# Iberdrola USA-UIL merger



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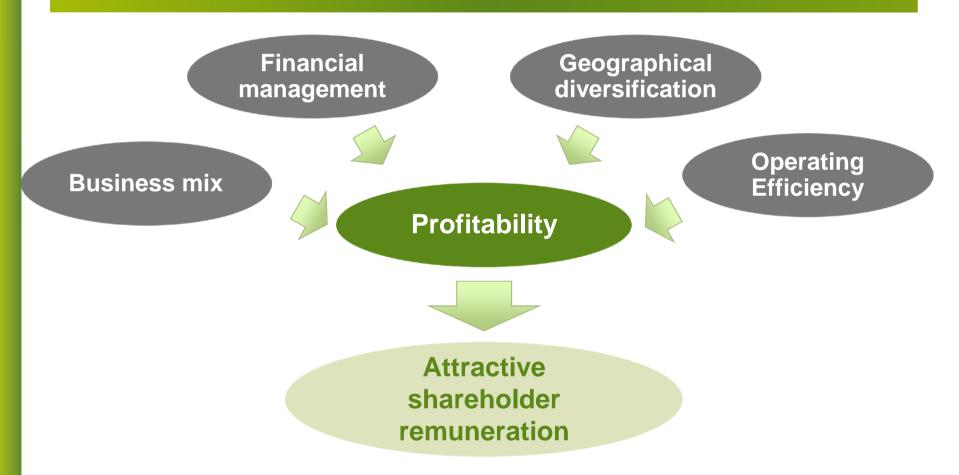
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A further step based on the principles of the Company ...



... in order to create and crystalise value for our stakeholders



#### The transaction fulfils all Iberdrola requirements

### Strategic

- ✓ Increase exposure to the US
- ✓ Increase the weight of regulated business
- **✓** Geographical proximity

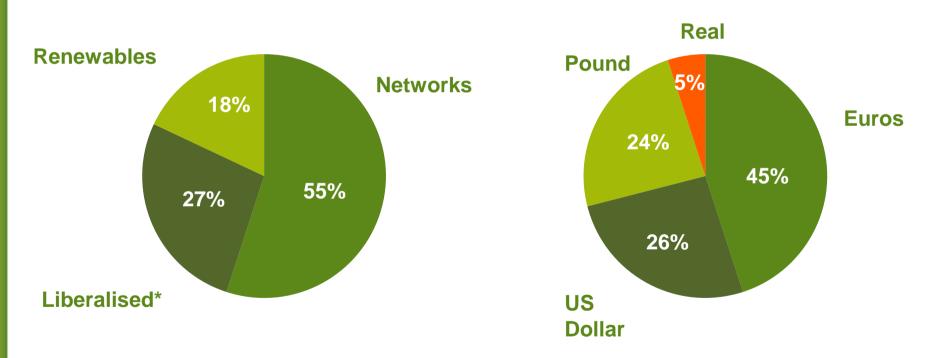
#### **Financial**

- √ No capital increase
- ✓ No change in the financial structure
- **✓** Positive impact on EPS and Cash Flow per share



# The transaction enhances Iberdrola regulated business contribution in 4 pp ...

### 2014e EBITDA proforma



... and increases exposure to US and US Dollar



# Merger agreed on a friendly basis of two companies with similar culture and aligned strategy ...

Iberdrola to own 81.5% of the combined company
UIL shareholders to receive 18.5% of the combined company
plus a cash payment of USD 597 M

Combined entity will be listed on the NYSE

Dividend policy to remain consistent with IBE Group: 65%-75% pay-out ratio

... in order to create one of the largest US Utilities

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## **Key Transaction Elements**



### Iberdrola USA and UIL to merge ...

Seven regulated utility companies operating in four states

Rate Base over USD 8 bn

Total customer base of 3.1 M

38.7 TWh of distributed energy and 6.7 GW of installed capacity

2<sup>nd</sup> largest wind operator in the US

Pro-forma EBITDA of USD 2 bn and Net Income of USD 570 M

... creating a leading utility in the US with an attractive combination of growth and yield

