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Gas Distribution Companies

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Investment Summary

With this report we are initiating coverage of Ukrainian gas distribution companies or GasCos, a sector that has long been overlooked by portfolio investors due to its peculiar regulatory climate, low profitability, high indebtedness and lack of liquidity. As these problems are in the process of being solved, we believe GasCos provide an interesting long-term opportunity for investors who are willing to tolerate the still significant risks.

Increasing M&A activity in the gas distribution sector and upcoming gas sector reforms are the main factors pushing GasCos liquidity and value appreciation.

There are 44 GasCos in Ukraine, each with a local monopoly in a particular territory, which can be a city, region or district. Their main business is to transport and supply gas within their territories. GasCos earn regulated tariffs for their transport and supply services. They also engage in other business including LNG trading, gas equipment service, building and repairing pipelines.

Although the Ukrainian government is planning to significantly reduce gas consumption by two times over the next 25 years, GasCos will see only a slow and gradual reduction in the long term, as they supply gas mainly to households and public institutions which are planned to reduce gas consumption by not more than 25% over the next 25 years. In any case, GasCos' sales will grow with the convergence of gas tariffs to the EU level (the expected growth of the domestic tariff is at least 200%).

We expect GasCos' profitability to improve due to a recent increase in tariffs and the efforts underway to improve chronic payment discipline problems in the heating sector. The government has initiated a program to clear GasCos' debts, and plans are being developed to revamp the sector's archaic regulatory framework.

The main risks associated with GasCos is that they do not fully own the gas networks they operate (while taking networks away from them is almost impossible), and could loose their gas supply business (risk is remote). We accounted for these risks in our valuation section.

We have identified 10 GasCos that we think are interesting investment targets. These companies have shown relatively good financial performance over the last period, and they are of adequate size, with target MCap exceeding USD 20 mln. Note that our target prices imply a 95% discount to EU companies by EV/Gas multiples.

The absence of a liquid market for GasCo stocks makes it difficult to talk about market prices. We give indicative prices for some of the stocks we recommend based on rough estimates from our sales desk. Investors should be aware that the market impact of block trades can be significant.

10 Recommended GasCos

	Sales , USD mln		J Targot		Target Price	Current Price Range	Recommend.	
	2005	2006E	2005	USD mln	F73	USD	USD	
DniporpetrovskGaz	63.8	100.3	-10.4%	39.0	0.39	45.2	n/a	BUY
DonetskOblGaz	52.4	82.9	0.5%	36.0	0.43	0.052	0.035	BUY
Ivano-FrankivskGaz	43.9	63.7	2.5%	25.0	0.39	1.65	0.20 - 0.50	BUY
KharkivOblGaz	51.0	79.6	9.6%	30.0	0.38	6.15	2.00 - 3.00	BUY
KhmelnitskGaz	35.6	54.4	10.2%	22.0	0.40	59.7	25.0 - 35.0	BUY
KyivOblGaz	60.6	99.1	5.8%	44.0	0.44	1.30	0.80 - 1.00	BUY
LuhankskGaz	48.0	77.7	3.1%	30.5	0.39	4.18	n/a	BUY
LvivGaz	73.1	107.0	-0.7%	30.0	0.28	8.80	n/a	BUY
OdessaGaz	60.7	94.1	1.8%	22.0	0.23	38.0	5.00 - 6.50	BUY
PoltavaGaz	34.2	51.3	6.3%	20.0	0.39	48.3	n/a	BUY



WHY GASCOS?



GasCos: What Are They?

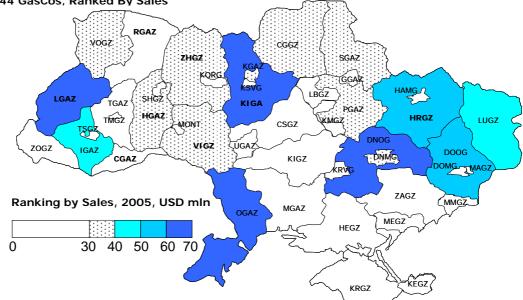
Gas distribution companies (GasCos) are companies responsible for transportation and retail supply of natural gas and bottled liquid natural gas (LNG) within a particular territory, which can be a region (oblast), city or district. GasCos utilize the local gas pipeline networks within their areas, most of which are leased from the state. However, GasCos usually also own some amount of pipeline infrastructure.

The business of GasCos can be broken into four categories:

- transportation of natural gas (on average, about 50% of revenues)
- retail supply of natural gas to consumers (~10%)
- supply of LNG to households and running LNG fuel stations (~10%)
- service of gas equipment, pipeline construction, other service (~30%)

Nearly all gas consumers rely on GasCos for gas transportation. However, GasCos supply gas mainly to households and public institutions, and not much to industry.

There are 44 GasCos in Ukraine, and they vary widely in size, from USD 3 mln to USD 70 mln in sales.



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The 44 GasCos, Ranked By Sales

GasCos List

Abbrev.	Name	Area of gas trasportation/supply	Abbrev.	Name	Area of gas trasportation/supply
CGAZ*	ChernivtsiGaz	Chernivtsi Region***	LBGZ	LubnyGaz	Four districts of Poltava region
CGGZ	ChernigivGaz	Chernigiv Region	LGAZ*	LvivGaz	Lviv Region
CSGZ	CherkasyGaz	Cherkasy Region**	LUGZ	LuhankskGaz	Luhansk Region
DNMG	DniproGaz	City of Dnipropetrovsk	MAGZ	MakiivkaGaz	City of Makiivka, Donetsk reg.
DNOG	Dniporpetrovskgaz	Dnipropetrovsk Region**	MEGZ	MelitopolGaz	Three districts of Zaporizhia reg.
DOMG	DonetskMiskGaz	City of Donetsk	MGAZ	MykolaivGaz	Mykolaiv Region
DOOG	DonetskOblGaz	Donetsk Region**	MMGZ	MariupolGaz	Three districts of Donetsk reg.
GGAZ	GadiachGaz	Gadiach district, Poltava reg.	OGAZ	OdessaGaz	Odessa Region
HAMG	KharkivMiskGaz	City of Kharkiv	PGAZ	PoltavaGaz	Poltava Region**
HEGZ	KhersonGaz	Kherson Region	RGAZ*	RivneGaz	Rivne Region
HGAZ*	KhmelnitskGaz	Khmelnitsk Region**	SGAZ	SumyGaz	Sumy Region
HRGZ*	KharkivGaz	Kharkiv Region* *	SHGZ	ShepetivkaGaz	Shepetivka district of Khmelnitsk reg.
IGAZ	Ivano-FrankivskGaz	Ivano-Frankivsk Region**	SMGZ	SevastopolGaz	City of Sevastopol
KEGZ	KerchGaz	Kerch Peninsular, Crimea	TGAZ	TernopilGaz	Ternopil Region**
KGAZ	KyivGaz	City of Kiev	TMGZ	TernopilMiskGaz	City of Ternopil
KIGA*	KyivOblGaz	Kiev Region**	TSGZ	TysmenytsiaGaz	Tysmenytsia district, Ivano-Frankivsk reg
KIGZ	KirovogradGaz	Kirovograd Region	UGAZ	UmanGaz	Uman district, Cherkasy reg.
KMGZ	KremenchukGaz	Two districts of Poltava region	VIGZ*	VinnitsaGaz	Vinnitsa Region**
KORG	KorostyshivGaz	Korostyshiv district, Zhytomyr reg.	VOGZ	VolynGaz	Volyn Region
KRGZ	KrymGaz	Crimea Rep.**	ZAGZ	ZaporizhGaz	Zaporizhia Region**
KRVG	KryvorizhGaz	City of Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk reg.	ZHGZ*	ZhytomyrGaz	Zhytomyr Region**
KSVG	Kiev-Sviatoshyn GasCo	Kiev-Sviatoshyn district, Kiev reg.	ZOGZ	ZakarpatGaz	Transcarpatian Region

* Companies supplying only part of the territory in the region ** ChernivtsyGaz has no gas supply license, so it is only a gas transportation company

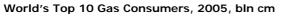


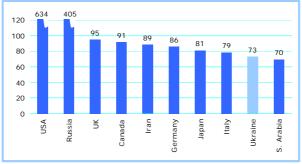
"Gas Forever"

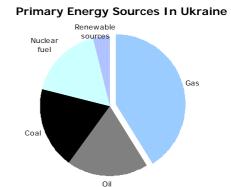
Historically, Ukraine has shown little initiative in curbing its enormous gas consumption. However, recent gas price hikes have prompted the implementation of new energy-saving reforms. The Energy Strategy of Ukraine stipulates a 50% cut in overall gas consumption by 2030. But household gas consumption, GasCos' main source of revenue, is expected to decrease gradually by only 25%.

Consuming a lot...

Ukraine is among the world's top-10 consumers of natural gas, accounting for 2.6% of the world's annual gas consumption. In 2005 Ukraine consumed 73 bcm of gas, putting it on par with Japan, Italy, Saudi Arabia and the entire African continent. Gas is the most important primary energy source in Ukraine.

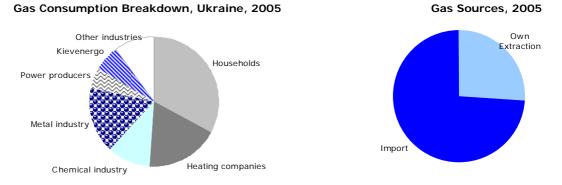






Source: BP's Statistical Review of World Energy 2006

The main gas consumers are households, the heating sector, metallurgical and chemical enterprises, and electricity producers.



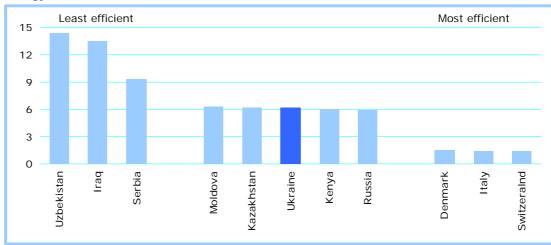
Source: Ministry of Fuel and Energy

Domestic extraction covers only 26% of internal gas demand. Ukraine is therefore dependant on gas from Russia and the Middle East which adds uncertainty to domestic gas tariffs which are highly sensitive to export prices. However, GasCos' available revenue is not directly affected by gas prices.



Consuming too much...

Ukraine is one of the world's most energy-intensive economies partly because it inherited the USSR's energy-inefficient technologies. Additionally, no energy-saving programs have been implemented due to low Russian gas prices which Ukraine enjoyed during 1991-2005. Ukraine is the 15-th least efficient energy consuming economy in the world, consuming 4 times more energy per one unit of GDP than Italy and Switzerland.



