease in operation of customer facilities.	
	Industrial	2,132 million m ³ , 1.4% (31 million m ³) below the target due mainly to the	•
	and medical	higher temperatures in summer than initially forecasted, which caused cooling demand increase.	
	Commercial, public and medical	774 million m ³ , 1.7% (13 million m ³) above the target due mainly to	
		the decrease of hot water and heating demand.	-
		temperatures of the air and water than initially forecasted, which caused	
	Residential	789 million m ³ , 4.8% (39 million m ³) below the target due mainly to higher	
	Gas Sales Volum	2	
	Ordinary income	increase in profit of the Power business and to lower expenses.	
	Consolidated	47.7 billion yen, 15.0% (6.2 billion yen) above the target due mainly to the	
	Net sales	the decrease in the revenues of consolidated subsidiaries.	_
	Consolidated	670.3 billion yen, 2.0% (13.6 billion yen) below the target due mainly to	
	Overview		

Next, I will describe the results for the first half by comparing them with the targets.

Consolidated net sales were 2.0% or 13.6 billion yen below the target due mainly to the decrease in the revenues of consolidated subsidiaries.

Consolidated operating income was 15.0% or 6.2 billion yen above the target due mainly to the increase in profit of the power business and to lower expenses.

Gas sales volume for residential sector decreased by 4.8% due mainly to higher temperatures of the air and water than initially forecasted, which caused the decrease of hot water and heating demand.

Gas sales volume for commercial, public and medical sectors increased by 1.7% due mainly to higher temperatures in summer than initially forecasted, which caused cooling demand increase

Gas sales volume for the industrial sector decreased by 1.4% due mainly to the decrease in operation of customer facilities.

Regarding investment for expansion, greenfield, and M&A, we have decided to acquire shares of a UK water supply and distribution holding company in September.

Investments made in the first half of the fiscal year are 43.1 billion yen in total, or 31% of the annual budget.

Gas Sales Volume Results for 1st Half of FY2014.3

45MJ/m ³	A. FY14.3 1 st Half	B. FY13.3 1 st Half	A-B	A-B/B (%)	C. FY14.3 1H target	A-C/C (%)
Number of meters installed (thousand)	7,101	7,057	+44	+0.6%	7,090	+0.2%
Installation of new meters (thousand)	40	37	+3	+7.8%	40	-2.0%
Monthly gas sales volume per household (m ³ /month)	22.5	23.8	-1.3	-5.5%	23.6	-4.8%
Residential use	789	831	-42	-5.1%	829	-4.8%
Commercial, public, and medical use	774	777	-3	-0.4%	761	+1.7%
Industrial use	2,132	2,122	+10	+0.5%	2,164	-1.4%
Non-residential total	2,906	2,899	+7	+0.2%	2,924	-0.6%
Wholesale	220	222	-2	-0.9%	221	-0.5%
(non-regulated)	(2,485)	(2,479)	(+6)	(+0.2%)	(2,518)	(-1.3%)
Non-consolidated gas sales volume total (million m ³)	3,916	3,953	-37	-0.9%	3,974	-1.5%
Consolidated gas sales volume total (million m ³)	3,932	3,970	-38	-1.0%	3,991	-1.5%
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This table summarizes the gas sales volumes I have just explained.

The gas sales volume of Osaka Gas alone was 0.9% lower than the previous year and 1.5% below the target, with 3.916 billion m³.

Industrial gas sales suggest that capacity utilization is improving in some segments, but we believe that it will be some time before we see an overall recovery in the manufacturing sector.

Results for 1st Half of FY2014.3 - I

Figures in parentheses are ratios of consolidated results to non-consolidated results								l results	
Consolidated,	A. FY14.3	B. F	- Y13.3	A-B	A-B/B(%)	C. F	Y14.3	A-C	/C(%)
billion yen	1 st Half	1 s ⁻	^t Half			1H t	arget		
Net sales	(1.23) 670.3	(1.24)	629.8	+40.4	+6.4%		684.0	,	-2.0%
Operating income	(1.58) 44.7	(1.59)	44.8	-0.1	-0.2%		40.0	+	12.0%
Ordinary income	(1.46) 47.7	(1.43)	48.3	-0.5	-1.2%		41.5	+ ´	15.0%
Net income	(1.38) 31.6	(1.32)	30.8	+0.7	+2.5%		27.0	+	17.2%
SVA	23.7		14.8	+8.8	+60.0%		7.7	+2	205.6%
			A. FY1 1 st H	1.0	3. FY13.3 1 st Half	A-B	C. FY1 1H tarç		A-C
Consolidated gas sales v	olume ^{millio}	on m ³	3,	<mark>932</mark>	3,970	-38	3,9	991	-59
Profit/ loss on fuel cost adjustme	ent system billio	n yen		-9.6	-7.3	-2.2	-1	1.9	+2.3
Crude oil price	\$/bb	I	1(07.7	114.0	-6.3	11	5.0	-7.3
Exchange rate	yen/	\$	Ç	98.9	79.4	-19.5	9	5.0	+3.9
Number of subsidiaries			129	129	± 0	Design You	ır Energy	y 夢ある明日を	
Average of preliminary monthly data SVA (Shareholders' value added) = N	up to September. NOPAT – Invested c	apital ×	wacc ⁶						A GAS