## **Combined Entity Overview**



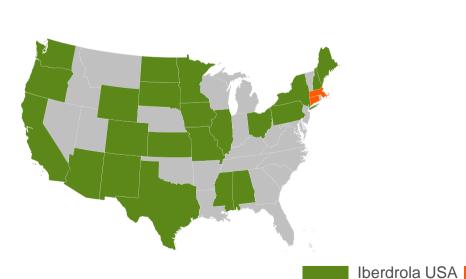
#### Financial Figures

	Iberdrola USA	UIL	Iberdrola USA + UIL
EBITDA 2014 (USD M)	1,576	438	2,014
Recurring Net Profit 2014 (USD M)	433	123	556
Rate Base (USD Bn)	6.1	2.2	8.3

#### **Operational Figures**

	Iberdrola USA	UIL	Iberdrola USA + UIL
Total Customers (M)	2.4	0.7	3.1
Distributed Energy 2014 (TWh)	33.3	5.4	38.7
Installed Capacity (MW)	6,479	205	6,684

#### Presence in the US



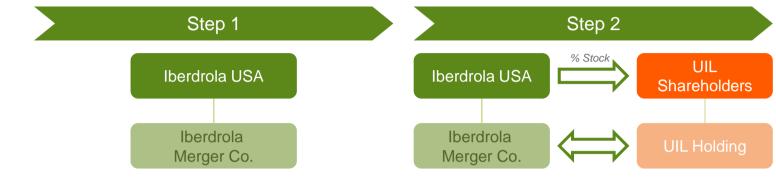
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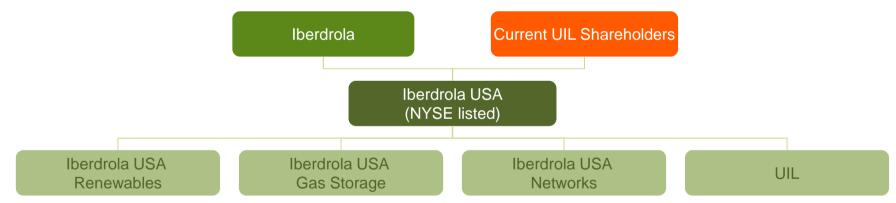
### **Transaction Structure**



#### Transaction Steps



#### Post-transaction Structure



- Transaction recommended by UIL's Board of Directors
- UIL's current CEO to be appointed CEO of the combined company
- The Board will be comprised of 12 members, of which 3 will be from UIL

### **Transaction Rationale**



#### Transaction satisfies Iberdrola's criteria for non-organic transactions ...

## Regulated business profile

 Strengthens and expands IBE regulated business profile, adding low risk and predictable cash flow operations

#### **Geographic fit**

- Business proximity and strategic alignment
- Opportunity to jointly promote new projects
- Platform to develop gas distribution projects across the US

## Increased exposure to the US and the US dollar

- Increases Iberdrola's US business contribution
- Strong economic outlook and sovereign credit rating AAA<sup>1</sup>
- Diversifies currency risk with more US Dollar exposure in addition to the current presence in the US and Mexico

## Listed company on the NYSE

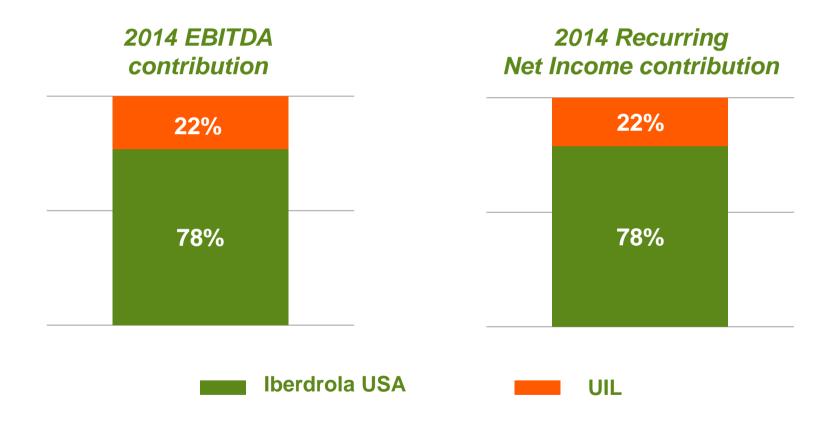
- Highlights embedded value without asset divestment
- Creates a new currency
- Allows the company to be compared with its peers in the US

### ... agreed on a friendly basis

### **Valuation**



Iberdrola to own 81.5% of the combined company UIL shareholders to receive 18.5% of the combined company ...