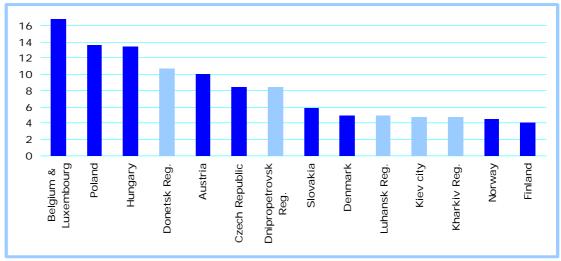


Source: International Energy Agency (IEA) 2005, Concorde Capital calculations



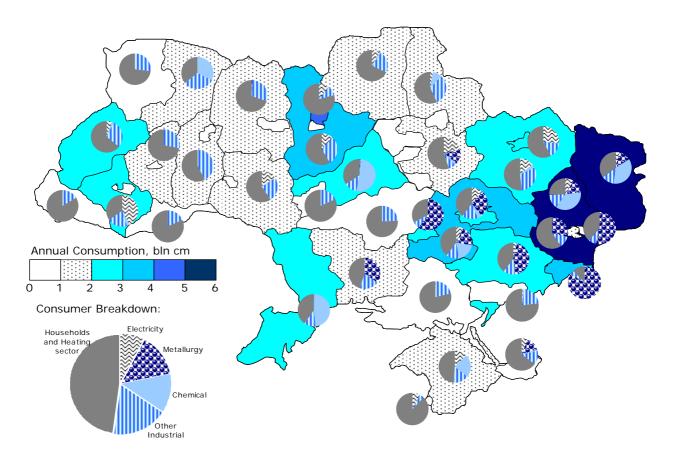
Regions Consume As Much As EU Countries

The biggest consumers of natural gas are the industrial regions of eastern Ukraine and the regions with high population density. The volume of natural gas consumption in some Ukrainian regions is comparable with that of mid-sized European countries.



Gas Consumption, 2005, bln cm

Source: IEA, EnergoBusiness, Concorde Capital



Total Consumption And Consumer Breakdown Of GasCos' Activity By Location

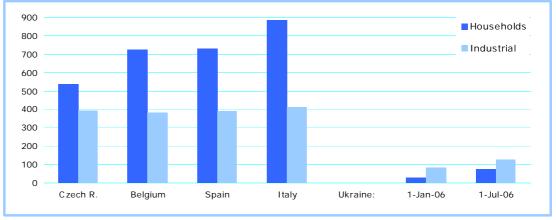


Consumption Optimization Potential

The Energy Strategy of Ukraine stipulates a decrease in gas consumption by 1/2 in the next 25 years. Theoretically, this is possible, because:

- Ukraine has huge deposits of coal and uranium ore which could substitute gas as an energy source.
- Ukraine has enough room for a decrease in consumption of primary energy sources. In particular, the Strategy foresees a decrease of energy intensiveness of GDP by 50%, due to structural changes (energy savings) and technological upgrades.

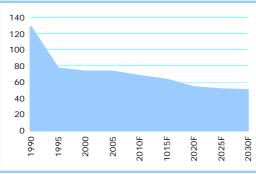
When this strategy was developed (2001-2002), no gas crisis was anticipated. The sole purpose of cutting gas consumption was to help Ukraine become more energy independent. This did not turn out to be a strong enough motivation. But we expect the resent triple-digit hike in gas prices in 2006 will prove to be a better incentive to fulfill the strategy.



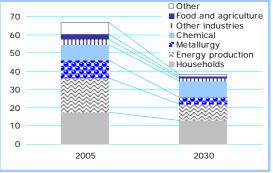
Retail Gas Tariffs, Jan 1, 2006, USD/ths cm

Source: Eurostat, Gaz Ukrayny, Concorde Capital calculations





Breakdown According To "Strategy"



Source: Fuel and Energy Ministry, Energy Strategy of Ukraine till 2030

Note that during the next 25 years the highest decrease in gas consumption is expected in the industrial sector (except chemical), while in households (GasCos' main consumers) the decrease is expected to be only 25%.

More, as gas tariffs in Ukraine are 3-10 times lower than in EU countries, and we expect convergence domestic of gas tariffs to EU level, revenues of GasCos will grow significantly in the long-term.

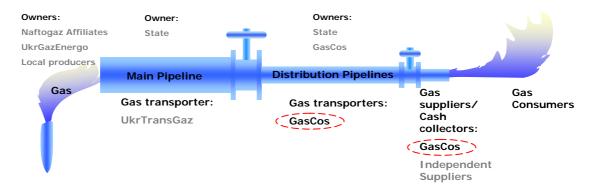


Internal Gas Market: Where are GasCos Involved?

First, gas is produced by National Company Nafogaz Ukrainy (NAK Naftogaz) and its affiliated companies, NAK Gaz Ukrainy and NAK ChornomorNaftoGaz, or imported by the joint venture company UkrGazEnergo. From there gas gets to the customer in one of three ways:

- 1) In the case of the biggest industrial users which have direct links to the main pipeline, gas goes directly to the customer and the GasCo is not involved at all.
- 2) In the case of most medium and larger industrial users, another company is the supplier and they pay the GasCo for transportation.
- 3) In the case of small industry, households and public institutions, gas is delivered through a local pipeline network operated by one of the GasCos, and the GasCo also acts as the supplier.

Simplified Gas Flow Pattern





BUSINESS



Revenue Sources

Four Business Segments

The key sources of GasCos' revenue are transportation of gas in local pipelines, supply of gas to consumers (which includes physical supply of gas to consumers and cash collection), supply of LNG, and related services.

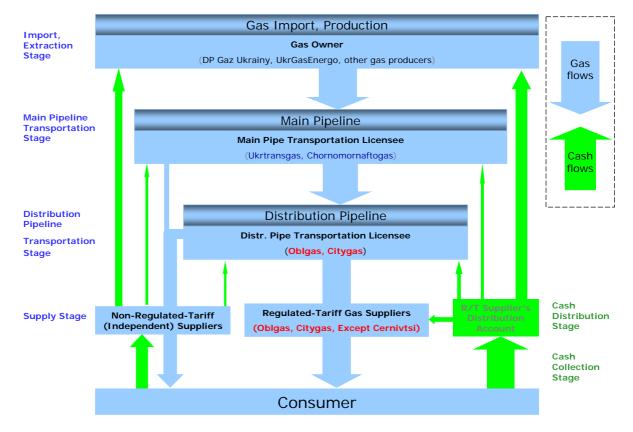
Note that gas transportation and gas supply are two different markets for GasCos: even when a GasCo transports gas directly to the consumer, it does not necessarily "supply" it. The supplier can be any other company which has a supply license. As a result, the gas supply business is much less important and less stable for GasCos than the gas transportation business.

Revenue Distribution

Before presenting revenue distribution, it is necessary to make a distinction between GasCos' reported revenue (from the P&L statement) and their disposable revenue (which actually comes to GasCos' business accounts). The distinction is rooted in the regulation system.

Cash Flow Regulation: NERC Algorithm, Similar To Oblenergos

GasCos have restricted access to the money they collect from retail gas consumers. The money must be deposited in special "distribution accounts", which are then distributed to the GasCo, the wholesale gas supplier (usually Gaz Ukrainy or UkrGazEnergo), and the national gas pipeline operator (usually UkrTransGaz), according to the "algorithm" set by the NERC. The portion distributed to the GasCo is called the "NERC algorithm". The system is very similar to one applied to electricity distribution companies (Oblenergos).



Gas and Cash Flow Schedule



This system was introduced in 2000 in order to improve payment discipline. In the 1990s, after GasCos were privatized, if retail gas consumers didn't pay for supplies, the GasCos generally covered their own costs first and passed any shortfalls on to Naftogaz. The distribution account system ensures that any shortfall is shared proportionally.

This rule means that not all of GasCos' reported revenue goes directly to GasCos' accounts. Although GasCos report the full amounts they collect from retail consumers as revenue, GasCos only have access to a portion of this revenue (refereed as disposable revenue). However, this restriction applies only to GasCos' revenue from retail gas supply, not to revenue from gas transport or other business.

"NERC	Algorithm" For Gascos Fo	<u>5r July 2</u> 006			
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KIGA	KyivOblGaz	21%	TSGZ	TysmenytsiaGaz	29%
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Source: NE	RC				

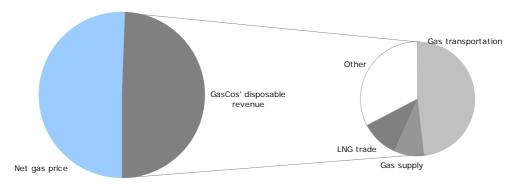
"NERC Algorithm" For GasCos For July 2006

* Note: ChernivtsiGaz obtains money from the distribution account of Gaz Ukrainy, the supplier of gas in Chernivtsi region

Supply Business Determines Reported Revenue

GasCos' reported revenue includes all the money they collect from their retail supply customers (i.e., on the R/T suppliers' distribution account on the chart above), even though GasCos only have access to the portions that are connected to the services they provide: gas transport and supply. Part of the reported revenue which bypasses GasCos' account is the net price of gas plus the main pipeline transportation tariff. It is reported simultaneously as both costs and revenues for GasCos. This value does not affect GasCos' bottom lines, but heavily affects reported revenue (49% of reported revenue).

GasCos Sector Revenue Structure



Source: company data, Gaz Ukrainy, Concorde Capital estimates



Transportation Business Determines Disposable Revenue

GasCos' disposable revenue is the revenue that GasCos actually can access. From the retail supply business, it includes only the portion paid to GasCos' own accounts, representing their tariffs for transportation and supply. It also includes revenue from gas transportation paid to GasCos by alternative suppliers, and all other kinds of revenues. Note that 48% of GasCos disposable revenue comes from transportation business. That is why GasCos treat gas transportation as their core business.



Natural Gas Retail

The Transportation Business

Transportation of natural gas in local pipelines is the main and most stable component of GasCos' activity. GasCos operate the entire infrastructure needed for transportation of gas from main pipelines to end users, they account for local transportation of more than 50 bln cm of gas in Ukraine.

Gas Networks Leased

Unlike Ukrainian electricity distribution companies (Oblenergos) which own all the electricity networks, GasCos own only part of the gas networks they operate. Part of the network infrastructure is owned by the state and leased by GasCos. Although theoretically this implies a risk that GasCos could lose their leases, we think that is unlikely. The state-owned and GasCo-owned portions of pipeline infrastructure are highly intertwined. GasCos received ownership of some pipeline infrastructure when they were privatized and they also own the portions that they have upgraded since privatization. While upgrading their networks, GasCos generally focus on small but crucial parts of their gas networks. Thus, it would be extremely problematic to try to separate GasCos from the distribution networks. Therefore, we treat GasCos as infinite lessees of gas distribution networks.

Alternative Transporting Service Providers?

It is also theoretically possible that alternative transport companies could appear and try to compete with GasCos in this market sector. Any company can construct its own gas pipeline link to the national pipeline network and thereby bypass GasCos' local transport network. However, as a practical matter that option is only affordable for large gas consumers located near main gas pipelines, most of which already have such links.

Illustration: The Economics of Building an Alternative Pipeline

Currently, the gas transport tariff for those pumping gas from GasCos' pipelines is 14 USD/ths cm. The transportation tariff for those connected to main pipelines is 11.4 USD/ths cm. Thus, what the company can economize by constructing its own pipeline is 2.6 USD/ths cm. Recent experience shows that the cost of construction of one kilometer of pipeline is about USD 0.12 mln.

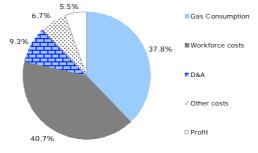
Thus, assuming 15% cost of capital, the useful life of alternative pipeline of 25 years, and the length of alternative pipeline 10 km, then the construction of a pipeline can be justified only if the company consumes more than 62 mln cm of gas annually. This is affordable only for the largest chemical, metallurgical and power plants, and only if they have the needed capital.

Thus, most gas end consumers buy gas from GasCos' distribution pipelines.

Costs And Profit

The main costs related to the gas transportation business are gas consumption (for transportation purposes) and salaries. Regulators allow for 5.5% profitability of transport business, on average.