This table summarizes the other results for the first half of the fiscal year ending March 2014.

Results for 1st Half of FY2014.3 - II

Consolidated,	A. FY14.3	F۱	Y13.3		A-B	Remarks
billion yen	1H end	1H end	B. Ye	ear end		
Total assets	1,593.7	1,464.7		1,566.8	+26.8	
Net worth	798.6	700.2		747.8	+50.8	Increased in Retained earnings, Valuation difference on available- for-sale securities, and Foreign currency translation adjustment, etc.
Interest-bearing debt	542.4	550.2		540.1	+2.2	
Number of employee	s 20,212	19,935		19,870	+342	
Equity ratio	50.1%	47.8%		47.7%	+2.4	
D/E ratio	0.68	0.79		0.72	-0.04	
	A. FY14.3 1H	B. FY13.3	3 1H	A-B		Remarks
Capital expenditure	57.0		56.3	+0.6		
Depreciation	41.0		40.9	+0.0		
Free cash flow	32.1		5.0	+27.0	Decrease etc.	e / increase in inventories,
ROA	2.0%	2	2.1%	-0.1		
ROE	4.1%	4	1.5%	-0.4		
EPS (yen)	15.2		14.8	+0.4		
BPS (yen) FCF = CF from operating activitie	383.6 s - (OP after tax + depr	3 eciation and othe	36.3 er non-ca	+47.3	- capital exp	oenditure Design Your Energy 夢ある明日を
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This slide shows the results for assets, liability, and primary financial indicators.

Capital expenditure remained the same as the previous year at 57.0 billion yen, which went into construction of major domestic pipelines, development of upstream businesses, and building of LNG carriers.

ROA and ROE edged down from the previous year to 2.0% and 4.1%, respectively.

Results of Investment for expansion, greenfield, and M&A in 1st Half of FY2014.3

- Decided investments in condensate and gas development project in Papua New Guinea and water supply business in UK.
- Cumulative amount approved for invest to date from FY 2010.3 are 370.5 billion yen (93% of the originally projected for the period between FY 2010.3 and FY 2014.3)



Let me now explain the progress of the investment plan for expansion, greenfield, and M&A.

We have decided to participate in the condensate and gas development project in Papua New Guinea and the Water supply business in UK.

As a result of these decision, we have so far allocated 370.5 billion yen of the budget in the four and a half years since the start of the mid- to long-term management plan in 2009.

Yesterday we announced our decision to acquire 100% of the shares of a Swedish manufacturer and distributor of activated carbon.

We will continue to further search for investment opportunities.

Summary of modifications to forecasts for FY 2014.3

			A. Revised Forecasts	B. Initial Forecasts	A-B	Remarks
Assumed	Crude oil price	\$/bbl	110	115	-5	
factors for 2 nd Half	Exchange rate	yen/\$	100	95	+5	
Non-	Residential use		(1,393)	(1,393)	(0)	No change to initial forecasts for the 2 nd half
consolidated gas sales			2,182	2,222	-39	
volume	Commercial, industria other use	l, and	(3,172)	(3,191)	(-20)	Considering decrease in operation of customer facilities
(45MJ/m ³)	other use		6,298	6,337	-39	operation of customer facilities
P/L	Consolidated net sales	6	1,504.5	1,508.0	-3.5	
(billion yen)	Gross margin of g	as sales	318.5	321.5	-3.0	Decrease in gas sales volume
	Profit of other sale	es	36.3	33.3	+3.0	Increase in profit of Power business
	Operating expens costs, and deprec		295.8	297.8	-2.0	Decrease in Operating expenses and Depreciation costs
	Profit of subsidiar	ies	40.0	43.0	-3.0	Decrease in profit of upstream business in U.S. , etc.
	Consolidated operatin	g income	99.0	100.0	-1.0	
	Consolidated ordinary	income	100.0	100.0	±0	
Gas sales v	volume figures in parenthe	ses in the up	oper row are figu	ires for the 2 nd	half of FY20 ²	14.3 Design Your Energy 夢友る明日を
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Let me now explain the forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 2014.