... plus a cash payment of USD 597 M

## **Control Premium Analysis**



19.5% premium over the last 30 days and 24.8% over the last day, consistent with precedent transactions

Acquirer	Target	30 - Day VWAP <sup>1</sup>	1 – Day Prior
NextEra	Hawaiian	20.9%	18.8%
Exelon	Pepco Holdings	28.9%	24.7%
Fortis	UNS Energy	24.7%	24.3%
	Mean	24.6%	25.0%

The premium over the last 30 days' market price is in line with other comparable transactions

1. Volume Weighted Average Price

## Financial strength – Credit Ratios



Small impact on solvency ratios compensated by the improvement of the business and geographical profile as we increase our regulated exposure and in the US

This transaction will be finalised by the end of 2015

## **Financial impact**



#### Achieving the financial criteria set by the company ...

Positive impact on EPS from year 1 post closing

**√** 

Positive impact on cash flow per share

**√** 

Maintaining financial strength without capital increase



... fulfilling the commitment to shareholders and bondholders

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### Closing of transaction assumed to take 5-8 months

6-8 Months

4-6 Months

30-90 Days

Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities
Regulatory Authority

Connecticut Public Utilities
Regulatory Authority

Others

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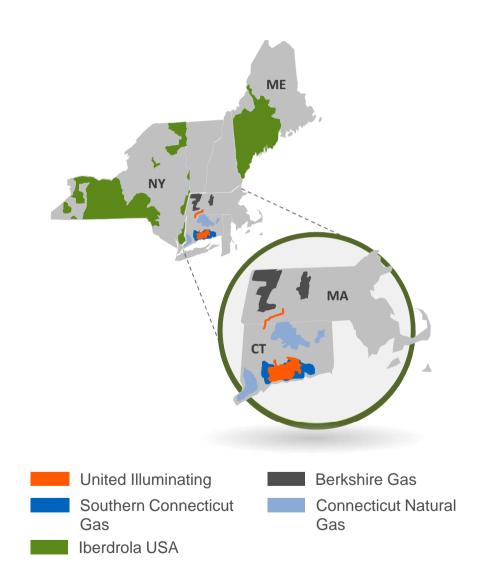
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## **UIL Operational Overview**



### **UIL Operating Data**

Total Points of Supply (M)	0.7
Electricity (MM)	0.3
Gas (MM)	0.4
Distributed Electricity (GWh)	5,422
Distributed Gas (MM of cubic feet)	77,638
Total Rate Base 2014 (USD bn)	2.2
Electricity Rate Base 2014 (USD bn)	1.3
Gas Rate Base 2014 (USD bn)	0.9
Installed Capacity¹ (MW)	205



Source: Company Disclosure

<sup>1.</sup> UIL has a 50% ownership position in two regulated oil/gas peaking plants via its joint venture with affiliates of NRG ("GenConn"), which receives cost of service recovery in rates via annual revenue requirement filings

## **UIL Financial Overview**



### **UIL** consolidated figures

USD M	2014
EBITDA	438
Recurring Net income*	123
Net income	109
Net debt	1,691
CAPEX	307
Net Debt / EBITDA	3.9x
Rating (S&P/Moody's)	BBB / Baa2

## **UIL Businesses Overview**



	Regulated UIL Holdings inesses				
	United Illuminating (UI)	Southern Connecticut Gas (SCG)	Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG)	Berkshire Gas (Berkshire)	
State	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Massachusetts	
Businesses	<ul><li>Service territory: 355 sq miles</li><li>Distribution company</li></ul>	<ul><li>Service territory: 512 sq miles</li><li>2,300 network miles</li></ul>	<ul><li>Service territory: 716 sq miles</li><li>2,050 network miles</li></ul>	<ul><li>Service territory: 738 sq miles</li><li>750 network miles</li></ul>	
Points of Supply (000)	317	188	169	39	
Rate Base <sup>1</sup>	1,317	460	380	81	
Allowed ROE	<ul><li>Distribution: 9.15%</li><li>Trans: Up to 11.74%</li><li>Generation: 9.95%</li></ul>	9.36%	9.18%	10.50%	
Installed capacity (MW)	205 <sup>2</sup>	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	
Workforce		1,895 employees			