Transportation Tariff Components, Average Among GasCos, 2006, USD/ths cm



Source: NERC, Concorde Capital calculations



The Supply Business

The gas supply business encompasses the physical supply of gas to the end user, ensuring the quality of gas supply, and bill collection for the supplied gas. In Ukraine, this business is de-monopolized, which means any company that has a license can supply gas.

Market Position

GasCos occupy about 50% of the Ukrainian gas supply market, but they are mainly concentrated on households, budget sector and heating enterprises. The high-margin segments of gas supply to industrial enterprises are occupied by Gaz Ukrainy and small alternative gas suppliers.

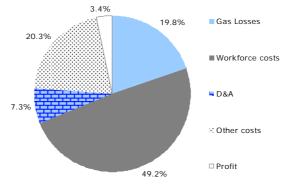
Natural Gas Supply Market Shares, 2005:



In most cases, large gas consumers "supply" gas to themselves (i.e. they have a license for gas supply) thus not paying to GasCos for gas supply service, and saving on average 3.7 USD/ths cm.

Costs

The key cost item in the supply business is related to workforce (more than 50%, on average).



Supply Tariff Components, Average Among GasCos, 2006, USD/ths cm

Another important component is the loss of gas which is paid directly by GasCos:

Source: NERC, Concorde Capital calculations



Gas "Losses" From Supply

Under the NERC's rules for determining GasCos' costs, GasCos are forced to absorb some losses associated with the lack of gas meters in most households. Households which do not have gas meters are assumed to consume a standard amount of gas determined by the government. This creates an incentive for households to waste gas, as they don't pay for any gas used above the pre-set standards. The NERC doesn't recognize the cost of this over-consumption when it calculates GasCos' estimated costs for the purpose of setting tariffs. These costs are absorbed by GasCos and are called commercial gas losses.

Because 15-60% of households (depending on the GasCo) do not have gas meters, most GasCos suffer from commercial gas losses. To solve the problem, the government and Naftogaz launched a program to encourage installation of gas meters, under which 27 out of 44 GasCos were granted special surcharges to their supply tariff to be spent on installing gas meters.

CGAZ	-	KIGA	47%	PGAZ	57%
CGGZ	-	KIGZ	30%	RGAZ	36%
CSGZ	30%	KMGZ	-	SGAZ	28%
DNMG	-	KORG	-	SHGZ	42%
DNOG	36%	KRGZ	38%	SMGZ	-
DOMG	-	KRVG	-	TGAZ	32%
DOOG	42%	KSVG	-	TMGZ	46%
GGAZ	-	LBGZ	22%	TSGZ	18%
HAMG	-	LGAZ	29%	UGAZ	-
HEGZ	30%	LUGZ	28%	VIGZ	41%
HGAZ	32%	MAGZ	18%	VOGZ	36%
HRGZ	39%	MEGZ	-	ZAGZ	55%
IGAZ	33%	MGAZ	24%	ZHGZ	35%
KEGZ	-	MMGZ	-	ZOGZ	25%
KGAZ	-	OGAZ	-		

Share of Gas Meter Surcharges in GasCos' Supply Tariff

Source: NERC, Concorde Capital calculations

To Supply Or Not To Supply?

The ex-CEO of Naftogaz Ukrainy, Olexander Bolkisev, has put forward a plan to take away GasCos' gas supply business and give it to companies affiliated with Naftogaz. This model is now being tested in the Chernivtsy region, where ChernivtsyGaz only transports the gas in local gas networks, and the Chervivtsy division of Gaz Ukrainy supplies gas to final consumers. According to Bolkisev, this "experiment" is slated for nation-wide implementation. However, with the replacement of Bolkisev with Vladimir Sheludchenko, ex-CEO of DonetskOblGaz, the idea of restructuring GasCos' business is likely to fall by the wayside.

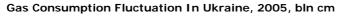
The idea of a split in the transportation and supply businesses was also initiated by private holders of GasCos. The president of the private gas company GAZTEK, Andriy Karpenko, announced that his company was also thinking about spin-offs of controlled companies with the creation of pure transportation and pure supply companies.

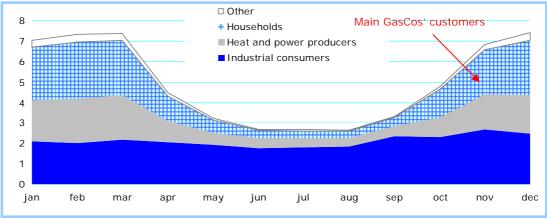
In our valuation, we take into account the possibility of a split in GasCos businesses by valuing GasCos as both integrated companies and pure gas transportation enterprises.



Revenue Seasonality

GasCos' business from its main customers, households and heating companies, is characterized by very high seasonality in natural gas consumption. GasCos generate 2/3 to 3/4 of their revenues during the first and fourth quarters of the year.





Source: Gaz Ukrainy, Concorde Capital calculations

LNG sees its highest sales during the summer harvest period as it is used mostly for cooking in rural areas. As its seasonality consumption patterns run counter to those of GasCos's main consumers, LNG consumption somewhat evens out the seasonal swings in revenue.



Tariff Policy For GasCos

It is impossible to find a more complicated tariff setting procedure than what exists in the Ukrainian gas sector. These policies are rooted in the time of planned economies, when Ukraine's entire gas system was a single institution. Even after restructuring and privatization in the gas sector in the late 1990-s, the tariff policy remained unchanged.

Tariffs for gas are controlled by the NERC (National Electricity Regulation Commission) which primarily targets electricity sector regulation. The gas companies and regulator have a step-child/step-parent relationship; this has a good side and a bad side. The bad side is that in its tariff policy, the NERC acts more in the interests of electricity companies, sometimes at the cost of gas companies. The good side is that the NERC controls the gas sector less strictly, which allows GasCos to act more independently than electricity companies.

Additionally, while the rules of the game in the electricity sector are quick to change, and electricity generation and distribution companies often suffer from regulatory experiments, the legal environment in the gas sector is more stable.

No doubt that gas sector regulation is more "archaic" than in the electricity sector, but on the other hand, it is more stable, as GasCos do not need to adjust often to erratic policy changes.

Slow Transport Tariff Adjustment Spoils Profitability

The tariffs that GasCos charge for local gas transportation service are regulated by the NERC, which adjusts them only occasionally.

Time Between Revision Of Transport Tariffs

10
40
25
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Source: NERC, Concorde Capital calculations

The rigidity of transport tariffs is one of the main reasons for GasCos' low profitability, as the growth of transport tariffs tends to lag behind the growth of GasCos' costs.

The main reason why the NERC adjusts tariffs so rarely is that its system for setting tariffs is very complex. The NERC is unable to update GasCo's tariffs individually; the tariffs for all 44 GasCos and UkrTransGaz have to be updated simultaneously. The policy is rooted in the former planned economy.

The NERC sets GasCos' transport tariffs at an amount that it estimates will cover the GasCos' costs and provide for a profit margin (5.2%-6.0%, according to the last tariff update). GasCos first conduct their own estimates and apply for a certain tariff level, the NERC does its own calculations, and after a negotiation process the NERC decides on a new tariff level. At the moment, the average transport tariff for GasCos is 8.8 USD/ths cm.

While setting tariffs for GasCos, the NERC is obliged to perform a complex balancing operation so that the total transport tariff, which includes GasCos' transport tariffs and UkrTransGaz's tariff, is identical throughout the country. That is, GasCos' tariffs vary, and UkrTransGaz's tariffs also vary from region to region, but in every region the total of the two is identical. UkrTransGaz's tariff is also set according to an estimation of its costs plus profit margin.



Supply Tariffs Adjusted More Frequently

Retail supply tariffs are also set by the NERC according to the cost-plus method. However, unlike transport tariffs, supply tariffs can be adjusted individually for any particular GasCo at any time. Thus, GasCos' supply tariffs are revised more often than transport tariffs.

However, the retail price of gas is fixed and is adjusted only occasionally, and so any increase in a GasCos' supply tariff results in a decrease in the amounts received by the gas producer or importer. Naftogaz, the main gas producer, has a lot of bargaining power, so it is not easy for GasCos to get their tariffs increased. The new gas importer UkrGazEnergo, is expected to oppose tariff changes even more strongly, because, unlike Naftogaz, it is partially controlled by profit-seeking private holders.

Currently, the average profitability (EBIT) included in the supply tariff is 3.4%. The average supply tariff for GasCos in 2006 is 3.7 USD/ths cm.

Costs Grow Even More Frequently

The main costs related to GasCos' gas transportation and supply businesses are gas costs (consumption of gas during transportation) and workforce-related costs (wages and social payments). Gas-related costs are closely correlated with retail gas tariffs, as GasCos have to buy gas for their own consumption at the retail industrial tariffs. Because retail industrial tariffs are revised more often than GasCos' transportation and supply tariffs, GasCos profitability suffers.

Expected Changes In Regulatory Framework: Hopes For Long-Term Improvements

At the moment the NERC is considering changing the tariff policy in the electricity and gas distribution sectors, by applying transportation/supply tariffs in accordance with an expected return on invested capital (or so-called regulated asset base, RAB). While for Oblenergos new tariff policy is being currently worked out and expected to be implemented in 2007, for GasCos new tariff rules are only planned to be designed. Thus, we do not expect any changes in GasCos' tariff policy earlier than 2008-2009. Still, the situation will become clearer after setting new rules for electricity distribution companies.

We implicitly account for the scenario of tariff policy change in our valuation part, valuing GasCos by the book value of fixed assets.

In any case, gas distribution/supply companies are more of a long-term investment than are electricity distributors.



June Tariff Increase to Improve Margins

Due to tariff rigidity and commercial gas losses, most GasCos were loss-making in 2003-2005. However, in May 2006 GasCos' transport and supply tariffs increased on average by 63% and 45%, respectively. Thus, we expect gas companies' profits to increase in 2006. However, we do not expect the average profitability (EBIT) of gas distribution and supply to exceed 4%.