The forecasts for the second half are based on our latest assumptions of the crude oil price and forex rate, which are 110 US dollars per barrel and 100 yen to the US dollar, respectively.

The forecast for gas sales volume remains the same level as the initial forecast for the residential sector, but is expected to fall below the initial forecast by 39 million m³ for the commercial, industrial, and other sectors due to lower utilization of customer facilities.

Ordinary income are expected to 100 billion yen, remain the same as the initial forecast. The drop in gross margin of gas sales and the drop in profit of consolidated subsidiaries are forecasted to be offset by the increase in profits of incidental business such as the power business and the decrease of the cost.

Gas Sales Volume Forecasts for FY2014.3

45	5MJ/m ³	A. FY14.3 Forecasts	B. FY13.3 Results	A-B	A-B/B(%)
	Number of meters installed (thousand)	7,112	7,086	+26	+0.4%
	Installation of new meters (thousand)	100	91	+9	+9.8%
	Monthly gas sales volume per household (m ³ /month)	31.1	32.5	-1.4	-4.4%
	Residential use	2,182	2,272	-90	-4.0%
	Commercial, public, and medical use	1,486	1,540	-53	-3.5%
	Industrial use	4,350	4,222	+128	+3.0%
	Commercial and industrial use	5,836	5,761	+75	+1.3%
	Wholesale	462	469	-7	-1.6%
	(Non-regulated included)	(5,000)	(4,894)	(+106)	(+2.2%)
No	on-consolidated gas sales volume (million m ³)	8,480	8,503	-22	-0.3%
Сс	onsolidated gas sales volume (million m ³)	8,510	8,534	-24	-0.3%
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This slide shows the gas sales volume forecast for the fiscal year ending March 2014 in comparison with the previous year.

Gas sales volume for non-consolidated Osaka Gas is expected to be 0.3% lower than the previous year at 8.480 billion m³, namely 2.182 billion m³ for residential, down 4.0%, 1.486 billion m³ for commercial, public and medical, down 3.5%, and 4.350 billion m³ for industrial, up 3.0%.

Forecasts for FY2014.3 - I

	Figures in parenth	eses are ratio	os of conso	olidated res	sults to non-consolid	ated results
Consolidated,	A. FY14.3	B. FY	13.3 А-В		A-B/B (%)	
billion yen	Forecasts	Resu	ılts			_
Net sales	(1.26) 1,504.5	(1.24) 1 ,3	880.0	+124.4	4 +9.0%	
Operating income	(1.68) 99.0	(1.84)	84.7	+14.2	2 +16.8%	
Ordinary income	(1.54) 100.0	(1.63)	90.1	+9.8	8 +11.0%	
Net income	(1.43) 64.5	(1.49)	52.4	+12.0	0 +22.9%	
SVA	26.9		18.6	+8.2	2 +44.0%	
				'14.3 casts	B. FY13.3 Results	A-B
Consolidated gas sales volume	; m	illion m ³		8,510	8,534	-24
Profit/loss on fuel cost adjustn	nent system bil	lion yen		-10.9	-20.7	+9.8
Crude oil price	\$/	bbl		108.8	113.9	-5.1
Exchange rate	ує			99.4	83.1	+16.3
SVA (Shareholders' value added) = NOPAT – Invested capital × WACC Design Your Energy (事志明日を 11 OSAKA GAS						

This slide shows the profit and loss forecasts for the whole year in comparison with the previous year.

Net sales are expected to be 1.5045 trillion yen, up 9.0%.

As for profits, operating income is expected to increase by 16.8% to 99 billion yen, and ordinary income to increase by 11.0% to 100 billion yen, due largely to the decrease in time-lag loss by approximately 10 billion yen.

Forecasts for FY2014.3 - II

Consolidated, billion yen	A. FY14.3 end Forecasts	B. FY13.3 end Results	A-B				
Total assets	1,656.8	1,566.8	+89.9				
Net worth	802.3	747.8	+54.4				
Interest-bearing debt	607.0	540.1	+66.8				
Number of employees	20,201	19,870	+331				
Equity ratio	48.4 %	47.7%	+0.7				
D/E ratio	0.76	0.72	+0.03				
	A. FY14.3 Forecasts	B. FY13.3 Results	A-B				
Capital expenditure	134.7	112.9	+21.7				
Depreciation	79.3	82.8	-3.5				
Free cash flow	88.1	85.0	+3.0				
ROA	4.0%	3.4%	+0.6				
ROE	8.3%	7.3%	+1.0				
EPS (yen)	31.0	25.2	+5.8				
BPS (yen)	385.4	359.2	+26.2				
FCF = CF from operating activities - (OP at	FCF = CF from operating activities - (OP after tax + depreciation and other non-cash expenses) - capital expenditure Design Your Energy (事志る明日を 12						

Lastly, here is a summary of the forecasts for assets, liability, and primary financial indicators.