Source: UIL 2013 Annual Report and Management Pla

<sup>1. 2014</sup>E

<sup>2.</sup> Includes UIL's 50% ownership of GenConn, which consists in 2 gas peaking facilities of 196 MW (regulated), and 6 MW of solar and Hydrogen/Fuel cell projects (not regulated)

## **UIL Applicable Regulatory Framework**



### Rate Base Mechanism

- Rates provide an allowed return (ROE) for the utility, taking into account the asset base (rate-based regulation) plus operational costs, taxes and capital costs
- Revenue requirements are typically calculated as follows:
  - Net Income = Rate Base x Equity Component of Capital Structure x ROE
  - Revenue Requirements = Net Income + Interest + Taxes + D&A + O&M Costs + Fuel Costs (pass-through)
- Currently effective rate plans remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the relevant State Commissions

#### UIL Connecticut Regulatory Highlights

- 100% regulated business
- UI last rate case approved on August 14th 2013:
  - UI Transmission: 10.57% 11.74% authorized ROE with a 49.60% equity layer
  - UI Distribution: 9.15% authorized ROE with a 50.00% equity layer
    - 50/50 sharing above authorized ROE
- CNG last rate case approved on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014:
  - 9.18% authorized ROE with a 52.52% authorized equity layer
    - 50/50 sharing above authorized ROE
- SCG last rate case approved on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2009:
  - 9.36% authorized ROE with a 52.00% authorized equity layer
    - No sharing required
- UI has a 50% ownership position in two regulated oil/gas peaking plants via its joint venture with affiliates of NRG ("GenConn"), with an authorized ROE of 9.95%

#### UIL Massachusetts Regulatory Highlights

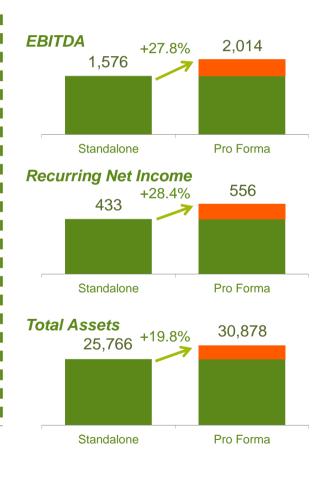
- Berkshire last rate case approved on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2002:
  - 10.50% authorized ROE with a 41.89% authorized equity layer
    - No sharing required

## **IBE USA and UIL: Financial Summary**



#### **Pro Forma Analysis 2014E**

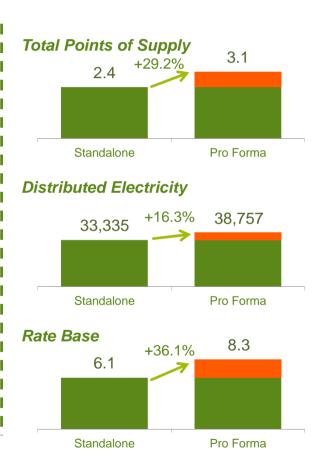
USD M	Iberdrola USA Standalone	UIL Standalone	Pro Forma
EBITDA	1,576	438	2,014
Recurring Net Income	433	123	556
Net Income	446	109	555
Total Assets	25,766	5,112	30,878
Capex	941	307	1,248
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.6x	3.9x	2.1x



## IBE USA and UIL: Operational Summary IBERDROLA

#### **Pro Forma Analysis 2014E**

USD M	Iberdrola USA Standalone <sup>1</sup>	UIL Standalone	Pro Forma
Total Points of Supply <sup>1</sup> (MM)	2.4	0.7	3.1
Points of Electricity Supply <sup>1</sup> (MM)	1.8	0.3	2.1
Points of Gas Supply <sup>1</sup> (MM)	0.6	0.4	1.0
Distributed Electricity <sup>2</sup> (GWh)	33,335	5,422	38,757
Rate Base <sup>2</sup> (USD Bn)	6.1	2.2	8.3
Installed Capacity <sup>2</sup> (MW)	6,479	205 <sup>3</sup>	6,684



Source: Company Disclosure, Broker Research

<sup>. 3</sup>Q 2014

FY 2014 (Provisional)

MWs attributable to UIL from its 50% interest in GenConn Energy LLC