Margins Of GasCos (Top 30 By Sales)

			Sales EBITDA margin				N	et margin		
		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
DNOG	Dniporpetrovskgaz	59.2	62.6	63.8	2%	-24%	-10%	-1%	-27%	-13%
OGAZ	OdessaGaz	63.5	54.3	60.7	4%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%
KIGA	KyivOblGaz	52.5	51.0	60.6	3%	5%	6%	0%	0%	0%
LGAZ	LvivGaz	42.6	44.1	73.1	-14%	-55%	-1%	-23%	-22%	-6%
DOOG	DonetskOblGaz	44.6	48.8	52.4	-3%	35%	1%	-12%	22%	-7%
HRGZ	KharkivOblGaz	41.7	43.0	51.0	4%	7%	10%	-1%	0%	1%
LUGZ	LuhankskGaz	39.3	41.8	48.0	-11%	-12%	3%	-15%	-16%	-1%
VOGZ	VolynGaz	25.9	39.0	16.9	-6%	-7%	27%	-8%	0%	0%
IGAZ	Ivano-FrankivskGaz	27.1	36.4	43.9	-4%	4%	2%	-8%	2%	0%
VIGZ	VinnitsaGaz	25.9	29.5	37.1	2%	-3%	-3%	-11%	0%	-8%
ZHGZ	ZhytomyrGaz	22.6	27.0	36.0	-12%	-7%	0%	-18%	-11%	-3%
HGAZ	KhmelnitskGaz	24.1	29.4	35.6	4%	6%	10%	-1%	0%	3%
PGAZ	PoltavaGaz	28.2	33.9	34.2	-12%	-6%	6%	-7%	0%	-1%
DNMG	Dniprogaz	23.3	25.2	31.8	-8%	-1%	6%	-12%	-6%	2%
KGAZ	KyivGaz	11.5	23.7	30.3	28%	10%	4%	5%	1%	1%
SGAZ	SumyGaz	35.3	37.4	30.0	-2%	-1%	-2%	-4%	-3%	-6%
CSGZ	CherkasyGaz	39.1	27.7	28.6	3%	-2%	-9%	2%	-7%	-9%
CGGZ	ChernigivGaz	23.4	26.6	32.3	8%	0%	4%	0%	0%	1%
KRGZ	KrymGaz	20.5	24.0	27.0	-18%	-7%	-9%	-21%	-10%	-11%
MGAZ	MykolaivGaz	20.7	22.2	26.6	-4%	-4%	-1%	-6%	-7%	-3%
ZAGZ	ZaporizhGaz	19.4	21.3	24.8	6%	7%	6%	1%	1%	0%
HAMG	KharkivMiskGaz	21.0	24.4	23.4	-3%	40%	-12%	-6%	34%	-17%
HEGZ	KhersonGaz	17.7	18.5	25.4	-12%	-1%	0%	-13%	-3%	-2%
RGAZ	RivneGaz	14.6	18.3	21.5	-77%	30%	2%	-81%	30%	-4%
KIGZ	KirovogradGaz	14.4	19.4	23.6	4%	5%	3%	-1%	1%	1%
ZOGZ	ZakarpatGaz	15.3	16.3	35.2	2%	33%	0%	-2%	30%	-2%
MMGZ	MariupolGaz	10.5	11.3	13.6	-2%	4%	5%	-10%	0%	2%
KRVG	KryvorizhGaz	12.2	11.8	13.6	52%	-21%	-7%	26%	-20%	-10%
DOMG	DonetskMiskGaz	10.3	19.7	10.5	-9%	-4%	-16%	-14%	-5%	-20%
CGAZ	ChernivtsiGaz	5.4	6.3	7.6	1%	-22%	-3%	-6%	-41%	-8%
TGAZ	TernopilGaz	5.0	5.5	6.5	0%	4%	4%	-3%	0%	0%

Source: company data, Concorde Capital calculations

Tariff Growth For GasCos Since June 2006

		Trasp. Tariff	Supply Tariff*
CGAZ	ChernivtsiGaz	110%	-
CGGZ	ChernigivGaz	80%	14%
CSGZ	CherkasyGaz	97%	277%
DNMG	DniproGaz	33%	0%
DNOG	Dniporpetrovskgaz	61%	45%
DOMG	DonetskMiskGaz	84%	24%
DOOG	DonetskOblGaz	70%	-5%
GGAZ	GadiachGaz	67%	34%
HAMG	KharkivMiskGaz	43%	30%
HEGZ	KhersonGaz	51%	12%
HGAZ	KhmelnitskGaz	48%	34%
HRGZ	KharkivGaz	28%	82%
IGAZ	Ivano-FrankivskGaz	63%	128%
KEGZ	KerchGaz	29%	14%
KGAZ	KyivGaz	46%	0%
KIGA	KyivOblGaz	68%	0%
KIGZ	KirovogradGaz	79%	42%
KMGZ	KremenchukGaz	45%	68%
KORG	KorostyshivGaz	46%	91%
KRGZ	KrymGaz	41%	105%
KRVG	KryvorizhGaz	77%	35%
KSVG	Kiev-Sviatoshyn GasCo	61%	4%

		Trasp. Tariff	Supply Tariff*
LBGZ	LubnyGaz	73%	62%
LGAZ	LvivGaz	96%	67%
LUGZ	LuhankskGaz	71%	81%
MAGZ	MakiivkaGaz	-13%	78%
MEGZ	MelitopolGaz	119%	18%
MGAZ	MykolaivGaz	87%	37%
MMGZ	MariupolGaz	57%	39%
OGAZ	OdessaGaz	34%	38%
PGAZ	PoltavaGaz	54%	22%
RGAZ	RivneGaz	94%	5%
SGAZ	SumyGaz	81%	108%
SHGZ	ShepetivkaGaz	51%	12%
SMGZ	SevastopolGaz	33%	28%
TGAZ	TernopilGaz	57%	22%
TMGZ	TernopilMiskGaz	70%	29%
TSGZ	TysmenytsiaGaz	52%	96%
UGAZ	UmanGaz	84%	28%
VIGZ	VinnitsaGaz	55%	14%
VOGZ	VolynGaz	60%	14%
ZAGZ	ZaporizhGaz	61%	38%
ZHGZ	ZhytomyrGaz	67%	39%
ZOGZ	ZakarpatGaz	82%	27%

Source: NERC, Concorde Capital calculation * For the purpose of comparability, supply tariffs do not include surcharges for gas meters installation



LNG Business

About 5.5 mln Ukrainian households use bottled liquefied natural gas (LNG). Annual Ukrainian consumption of LNG is 120,000 mt, and about 100,000 mt of LNG is consumed by households. GasCos are monopolistic suppliers of LNG to households.

GasCos do not produce LNG, they buy it from gas and oil processing companies. Due to the regulation of LNG tariffs, this business is loss-making for most of the GasCos. They are legally obliged to provide this service.

The supply of LNG to auto transportation companies and selling LNG through gas stations is a more lucrative business segment, but this segment brings less than 1% of revenues to GasCos,.

In the future, with the extension of gas pipe networks, consumption of bottled LNG by households will decrease, and the consumption of pipeline natural gas in the mid-term will increase. Sales of LNG for automobiles are expected to grow fast in the mid- and long- term, as LNG is becoming a cheap alternative to gasoline in Ukraine.

Other Businesses

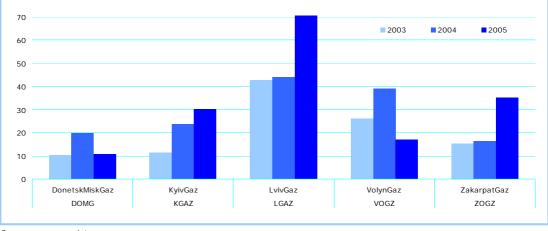
GasCos have additional business activities that are often more lucrative than its core business and help GasCos generate positive cash flows despite low gas transportation and supply tariffs.

GasCos provide additional services related to the gas business: installation, control and repair of gas equipment; construction and reconstruction of gas pipelines and networks; developing of metering and control devices; other construction works etc.

Also, several GasCos are developing capacities for polyethylene gas production: VinnitsaGaz (20-90 mm pipes), KyivOblGaz (20-90 mm pipes) and ChernigivGaz (20-75 mm pipes).

In addition, unlike Ukrainian electricity distribution companies (Oblenergos), GasCos are also involved in businesses which are not related to the gas business: construction, retail and wholesale trading, catering etc.

Revenues from these additional businesses are highly volatile, as they depend on pipeline construction projects (gasification process) in the region. The volatility of additional GasCos business is a main factor in the volatility of gas companies' revenues, which in some cases exceeds 100% yoy.



GasCos With The Most Volatile Revenues, 2003-2005, USD mln

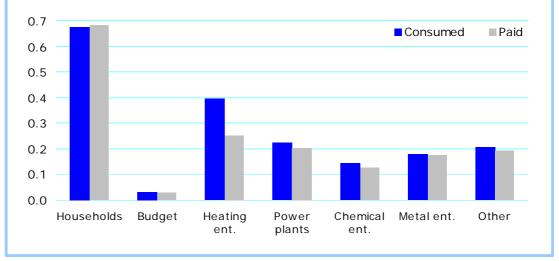
Source: company data



Payments & Debts

Payment Arrears

Two main groups of GasCos' customers, households and heating enterprises, represent groups of the most and the least disciplined payers for gas consumption, respectively.



Payments For Consumed Gas, USD bln, 1H06

Source: EnergoBiznes, Concorde Capital calculations

Heating enterprises are the least disciplined of all GasCos' customers in paying for gas. This burden on GasCos may be lightened with the founding of Gaz-Teplo, an affiliate of Naftogaz that can bypass the heating enterprises and collect tariffs from end consumers directly. As a result GasCos are no longer obliged to provide heating enterprises with gas.

Intimidation Of Gaz-Teplo

In June 2004 Gaz-Teplo received a license to supply gas at a non-regulated tariff. Gaz-Teplo has introduced an experimental program in ten regions of Ukraine. According to the experiment, it supplies gas to heating enterprises and then supplies the heat produced to consumers and collects payments directly. Gaz-Teplo has increased the payment level for supplied heat significantly, but through this program, heating enterprises have lost their independence. Now they do not control cash flow from heat consumers.

This innovation is advantageous for GasCos, as now they can push heat enterprises to improve payment discipline without implementing unpopular methods like temporal gas supply cuts. GasCos are now free to refuse to sign supply contracts with heating enterprises. If there is no deal with a GasCo then a heating enterprise would be forced to sign a contract with Gaz-Teplo, which automatically solves GasCo's problem of low payment collection. In most cases it doesn't come to that, as heating companies under threat of being "merged" with Gaz-Teplo do their best to improve their payment levels on their own.

In the midterm, either heat enterprises will be able to lobby for justifiable heat tariffs, or be "merged" with Gaz-Teplo. In either case GasCos' problem of poor payment collection will be solved.



Old Debts Being Cleared Off

Due to significant delays in payments for gas consumption and the unfavorable regulatory framework, GasCos accumulated large amounts of payables and receivables, which sometimes exceed the companies' revenues.

Several GasCos particularly suffered from the payment crisis during the hyperinflation of the mid 1990-s. As before 1998, GasCos paid for gas in USD, but later received payments from their customers (with delays) in local currency, any delay in bill collection resulted in an increase in their debt. In addition, GasCos inherited debts accumulated by regional departments of Gaz Ukrainy during 2002-2003.

Despite huge indebtedness of some GasCos, bankruptcy procedures are not an option for them, as the main creditor, Naftogaz, understands the subjective nature of these debts.