ROA and ROE for the entire year are expected to be 4.0% and 8.3%, respectively.

This concludes my presentation.

Please also see the handouts on for a detailed gap analysis and breakdown by segment. Thank you for your kind attention.



Topics in FY2014.3

- Acquisition of interest in a water supply and distribution business holding company in the UK (announced in Sept.)
 - Agreement reached to acquire from Sumitomo Corporation interest in Summit Water UK Limited, a holding company of Sutton and East Surrey Water plc (SESW) (Ownership after acquisition: Sumitomo Corporation 50%, Osaka Gas 50%)
 - SESW: Established in 1862 and privatized in 1989.
 Supplies water to approx. 280,000 accounts in southeast London.



- Acquisition of interest in a Swedish activated carbon business (announced in Sept.)
 - Agreement reached to acquire 100% of Jacobi Carbons AB's shares from AddSorb Holding AB.
 - Jacobi Carbons AB: Established in 1916. Currently produces activated carbon at its factories in 10 countries, and markets to 111 countries.
 - This acquisition will make the Osaka Gas Group the third largest activated carbon production/distribution business in the world, and the leading business for high valueadded coconut activated carbon.

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Sales variance for 1st Half of FY2014.3 (with targets)



Ordinary income variance for 1st Half of FY2014.3 (with targets)



Results for FY2014.3 by Segment

billion yen	Net s	ales	Operating income + Equity in earnings of affiliates		Remarks			
	FY14.3 1 st Half	FY13.3 1 st Half	FY14.3 1 st Half	FY13.3 1 st Half				
Gas	496.7	471.3	14.3	14.6	Net sales: Rise in gas sales price			
LPG, electricity, and other energy	113.4	98.9	21.6	20.1	<u>Net sales</u> : Increase in LNG sales and Power sales <u>Profit</u> : Increase in profit of Power business <u>Profit of Power business</u> ^(*) FY13.3 1H: 15.1, FY14.3 1H: 15.8			
International energy	6.0	5.2	3.0	4.6	Profit: Decrease in profit of Upstream business in U.S.			
Environment and non-energy	88.0	84.3	8.6	7.7	<u>Net sales</u> : Increase in sales of Engineering business, etc. <u>Profit</u> : Increase in profit of Material business, etc.			
Adjustments	-33.9	-30.0	1.3	1.3				
Consolidated	670.3	629.8	48.9	48.5				
(*) Profit from power busines	(*) Profit from power business represents operating income earned by Osaka Gas's related power business. 19 ゆのSAKA GAS							

Forecasts for FY2014.3 by Segment

billion yen	Net sales		Operating Equity in ea affilia	arnings of	Remarks
	FY14.3 forecasts	FY13.3 results	FY14.3 forecasts	FY13.3 results	
Gas	1,093.5	1,038.5	34.5	23.3	<u>Net sales</u> : Rise in gas sales price <u>Profit</u> : Decrease in loss on fuel cost adjustment system
LPG, electricity, and other energy	260.0	215.5	42.5	38.2	<u>Net sales</u> : Increase in LNG, LPG, and Power sales <u>Profit</u> : Increase in profit of Power business, etc.
International energy	13.0	10.7	5.0	7.6	Profit: Decrease in profit of Upstream business in U.S.
Environment and non-energy	204.5	185.6	21.5	19.0	<u>Net sales</u> : Increase in sales of Real estate business, etc. <u>Profit</u> : Increase in profits of IT and Real estate business, etc.
Adjustments	-66.5	-70.4	3.0	2.7	
Consolidated	1,504.5	1,380.0	106.5	91.1	
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Residential Gas Sales

FY2014.3 1st Half Results

	YoY change	Remarks
Number of customers	+0.4%	
Influence of temperature	-4.2%	Average annual temperature: 23.7 degrees Celsius (Year-on-Year change: +0.2 degrees Celsius)
Others	-1.3%	
Total	-5.1%	



FY2014.3 Forecasts

- Results in the 1st half fell below the targets by 39 million m³.
- No change in the initial forecasts for the 2nd half
- Full-year result is expected to fall below the initial forecasts by 39 million m³, which is a decrease of 90 million m³ from the previous year to 2,182 million m³.



