

# Cherkasyoblenergo

### Assignment of investment rating

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#### Tickers

Bloomberg	CHON UZ
Market information	
Market price, USD	2.0
MCap, USD mln	269.8
No of shares, mln	148.39
Free float	2.3%
Free float LISD mln	6.8

#### Corporate Governance

Concorde Rating

\* The rating is based on Concorde Capital's corporate governance survey. Q denotes quality corporate governance standards, AA above average standards, A - average, BA below average and P - poor.

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#### Shareholders

NC ECU (State)	46.0%
UkrEsCo (State)	25.0%
Grigorishyn	26.6%
Other	2.4%

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#### Key financials and ratios Sales.

	USD mln	margin	margin
2006	85.0	12.4%	3.6%
2007E	94.4	13.5%	6.6%
2008E	119.1	12.8%	6.3%
	EV/S	EV/EBITDA	P/E
2006	3.6	29.2	95.7
2007E	3.2	24.1	47.9
2008E	2.6	20.1	39.6

#### Current price: USD 2.0 12M Target: USD 1.9

- We assign an investment rating to Cherkasyoblenergo. The stock was readmitted to the PFTS on November 20, four years after it was delisted
- We set a 12M target of USD 1.9 per share, derived in our Oblenergo report of Nov. 2007. Our target yields 6% downside

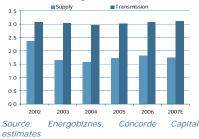
#### **INVESTMENT CASE**

- Highest EBITDA and net margins in the sector in 9M07
- No large debts to the wholesale market operator, unlike most other state-controlled Oblenergos
- Privatization, expected in 2008-2009, will be a catalyst
- Free float is one of the lowest among Oblenergos

#### Cherkasy region on Ukrainian map



#### CHON electricity data, TWh



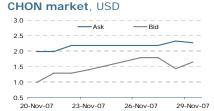
#### **KEY FACTS ABOUT CHERKASYOBLENERGO**

- Transmits and supplies electricity in Cherkasy region, Central Ukraine
- Total length of gridlines: 38.5 ths km
- Total transformer capacity: 3.8 GVA
- Customer base does not include Pobuzk Ferronickel Plant, which accounts for 30% of the Cherkasy region's electricity consumption. Pobuzk Ferronickel Plant has a license for electricity supply at non-regulated
- One of few state Oblenergos where a private shareholder (Grigorishyn) is represented on the supervisory board. Grigorishyn highly likely has operating control

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Stock performance, 12M





Source: PFTS, Bloomberg. \* CHON YTD performance was calculated from Nov 21, 2007. Note: Oblenergo Index is MCap-weighted, includes Dniprooblenergo (DNON), Kharkivoblenergo (HAON), Krymenergo (KREN) and Zaporizhiaoblenergo (ZAON)



# **Appendix**

## **Valuation summary**

	EV/Electr.	EV/	EV/	DAR				
	supply	<b>EBITDA</b>	Capacity	RAB				
Peer multiples	192.3	13.9	0.162					
reel multiples	USD/MWh	13.7	USD/VA					
Discount to peers	0%	0%	50%					
Weight applied	25%	20%	30%	25%				
					Implied EV	Implied MCap	12M target, USD	Upsid
Implied EV, USD mln	346.7	179.8	307.9	295.5	288.9	279.6	1.9	-69

Source: Bloomberg, Company data, Concorde Capital estimates. \* For more details, refer to our Oblenergo report of November 8, 2007.



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