Debt Accounts As Of March 31, 2006 (USD mln)

Debt Accounts As C	Sales 2005 Accounts receivable Accounts payable Net accounts payable							
ChernivtsiGaz	CGAZ	7.6	0.8	11.0	10.2	135%		
Ivano-FrankivskGaz	IGAZ	43.9	43.1	84.1	41.0	93%		
LvivGaz	LGAZ	73.1	54.7	120.3	65.6	90%		
ZhytomyrGaz	ZHGZ	36.0	8.0	31.4	23.4	65%		
VinnitsaGaz	VIGZ	37.1	39.0	58.8	19.8	53%		
RivneGaz	RGAZ	21.5	20.5	31.9	11.4	53%		
KryvorizhGaz	KRVG	13.6	18.1	24.8	6.6	49%		
DonetskOblGaz	DOOG	52.4	10.5	35.8	25.3	48%		
ZakarpatGaz	ZOGZ	35.2	46.2	62.7	16.5	47%		
KharkivMiskGaz	HAMG	23.4	21.2	31.1	9.9	42%		
KyivGaz	KGAZ	30.3	13.1	25.6	12.5	41%		
Dniprogaz	DNMG	31.8	12.6	20.1	7.5	24%		
KhmelnitskGaz	HGAZ	35.6	5.9	14.0	8.2	23%		
OdessaGaz	OGAZ	60.7	19.9	29.0	9.1	15%		
ChernigivGaz	CGGZ	32.3	27.3	30.9	3.6	11%		
KhersonGaz	HEGZ	25.4	9.6	12.4	2.8	11%		
MykolaivGaz	MGAZ	26.6	5.2	7.5	2.3	9%		
KharkivOblGaz	HRGZ	51.0	6.3	10.2	4.0	8%		
MariupolGaz	MMGZ	13.6	7.3	8.2	0.9	7%		
KirovogradGaz	KIGZ	23.6	2.1	1.0	-1.1	-5%		
PoltavaGaz	PGAZ	34.2	7.6	5.9	-1.7	-5%		
KyivOblGaz	KIGA	60.6	13.6	10.4	-3.2	-5%		
TernopilGaz	TGAZ	6.5	0.8	0.0	-0.8	-12%		
SumyGaz	SGAZ	30.0	13.6	7.6	-6.0	-20%		
ZaporizhGaz	ZAGZ	24.8	7.1	0.7	-6.5	-26%		
VolynGaz	VOGZ	16.9	14.3	8.4	-5.9	-35%		
CherkasyGaz	CSGZ	28.6	17.9	4.9	-13.0	-45%		
LuhankskGaz	LUGZ	48.0	29.9	1.4	-28.5	-59%		
Dniporpetrovskgaz	DNOG	63.8	59.0	11.9	-47.1	-74%		
KrymGaz	KRGZ	27.0	23.1	1.1	-22.0	-82%		
DonetskMiskGaz Source: company data, Cond	DOMG	10.5	27.3	16.5	-10.8	-102%		

Source: company data, Concorde Capital calculations

According to the law *On Measures Directed To Ensure Stable Work Of Fuel And Energy Enterprises* (for more details, refer to Oblenergo report of September 15, 2005), gas supply enterprises are eligible to decrease their debts in a two-stage process:

- 1) In the first stage, by mutual reconciliation of debts
- 2) In the second stage, by creating a special fund for debt liquidation via additional surcharges to companies' tariffs

All GasCos with large debts anticipate solving their debt problem through the procedures stipulated by the law. We expect the gas companies will accomplish their goal.



GASCO SHARES



Ownership

Privatization & Consolidation

The Ukrainian gas infrastructure was restructured in the mid 1990-s with the creation of nation-wide gas companies (Naftogaz Ukrainy, Gaz Ukrainy, Ukrtransgaz: extracting, importing and transporting gas in main pipelines), and regional/city gas companies, which transport and supply gas to end users.

There were no open public tenders in the process of GasCos privatization. After GasCos "corporatization" (creation of open joint-stock companies), part of companies' shares were distributed among its employees and management, and part of the shares were bought out by local businessmen. As a result of shadow privatization and further consolidation of gas assets, five main groups of control in the gas distribution sector emerged:

NAK Naftogaz Ukrainy owns controlling stakes of 13 GasCos operated in eight regions – the company and its affiliates own all the stakes in GasCos which were not privatized.

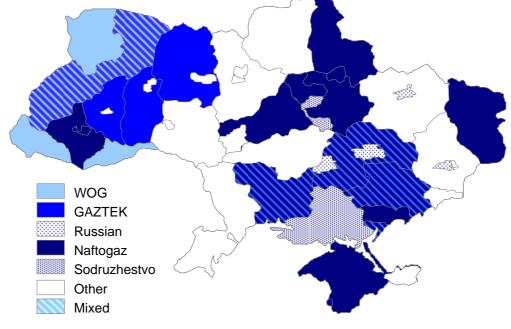
GAZTEK Ukrainian private gas holding – controls ZhytomirGaz (ZHGZ), KhmelnitskGaz (HGAZ). Also has large stakes in DnipropetrovskGaz (DNOG), TernopilGaz (TGAZ), RivneGaz (RGAZ), ZaporizhGaz (ZAGZ) and MykolaivGaz (MGAZ).

West Oil Group (WOG): Ukrainian holding operating in oil and gas retail business. Controls LvivGaz (LGAZ), VolynGaz (VOGZ), ChernivtsiGaz (CGAZ), RivneGaz (RGAZ) and ZakarpatGaz (ZOGZ).

Russian Owners controlling KharkivMiskGaz (HAMG), KryvorizhGaz (KRVG), DniproGaz (DNMG) and DonetskMiskGaz (DOMG). Before June 2006, these companies were controlled by **VSE** holding associated with Russian businessman Alexander Babakov. In June 2006, the companies were sold to Russian oligarchs, Mikhail Abyzov and Viktor Vekselberg.

Sodruzhestvo – small holding controlling KhersonGaz (HEGZ) and having minority stake in KremenchugGaz (KMGZ).

17 GasCos controlling transportation and supply business in eight regions are controlled by local business representatives or by management.



Ownership Distribution By Region



M&A Activity: A Wake Up Call For Investors & Regulators?

This year has been characterized by the increased interest of Russian businesses in the Ukrainian gas market. The most notable was the expanding of its gas supply business by UkrGazEnergo (in January 2006), a Joint-venture with Russian Gazprom and Ukrainian Naftogaz; and the selling of four city gas companies from Alexander Babakov to businesses related to Mikhail Abyzov and Viktor Vekselberg in June 2006.

It looks like this is not the end of the story, as information appeared recently that UkrGazEnergo is looking at the GasCos controlled by WOG and GAZTEK. Moreover, according to the information disclosed in the media, WOG is close to selling its stakes in the gas companies to UkrGazEnergo. According to the newly appointed Fuel and Energy Minister Yuriy Boyko, UkrGazEnerego can become a vertically integrated gas company, with its own retail (GasCos to be purchased) and production (Russian gas fields to be acquired) segments.

The entrance of new Russian owners is a sign of strategic investors' growing interest in Ukrainian gas companies, and it is going to attract the interest of portfolio investors in the Ukrainian gas sector.

We expect the new owners will urge reform in the gas sector. For instance, Russian IES Corporation, which currently operates four Ukrainian city gas companies, is a powerful lobbyist for interests of network companies (gas and electricity companies) in Russia, and it is likely to lobby for reforms in Ukraine. Even a more powerful "gas lobby" can be expected if UkrGazEnergo starts operating GasCos.

Stock Illiquidity

Gas companies represent highly illiquid stocks, only eight GasCos were listed on the PFTS, and only one company, ZhytomirGaz (ZHGZ) has a depositary receipt program: GDR registered in April 2006 (Xetra ticker W8P1).

During the last three years, there was registered trading in only one gas stock on the PFTS. It was KhmelnitskGaz (HGAZ) with eight deals, a volume totaling USD 0.2 mln, and a free float turnover of 6.3% (at estimated free float of 24% of total shares).

At the moment, only three stocks are listed: KhmelnitskGaz (HGAZ), KharkivGaz (HRGZ) and VinnitsaGaz (VIGZ). Transactions in the latter two were never registered on the PFTS trading system.

PFTS Quotes, Aug 10, 2006, USD

	Bid	Ask	Spread	Price of last deal	Date of last deal
HGAZ	15.8	62.4	75%	21.8	Feb. 14, 2006
HRGZ	0.7	2.2	67%	-	-
VIGZ	2.5	3.9	36%	-	-

Due to the absence of a liquid market for GasCo stocks, it is difficult to talk about market prices. Guided by rough estimates from our sales desk, we give indicative prices for some of the stocks we recommend. We issue a BUY recommendation for a stock if we believe that the effective price for a sizeable block of shares will still provide an attractive upside. Investors should be aware that the market impact of block trades can be significant.

Long-Term Investment Horizon

Taking into account the current low profitability of gas companies and stock illiquidity, the GasCos' investment horizon is long-term (three to five years). We expect an increase in GasCos' profitability in the long-term by at least two times, with stabilization in retail gas prices and a more preferable tariff policy. In addition, we expect double-digit growth in GasCos' stock value in the long-term, due to gas prices and GasCos' business environment converging to EU standards.



Valuation

We find that using peer multiples to value Ukrainian gas companies is superior to DCF valuation, for the following reasons. First, the lack of clarity in the scope and timing of inevitable changes in regulatory policy introduces too much uncertainty into the modelling of OblGaz' operations.

Second, fortunately different peer groups exist which provide several angles for valuation, by averaging out possible weaknesses inherent in each. We identified the following groups of peers for valuing GasCos:

1. Monopolistic transporters and suppliers of natural gas, companies with business profiles similar to those of Ukrainian GasCos.

2. Pure gas transportation companies. We use them to value GasCos' core business - gas transportation.

3. Ukrainian electricity network companies (Oblenergos) which function in a similar operating and regulatory environment. This group was selected to value GasCos as alternative energy suppliers.



Valuation Against Closest Peers

To estimate the value of GasCos' total business, we selected a market with a profile similar to Ukraine's, where several peers provide gas transport, gas supply and related services in certain locations. We believe that gas distribution companies operating in the Czech Republic provide a good benchmark for GasCos valuation.

Czech Peers Summary

	Sales, US	D mln	EBITDA n	nargin	Fixed Assets	Gas supplied,	MCap	EV
	2005	2006E	2005	2006E	USD mln	2005, mln cm	USD min U	SD mln
Severomoravska Plynarenska	496	577	9.7%	n/a	212.8	1,566	428	416
Jihomoravska Plynarenska	645	707	10.4%	n/a	320	2,064	518	528
Severoceska Plynarenska	332	382	8%	n/a	164.7	1,066	282	322
Jihoceska plymarenska	126	136	12%	n/a	156.5	415	103	151
Vychodoceska Plynarenska	269	282	9%	n/a	144.3	907	277	304
Zapadoceska Plynarenska	228	258	10%	n/a	120.2	712	248	263
Stredoceska Plynarenska	294	332	9%	n/a	168.9	922	215	245
Average			9.8%					

Source: company data, Bloomberg, Concorde Capital estimates

Czech Peers Ratios

	EV	/S	EV/EBI 7/	'Gas, 2005	EV/Fixed
	2005	2006E	2005	USD/cm	Assets
Severomoravska Plynarenska	0.84	0.72	8.7	0.266	1.95
Jihomoravska Plynarenska	0.82	0.75	7.9	0.256	1.65
Severoceska Plynarenska	0.97	0.84	10.6	0.302	1.96
Jihoceska plymarenska	1.20	1.11	12.9	0.364	0.97
Vychodoceska Plynarenska	1.13	1.07	13.4	0.335	2.10
Zapadoceska Plynarenska	1.15	1.02	11.8	0.369	2.18
Stredoceska Plynarenska	0.83	0.74	8.7	0.266	1.45
average	0.99	0.89	10.57	0.308	1.75
median	0.97	0.84	10.55	0.302	1.95
variation coefficient	17%	19%	21%	16%	25%

Source: company data, Bloomberg, Concorde Capital estimates

Among Czech peers, the EV/S and EV/Gas multiples showed the lowest variation, which implies that investors tend to value these companies based on sales and gas volume figures.

It is hard to apply directly EV/EBITDA multiples for GasCos, because in 2005 most of them had a negative EBITDA. Due to lack of information, it is hard to forecast EBITDA for GasCos and their peers for 2006.

In valuing GasCos, we use EV/S peers as a benchmark, applying a 50% discount to the peers' average to account for GasCos' lack of liquidity and poor profitability. A drawback of applying this multiple to GasCos is the historically high fluctuation of their total revenue due to the variability of "other revenues".