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Commercial, public, and medical Gas Sales

FY2014.3 1st Half Results

	YoY change	Remarks
Demand development	+1.9%	Marketing effort to develop new demand for air conditioning
Influence of temperature, etc.	+1.0%	Increase in demand for air conditioning due to hotter weather in summer
Others	-3.3%	Impact of further energy conservation by customers
Total	-0.4%	

FY2014.3 Forecasts

- Results in the 1st half exceeded the targets by 13 million m³.
- Sales for the 2nd half is expected to fall below the initial forecasts by 8 million m³.
- Full-year result is expected to exceed the initial forecasts by 5 million m³, which is a decrease of 53 million m³ from the previous year to 1,486 million m³.
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FY2014.3 1st Half Results

	YoY change	Remarks
Demand development	+3.1 %	Shift to gas from other fuels, etc.
Increase/ decrease of operating rates	-2.6 %	Decrease in operation of customer facilities, etc.
Total	+0.5%	

Breakdown by sector (45MJ, million m³)

	Volume	YoY change
Machinery	168	86.3%
Metal	493	93.2%
Glass	173	102.1%
Food	257	98.5%
Chemical	625	106.0%

FY2014.3 Forecasts

- Results in the 1st half fell below the targets by 31 million m³.
- Considering the 1st half results, we expect that sales for the 2nd half will also be lower than the initial forecasts (by 9 million m³). Accordingly, we expect the full-year result will fall below the initial forecasts by 40 million m³, which is an increase of 128 million m³ from the previous year to 4,350 million m³.



Monthly gas sales

Year-on-Year Change 2012/2011 (%)

		Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total
Inc	lustrial	99.6	102.8	100.6	102.4	96.7	96.1	98.3	99.2	98.9	88.7	88.7	93.9	96.9
by	Machinery	121.2	109.2	111.2	118.4	104.6	105.4	106.4	104.5	95.3	94.1	81.0	75.2	100.6
s e	Metal	96.4	102.5	104.3	102.6	96.9	95.1	88.6	85.0	86.0	85.8	82.9	90.9	92.9
C	Glass	100.5	97.1	99.4	100.0	99.5	100.9	94.8	107.0	101.6	100.2	95.1	99.7	99.6
t	Food	99.6	100.5	99.2	104.1	103.3	100.2	102.6	102.0	103.3	101.1	94.3	96.0	100.5
o r	Chemical	96.1	102.5	101.0	105.8	102.3	102.0	96.8	99.0	119.2	101.3	102.9	103.1	102.6

Year-on-Year Change 2013/2012 (%)

		Apr.	Мау	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	^{1st} Half Total
Ind	lustrial	100.6	97.6	97.3	103.0	99.7	104.6	100.5
by	Machinery	87.1	87.4	77.9	89.1	85.8	89.9	86.3
s e	Metal	97.7	91.1	87.7	92.9	90.6	99.5	93.2
С	Glass	100.9	102.0	102.0	107.8	101.4	98.3	102.1
t o	Food	101.0	96.0	98.7	100.2	95.3	99.5	98.5
r	Chemical	110.4	103.5	104.0	107.0	100.9	110.4	106.0
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- Atmospheric and water temperatures
 - A 1 degree Celsius change in atmospheric and water temperatures will affect the residential gas sales volume: increase/decrease of approx. 5% in spring and autumn, approx. 6% in summer, and approx. 4% in winter.
- Crude oil prices
 - LNG prices are linked to crude oil prices. A \$1/bbl change in crude oil prices will have an effect of approx. 1.0 billion yen on ordinary income since the 3nd quarter (Oct. thru. Mar.) of this fiscal year.
- Foreign exchange rate
 - LNG prices are affected by fluctuations in the US\$/JPY exchange rate. A 1 yen fluctuation in the US\$/JPY exchange rate will have an effect of approx. 1.6 billion yen on ordinary income since the 3nd quarter (Oct. thru. Mar.) of this fiscal year.
- Materials costs
 - Although the fuel cost adjustment system allows us to reflect changes in fuel costs in gas rates in the medium- and long-term, an increase in fuel costs is likely to affect the business results due to a time lag in reflecting cost fluctuations, and also depends on the composition of fuel suppliers.
- Interest rate
 - A 1% change in the interest rate will have an effect of approx. 500 million yen on annual consolidated non-operating expenses.