Another important parameter is the value of gas companies' fixed assets. This is especially significant for the long-term valuation, as we expect change in GasCos' tariff policy aimed at allowing them to generate enough cash flow to support and develop gas networks in operation. We apply a 50% discount to peers' EV/Assets due to the fact that GasCos do not fully own the assets they operate.

We also use an EV/Gas_Supplied multiple, mostly indicatively. Due to a significant differentiation in the gas prices between Ukraine and the Czech Repubic (refer to the chart on page 9), the appropriate discount to peers EV/Gas should be between 90% and 95% in order to make implied valuations reasonable. Note that this multiple cannot be applied to value ChernivtsiGas, as it does not supply gas at all.



GasCos' Total Business Valuation

GasCos' Total Busir	ness Valu	ation				Implied MCap (USD mln) at:			
		Fixed				Imp	olied MCap (USI	0 mln) at:	
	Sales 2006E USD mln	Assets 31 Mar 06 USD mln	Gas Supply (Est.) bln cm	Net Debt USD mln		EV/S	EV/Gas supply*	EV/Fixed assets	
		030 11111			Discount:	50%	95%	50%	
CherkasyGaz	48.3	28.3	0.60	-1.6		23.1	21.6	27.1	
ChernigivGaz	49.5	30.1	0.56	-1.0		23.0	19.9	28.2	
ChernivtsiGaz	9.3	16.2	-	1.4		2.7		13.1	
DniporpetrovskGaz	100.3	38.9	1.13	-2.8		47.5	40.7	37.9	
Dniprogaz	47.5	15.1	0.56	0.1		21.0	18.7	13.5	
DonetskMiskGaz	17.5	5.8	0.21	0.0		7.8	7.1	5.3	
DonetskOblGaz	82.9	40.6	0.95	-0.9		37.8	32.8	37.5	
Ivano-FrankivskGaz	63.7	27.5	0.60	-0.8		29.1	20.9	25.5	
KharkivMiskGaz	35.1	6.2	0.40	3.4		12.2	10.0	2.2	
KharkivOblGaz	79.6	39.7	0.91	0.7		34.8	29.9	35.0	
KhersonGaz	36.4	9.3	0.37	-0.2		16.4	12.6	8.6	
KhmelnitskGaz	54.4	32.2	0.62	0.1		24.1	20.5	28.9	
KirovogradGaz	35.2	18.8	0.40	-0.5		16.2	13.9	17.4	
KrymGaz	37.5	28.0	0.40	-0.3		17.0	13.7	25.5	
KryvorizhGaz	22.1	4.5	0.25	0.3		9.5	8.1	3.7	
KyivGaz	45.0	17.2	0.45	-7.7		27.7	22.8	23.2	
KyivOblGaz	99.1	40.4	1.27	-9.1		53.1	51.7	45.5	
LuhankskGaz	77.7	40.2	1.01	-1.4		36.0	35.3	37.6	
LvivGaz	107.0	37.8	0.88	3.9		43.7	25.6	30.1	
MykolaivGaz	43.6	17.6	0.55	-0.5		19.9	18.8	16.3	
OdessaGaz	94.1	24.4	1.26	-4.6		46.4	46.8	26.5	
PoltavaGaz	51.3	28.9	0.70	0.4		22.4	23.0	25.6	
RivneGaz	34.1	15.2	0.39	-0.5		15.7	13.6	14.2	
SumyGaz	51.6	27.8	0.71	-0.4		23.4	24.2	25.4	
TernopilGaz	8.5	1.7	0.39	0.0		3.8	13.1	1.6	
VinnitsaGaz	55.1	25.7	0.61	-1.2		25.7	21.8	24.4	
VolynGaz	27.0	19.3	0.30	2.6		9.4	7.5	14.8	
ZakarpatGaz	50.5	12.9	0.48	-1.5		23.9	17.5	13.1	
ZaporizhGaz	39.7	27.4	0.43	6.9		10.8	7.5	17.7	
ZhytomyrGaz	53.1	25.6	0.55	1.2		22.4	17.4	21.8	

Source: company data, Bloomberg, Concorde Capital estimates * for illustration purpose only



Valuation Of Core Business: **Pure gas Transporting Peers**

We use gas transport companies to value the GasCos' most stable business, gas transportation. GasCos are implicitly treated as pure transport companies in this case, with other sources of income being ignored. So, we should keep in mind that this method inherently underestimates GasCos' value.

Most of the figures for GasCos used here are our estimates calculated on the basis of the companies' management reports and on the regional data disclosed by Gaz Ukrainy. Still we rely on this valuation approach because the transport business is the most important for GasCos and the only one which is sustainable in the long-term.

Gas Transporting Companies

		Sales, USE	Sales, USD min		nargin	Gas transported	МСар	EV
		2005	2006E	2005	2006E	2005, bln cm	USD mln	USD mln
Australian Pipeline Trust	Australia	266	271	50%	55%	n/a	884	1,683
Gasnet Australia Group	Australia	78	85	74%	72%	n/a	278	730
Snam Rete Gas SpA	Italy	2,237	2,184	78%	80%	85.10	9,103	15,008
Enagas	Spain	811	1,190	73%	58%	32.33	5,210	7,097
Fluxys	Belgium	526	540	46%	46%	16.34	2,165	1,991

Source: company data, Bloomberg, Concorde Capital estimates

Transporting Companies' Ratios

		EV/S		EV/EB	I TDA	EV/Gas Transp.	EV/Pipeline, 2005	
		2005	2006E	2005	2006E	USD/cm	USD/m	
Australian Pipeline Trust	Australia	6.32	6.20	12.8	11.3	n/a	0.22	
Gasnet Australia Group	Australia	9.41	8.56	12.7	11.9	n/a	0.38	
Snam Rete Gas SpA	Italy	6.71	6.87	8.6	8.6	0.176	0.49	
Enagas	Spain	8.75	5.96	11.9	10.2	0.220	0.94	
Fluxys	Belgium	3.79	3.68	8.2	8.1	0.122	0.52	
average		7.00	6.26	10.83	10.04	0.173	0.51	
median		6.71	6.20	11.94	10.24	0.176	0.49	
variation coefficient		32%	28%	21%	17%	28%	52%	

Source: company data, Bloomberg, Concorde Capital estimates

We use three metrics to value GasCos as transportation companies:

- EV/Sales, with sales representing only the gas transport business. Due to huge differentiation in GasCos' and peers' profitability, business environment and liquidity, we apply 75% discount to peers' average multiple.
- EV/EBITDA, with the transportation EBITDA margin calculated from new tariffs, approved in May 2006.
- EV/Gas transported. Again, we apply this ratio indicatively, with a discount to peers of 95%. Here we see significant potential for GasCos' value to increase as the gas price adjustments to the EU level.

The least volatile multiple among peer multiples is EV/EBITDA, which suggests that EBITDA is a more reliable parameter in valuing gas distributors.



GasCos' Transportatio	on Business Va	luation		-			
	Transport	Gas	Regulated		Implie	d MCap, USD	mln, at:
	revenue 2006E	Trasnp.	EBITDA	-	EV/S	EV/Gas tr.*	EV/EBITDA
	USD mln	bln cm	margin	Discount:	75%	95%	0%
CherkasyGaz	9.1	1.83	13%		15.8	17.2	13.6
ChernigivGaz	9.5	0.96	18%		15.8	9.2	18.0
ChernivtsiGaz	4.4	0.48	16%		5.4	2.6	5.8
DniporpetrovskGaz	23.2	2.62	13%		39.2	25.1	33.4
Dniprogaz	10.2	1.65	14%	_	15.9	13.9	14.6
DonetskMiskGaz	5.1	0.98	12%		8.0	8.4	6.2
DonetskOblGaz	19.6	3.58	18%		31.6	31.4	37.0
Ivano-FrankivskGaz	15.1	1.77	14%		24.4	15.8	21.6
KharkivMiskGaz	7.6	1.95	19%		8.6	13.2	3.4
KharkivOblGaz	16.6	1.72	9%	_	25.4	13.9	30.1
KhersonGaz	6.3	0.69	11%		10.1	6.1	7.5
KhmelnitskGaz	11.9	1.44	20%		18.5	12.1	24.1
KirovogradGaz	5.6	0.65	10%		9.3	6.1	6.2
KrymGaz	11.0	1.67	12%		17.5	14.5	13.8
KryvorizhGaz	6.8	1.58	9%	_	10.4	13.1	6.2
KyivGaz	16.7	4.25	15%		33.9	43.8	32.5
KyivOblGaz	17.8	2.48	14%		37.0	30.1	33.7
LuhankskGaz	15.8	3.41	13%		26.1	30.4	22.1
LvivGaz	21.5	2.78	12%		29.6	19.7	21.5
MykolaivGaz	8.5	1.10	16%	_	13.8	9.9	14.5
OdessaGaz	8.1	2.03	13%		17.2	21.8	15.0
PoltavaGaz	12.0	1.10	16%		18.3	8.9	19.4
RivneGaz	8.6	1.03	14%		14.1	9.3	13.0
SumyGaz	8.7	1.48	19%		14.0	12.9	17.3
TernopilGaz	6.3	1.01	14%	_	9.8	8.6	8.5
VinnitsaGaz	9.1	1.43	16%		15.4	13.4	15.4
VolynGaz	8.2	0.75	16%		10.3	3.8	10.2
ZakarpatGaz	7.9	0.85	13%		13.8	8.7	11.8
ZaporizhGaz	12.4	1.89	18%		12.6	9.1	15.0
ZhytomyrGaz	9.9	1.08	15%	_	14.3	8.0	13.9

Source: company data, Bloomberg, Concorde Capital estimates * for illustration purpose only



Ukrainian Oblenergos As Peers

By their business profiles GasCos are very similar to Ukrainian electricity distribution companies. Both types of companies are transporters and suppliers of energy resources (gas and electricity respectively) and have similar regional breakdowns of their market and the same regulatory environment.

Comparison of Oblenergos and GasCos

	Oblenergos	GasCos
Number of companies	26	44
Business Activity		
Deal with "product":	Electricity	Natural gas
Main revenue items are transportation and supply of "product"?	Yes	Yes
Buy "product"	at the wholesale market	directly from producers/importers
Have extra losses of "product" due to	thefts mainly	imperfect tariff policy
Regulation		
Transp. and supply tariffs are set by NERC?	Yes	Yes
Tariff revision precedure is	relatively easy	complicated
Changes in tariff policy	expected in 2007	expected in 2008-2009
Cash flow from customers is controlled by NERC?	Yes	Yes
Fined for poor payment discipline?	Yes	No, in most cases
Allowed to do other business?	No	De facto, Yes
Market Environment		
Are monopolists in certain region/city?	Yes	Yes
Suffer from competition in the supply segment?	In some regions	Yes
Supply industrial sector?	Mainly Yes	Almost No
Will increase amount of product transport/supply?	Yes	No
Ownership		
Companies are owned by state?	Less than half	Less than half
Own distribution netwroks?	Yes	Partially
Stock Market		
Listed on a stock exchange?	Most of them	Only several of them
Liquid stocks?	Only several of them	No

Thus, we can use Oblenergos' multiples to value GasCos. The concept that matches the two universes is "energy equivalent" – amount of gas or electricity expressed in the same energy units.

To asses whether premiums/discounts should be applied to GasCos compared to Oblenergos, we refer to the experience of the Czech Republic, where the structure of gas and electricity sectors are similar to those in Ukraine.

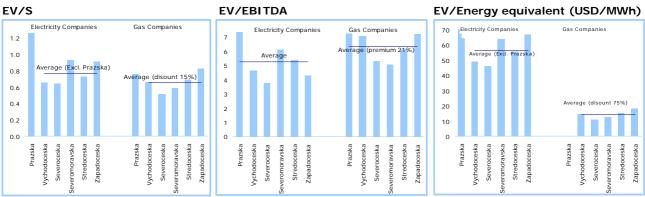




Values: Gas vs Electricity Companies, Czech Experience

Most energy companies in the Czech Republic have been completely merged with CEZ or EON corporations. For this reason we refer to figures from 2004 for a more representative comparison of market values of gas and electricity companies. At that time most electricity companies were traded actively on the stock exchange, with free float available.

Electricity Companies,	USD n	nIn			Gas Companies, USD mln				
	Sales, 2004		El. Transm, TWh	EV, eoy 2004		Sales, 2004	EBITDA margin	Gas Transp, TWh	EV, eoy 2004
Prazska Energetika	429	17%	5.3	543	Prazska Plynarenska	271	10%	n/a	206
Vychodoceska Energetika	464	14%	6.2	303	Vychodoceska Plynarenska	231	9%	10.6	152
Severoceska Energetika	461	17%	6.4	296	Severoceska Plynarenska	259	10%	12.4	134
Severomoravska Energetika	571	15%	8.3	531	Severomoravska Plynarenska	385	12%	18.2	226
Stredoceska Energeticka	480	13%	6.2	348	Stredoceska Plynarenska	234	11%	10.7	161
Zapadoceska Energetika	325	21%	4.4	295	Zapadoceska Plynarenska	180	11%	8.3	149
Source: company data, Bloomber	g, Conco	rde Capital	calculations	5					



Source: company data, Bloomberg, Concorde Capital calculations

In general, the market valued Czech electricity and gas companies relatively equally by their sales and EBITDA. Some discount of gas stocks to electricity by EV/S can be explained by their lower profitability.

By the amount of energy supplied, the market valued gas companies four times lower (i.e. with 75% discount) than electricity companies.



Valuation By Oblenergo

We choose the three most liquid Oblenergos to estimate a market benchmark for gas companies.

Oblenergo Multiples

		EV USD mln	EI. transp. TWh	Sales 2006E USD mln	Fixed Assets , USD mln	EV/S	EV/EI. USD/MWh	EV/Fixed Assets
ZaporizhiaOblenerg	o ZAON	213.0	10.22	421	63	0.51	20.84	3.40
DniproOblenergo	DNON	303.7	26.37	1,022	103	0.30	11.52	2.95
KharkivOblenergo	HAON	86.4	4.98	235	156	0.37	17.35	0.55
Average						0.39	16.57	2.30

Source: PFTS, company data, Concorde Capital

Because Oblenergos' and GasCos' profitability included in their tariffs are close (5% to 6%), we apply no discount to Oblenergos' EV/S benchmark. We apply a 75% discount to Oblenergos' EV/Energy ratio, as the experience of the Czech networks suggest.

We do not apply Oblenergos' EV/Fixed Assets multiple to GasCos due to its high variation among Oblenergos. The variation is explained by different approaches in Oblenergos' assets accounting (refer to Oblenergo report as of December 15, 2005).

Valuation By Oblenergo Multiples

		Sales 2006E USD mln	Gas Trasnp . TWh	Gas Supply (Est.) TWh	Net Debt USD mln	EV/S	EV/Gas Transp USD/MWh	EV/Gas Supply USD/MWh
						Discount: 0%	75%	75%
CherkasyGaz	CSGZ	48.3	21.3	6.9	-1.6	20.4	90.1	30.4
ChernigivGaz	CGGZ	49.5	11.2	6.6	-1.0	20.3	47.5	28.2
ChernivtsiGaz	CGAZ	9.3	5.6	-	1.4	2.2	21.6	-
DniporpetrovskGaz	DNOG	100.3	30.5	13.1	-2.8	41.9	129.4	57.4
Dniprogaz	DNMG	47.5	19.1	6.5	0.1	18.4	79.3	27.0
DonetskMiskGaz	DOMG	17.5	11.4	2.4	0.0	6.9	47.4	10.2
DonetskOblGaz	DOOG	82.9	41.6	11.0	-0.9	33.3	173.7	46.8
Ivano-FrankivskGaz	IGAZ	63.7	20.6	7.0	-0.8	25.6	86.1	29.7
KharkivMiskGaz	HAMG	35.1	22.7	4.7	3.4	10.3		15.9
KharkivOblGaz	HRGZ	79.6	20.0	10.6	0.7	30.4		43.4
KhersonGaz	HEGZ	36.4	8.1	4.3	-0.2	14.4		18.1
KhmelnitskGaz	HGAZ	54.4	16.8	7.2	0.1	21.1	69.5	29.6
KirovogradGaz	KIGZ	35.2	7.6	4.7	-0.5	14.3		19.8
KrymGaz	KRGZ	37.5	19.4	4.7	-0.3	14.9		19.6
KryvorizhGaz	KRVG	22.1	18.4	2.9	0.3	8.3		11.8
KyivGaz	KGAZ	45.0	49.5	5.2	-7.7	25.2	213.0	29.4
KyivOblGaz	KIGA	99.1	28.8	14.8	-9.1	47.7	128.7	70.5
LuhankskGaz	LUGZ	77.7	39.6	11.7	-1.4	31.7	165.8	50.2
LvivGaz	LGAZ	107.0	32.3	10.3	3.9	37.8	130.0	38.6
MykolaivGaz	MGAZ	43.6	12.8	6.3	-0.5	17.5	53.7	26.8
OdessaGaz	OGAZ	94.1	23.7	14.7	-4.6	41.2	102.7	65.5
PoltavaGaz	PGAZ	51.3	12.8	8.1	0.4	19.6	52.7	33.4
RivneGaz	RGAZ	34.1	12.0	4.5	-0.5	13.8	50.2	19.4
SumyGaz	SGAZ	51.6	17.2	8.3	-0.4	20.5	71.6	34.7
TernopilGaz	TGAZ	8.5	11.7	4.5	0.0	3.4	48.7	18.8
VinnitsaGaz	VIGZ	55.1	16.7	7.1	-1.2	22.7	70.4	30.8
VolynGaz	VOGZ	27.0	8.7	3.5	2.6	7.9	33.7	11.9
ZakarpatGaz	ZOGZ	50.5	9.9	5.6	-1.5	21.2	42.7	24.6
ZaporizhGaz	ZAGZ	39.7	21.9	5.0	6.9	8.6	84.2	13.8
ZhytomyrGaz Source: company data, Cond	ZHGZ	53.1	12.6	6.5	1.2	19.5	50.9	25.6

Source: company data, Concorde Capital estimates

Note that EV/Gas supply implies 1.5x higher values for GasCos than EV/S, which suggests a different ratio of energy prices included in gas and electricity in Ukraine and the Czech Republic. For valuation purposes, we will use only a EV/S multiple, keeping in mind the value implied by the EV/Gas benchmark as a potential in the mid-term.



Valuation Summary

To arrive at a rough estimate of target MCap for GasCos, we apply equal weights to the EV/S multiple (average between Czech peers, pure transportation companies, and Ukrainian Oblenergos), EV/EBITDA*regulated transport* and EV/Fixed Assets.

Among the universe of GasCos, we select 10 stocks which are potentially interesting for investment taking into account their size (average implied MCap more than USD 20 mln), availability of stock, and historical records of profitability. Below, in profiles we provide more precise estimates of target prices and indicate current price ranges for the selected stocks.

Implied MCap Summary, USD mIn

		E				EV/EBITDA	EV/Fixed	Average	
		Closest peers	Transp. Co's	Obl- energos	Average	(Transport)	Assets (Closest peers)	implied I MCap	Recomm.
CherkasyGaz	CSGZ	23.1	15.8	20.4	19.8	13.6	27.1	20.2	n/r
ChernigivGaz	CGGZ	23.0	15.8	20.3	19.7	18.0	28.2	22.0	n/r
ChernivtsiGaz	CGAZ	2.7	5.4	2.2	3.4	5.8	13.1	7.4	n/r
DniporpetrovskGaz	DNOG	47.5	39.2	41.9	42.9	33.4	37.9	38.0	BUY
Dniprogaz	DNMG	21.0	15.9	18.4	18.4	14.6	13.5	15.5	n/r
DonetskMiskGaz	DOMG	7.8	8.0	6.9	7.5	6.2	5.3	6.3	n/r
DonetskOblGaz	DOOG	37.8	31.6	33.3	34.3	37.0	37.5	36.3	BUY
Ivano-FrankivskGaz	IGAZ	29.1	24.4	25.6	26.4	21.6	25.5	24.5	BUY
KharkivMiskGaz	HAMG	12.2	8.6	10.3	10.4	3.4	2.2	5.3	n/r
KharkivOblGaz	HRGZ	34.8	25.4	30.4	30.2	30.1	35.0	31.8	BUY
KhersonGaz	HEGZ	16.4	10.1	14.4	13.7	7.5	8.6	9.9	n/r
KhmelnitskGaz	HGAZ	24.1	18.5	21.1	21.2	24.1	28.9	24.7	BUY
KirovogradGaz	KIGZ	16.2	9.3	14.3	13.3	6.2	17.4	12.3	n/r
KrymGaz	KRGZ	17.0	17.5	14.9	16.5	13.8	25.5	18.6	n/r
KryvorizhGaz	KRVG	9.5	10.4	8.3	9.4	6.2	3.7	6.4	n/r
KyivGaz	KGAZ	27.7	33.9	25.2	28.9	32.5	23.2	28.2	n/r
KyivOblGaz	KIGA	53.1	37.0	47.7	45.9	33.7	45.5	41.7	BUY
LuhankskGaz	LUGZ	36.0	26.1	31.7	31.3	22.1	37.6	30.3	BUY
LvivGaz	LGAZ	43.7	29.6	37.8	37.0	21.5	30.1	29.5	BUY
MykolaivGaz	MGAZ	19.9	13.8	17.5	17.1	14.5	16.3	16.0	n/r
OdessaGaz	OGAZ	46.4	17.2	41.2	35.0	15.0	26.5	25.5	BUY
PoltavaGaz	PGAZ	22.4	18.3	19.6	20.1	19.4	25.6	21.7	BUY
RivneGaz	RGAZ	15.7	14.1	13.8	14.5	13.0	14.2	13.9	n/r
SumyGaz	SGAZ	23.4	14.0	20.5	19.3	17.3	25.4	20.7	n/r
TernopilGaz	TGAZ	3.8	9.8	3.4	5.7	8.5	1.6	5.3	n/r
VinnitsaGaz	VIGZ	25.7	15.4	22.7	21.3	15.4	24.4	20.4	n/r
VolynGaz	VOGZ	9.4	10.3	7.9	9.2	10.2	14.8	11.4	n/r
ZakarpatGaz	ZOGZ	23.9	13.8	21.2	19.6	11.8	13.1	14.8	n/r
ZaporizhGaz	ZAGZ	10.8	12.6	8.6	10.6	15.0	17.7	14.4	n/r
ZhytomyrGaz Source: company data, Bi	ZHGZ	22.4	14.3	19.5	18.7	13.9	21.8	18.2	n/r

Source: company data, Bloomberg, Concorde Capital estimates

* with added stake in ZHGZ (24.3%)



Appreciation Potential

Note that, our average implied capitalization corresponds to applying a 95% discount to peers' *EV/Gas Transported* and *EV/Gas Supplied* multiples, which suggests all the GasCos have a significant (up to 20 times) upside potential. The potential can be realized in the long term only when a new tariff policy in the gas sector will be introduced, and when gas prices in Ukraine will converge to EU prices.

GasCos' value will react positively to the expected regulation improvements and increase of gas prices in Ukraine in the mid-term. In order to gauge the scope of the possible value of appreciation we compare immediate estimates of GasCos' fair value from the page above (as-is case) with estimations which factor in the mid-term improvement of regulation environment, convergence of gas-to-electricity price ratios in Ukraine to those in the Czech Republic and improved liquidity of GasCos stocks. In the second case we use the value estimates calculated using Oblenergo's EV/Energy ratios (page 35). Case #2 is based on factors that will become effective in the mid term, so we cannot apply these valuations today directly.

Horizon:	Short-Term (12m)	Mid-Term (2-3y)
CherkasyGaz	20.3	30.4
ChernigivGaz	22.1	28.2
ChernivtsiGaz	7.3	n/a
Dniporpetrovskgaz	38.4	57.4
Dniprogaz	15.5	27.0
DonetskMiskGaz	6.3	10.2
DonetskOblGaz	36.4	46.8
Ivano-FrankivskGaz	24.6	29.7
KharkivMiskGaz	4.9	15.9
KharkivOblGaz	31.7	43.4
KhersonGaz	9.9	18.1
KhmelnitskGaz	29.1	29.6
KirovogradGaz	12.4	19.8
KrymGaz	18.6	19.6
KryvorizhGaz	6.4	11.8
KyivGaz	29.0	29.4
KyivOblGaz	42.7	70.5
LuhankskGaz	30.5	50.2
LvivGaz	29.1	38.6
MykolaivGaz	16.0	26.8
OdessaGaz	26.0	65.5
PoltavaGaz	21.6	33.4
RivneGaz	14.0	19.4
SumyGaz	20.7	34.7
TernopilGaz	5.3	18.8
VinnitsaGaz	20.5	30.8
VolynGaz	11.1	11.9
ZakarpatGaz	15.0	24.6
ZaporizhGaz	13.7	13.8
ZhytomyrGaz	18.0	25.6

Capitalization And Investment Horizon, USD mln

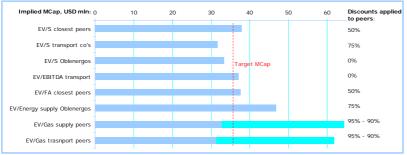


COMPANY PROFILES



DonetskOblGaz: BUY

Valuation Summary, USD mIn



Target MCap: USD 36.0 mln

Indicative Price: USD 0.035 Target price: USD 0.052 (upside 51%)

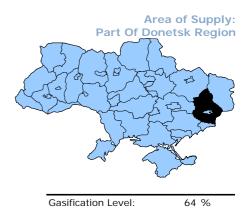
Stock Data	
Ticker (Concorde)	DOOG
Shares, mln	696.00
Par Value, USD	0.00
Free Float	40%
Ourmanahin	
Ownership:	
Nofferer	200/

Naftogaz	38%
Other	62%
Other	0%

Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	52.4
EBITDA margin	0.5%
Net margin	-7.4%
Net debt, Apr 2006	-0.9
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	10.5
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	35.8

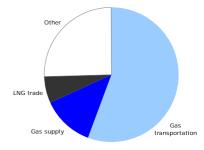
The largest of four gas companies in Donetsk region, and the largest GasCo in terms of gas transporting. Third largest GasCo by customer base, with significant base growth potential due to relatively low gasification level.

The company restructured its debts, and even was "forgiven" USD 16 mln in 3Q04, which was reflected in a huge profitability increase for that period (chart below). The rest of their debts to be written off during the already begun offsetting process.



Pipeline Length:	10 ths km		
Number of Customers:			
Natural Gas	636 ths		
LNG	220 ths		
Natural Gas:			
Transportation:	3.6 bln cm		
	41.6 TWh		
Supply:	1.0 bln cm		
	11.0 TWh		
LNG Supply:	4.7 ths mt		

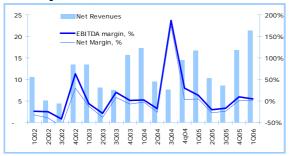
Business Breakdown (2005):



Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	44.6	48.8	52.4
Cost Of Sales	(40.0)	(42.3)	(48.0)
Gross Profit	4.6	6.5	4.3
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	(2.3)	15.2	1.2
SG&A	(3.8)	(4.4)	(5.2)
EBITDA	(1.5)	17.3	0.3
Depreciation	(2.8)	(3.0)	(3.7)
EBIT	(4.3)	14.3	(3.4)
Interest Expense	-	(0.0)	(0.0)
Financial income/(expense)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other income/(expense)	(0.9)	(0.6)	0.3
PBT	(5.2)	13.7	(3.2)
Тах	(0.0)	(2.8)	(0.7)
Net Income	(5.2)	10.9	(3.9)

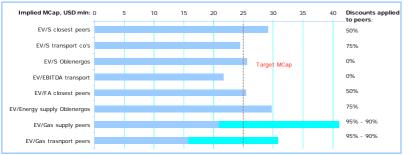
2003 2005 2004 Current Assets 35.4 1.8 29.8 28.4 1.7 Cash & Equivalents 1.8 Trade Receivables 15.8 10.3 8.4 Other 17.8 17.9 18.2 Fixed Assets 42.5 48.3 41.2 Total Assets 76.6 72.3 76.6 18.8 Shareholders' Equity 5.8 17.8 Current Liabilities 70.9 53.9 37.6 ST Interest Bearing Debt 0.0 0.0 1.7 Trade Payables 1.7 32.6 Other 69.1 5.0 52.2 LT Liabilities 0.0 0.6 20.1 **Total Liabilities & Equity** 72.3 76.6 76.6





Ivano-FrankivskGaz: BUY

Valuation Summary, USD mIn



Target MCap: USD 25.0 mln

Indicative Price Range: USD 0.2-0.5 Target price: USD 1.65 (upside 230%-700%)

IGAZ
15.15
0.05
20%

Ownership:	
Naftogaz	50%
Institutional Shareholders	35%
Other	15%

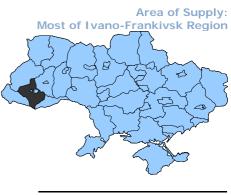
Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	43.9
EBITDA margin	2.5%
Net margin	0.1%
Net debt, Apr 2006	-0.8
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	43.1
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	84.1

Showing positive net income during the last couple of years, the company was also one of the leaders in pipeline reconstruction and gas meters installation in 2005.

Main gas consumer of the region, Burstyn power plant, accounts for about 50% of gas transport revenues.

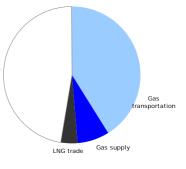
Company's high accumulated debt due to lags in payments in the mid 1990-s is expected to be re-structured and wrote off according to the law which is now in effect.

Large states' stake suggests the company can be privatized in the midterm, which will boost liquidity and valuation.



Gasification Level: 62 %	
Pipeline Length:	11 ths km
Number of Customer	rs:
Natural Gas	303 ths
LNG	81 ths
Natural Gas:	
Transportation:	2.3 bln cm
	26.3 TWh
Supply:	0.6 bln cm
	7.0 TWh
LNG Supply:	1.7 ths mt

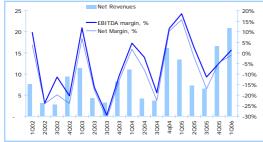
Business Breakdown (2005):



Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	27.1	35.1	43.9
Cost Of Sales	(24.5)	(30.0)	(40.1)
Gross Profit	2.5	5.1	3.9
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	(1.9)	(1.4)	(0.3)
SG&A	(1.8)	(2.1)	(2.5)
EBITDA	(1.2)	1.6	1.1
Depreciation	(1.1)	(1.2)	(1.5)
EBIT	(2.2)	0.4	(0.4)
Interest Expense	-	-	-
Financial income/(expense)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other income/(expense)	0.2	0.3	0.4
PBT	(2.0)	0.7	0.1
Тах	(0.1)	-	-
Net Income	(2.0)	0.7	0.1

2004 2005 2003 **Current Assets** 36.0 15.7 63.5 Cash & Equivalents Trade Receivables 0.8 12 33 27.8 19.8 10.0 Other 40.3 7.4 4.5 Fixed Assets 18 2 20.2 22.6 **Total Assets** 54.2 35.9 86.1 Shareholders' Equity (19 1)(12.7)(12.3)**Current Liabilities** 73.3 48.5 98.4 ST Interest Bearing Debt 1.0 0.0 Trade Payables 3.8 8.5 96.4 Other 40.0 2.0 68.5 LT Liabilities 54.2 35.9 **Total Liabilities & Equity** 86.1





OdessaGaz: BUY

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Gasification Level:

Number of Customers:

Pipeline Length:

Natural Gas

Natural Gas: Transportation:

LNG Supply:

LNG

Supply:

Othe

Area of Supply:

48 %

470 ths

315 ths

2.0 bln cm 23.7 TWh

1.3 bln cm

15.0 ths mt

Gas transportation

Gas supply

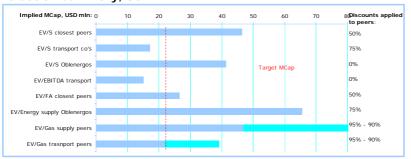
14.7 TWh

Business Breakdown (2005):

31 ths km

Whole Odessa Region

Valuation Summary, USD mln



Target MCap: USD 22.0 mln

Indicative Price Range: USD 5.0 -6.5 Target price: USD 38.0 (upside 240%-340%)

Stock Data	
Ticker (Concorde)	OGAZ
Shares, mln	0.58
Par Value, USD	5.69
Free Float	20%
Free Float	

Ownership:	
Naftogaz	20%
Management	59%
Other	21%

Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	60.7
EBITDA margin	1.8%
Net margin	0.1%
Net debt, Apr 2006	-4.6
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	19.9
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	29.0

The region of supply is fourth by population and the largest by area. The lowest gasification level suggests considerable potential for gas sales growth in midterm.

The company has the most stable profit margins among peers.

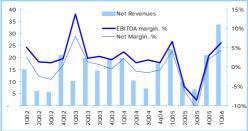
Majority of shares are controlled by current company's management.

Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	63.5	54.3	60.7
Cost Of Sales	(59.7)	(51.2)	(56.0)
Gross Profit	3.8	3.1	4.6
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	0.3	(0.3)	(0.8)
SG&A	(1.6)	(1.6)	(2.8)
EBITDA	2.6	1.2	1.1
Depreciation	(0.9)	(1.0)	(1.0)
EBIT	1.6	0.2	0.0
Interest Expense	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.0)
Financial income/(expense)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other income/(expense)	0.0	0.1	0.0
PBT	1.6	0.2	0.1
Тах	(0.5)	(0.2)	(0.0)
Net Income	1.1	0.1	0.1

	2003	2004	2005
Current Assets	24.7	26.4	25.7
Cash & Equivalents	1.2	2.2	2.1
Trade Receivables	13.1	11.4	13.3
Other	10.4	12.8	10.3
Fixed Assets	19.0	22.2	26.6
Total Assets	43.7	48.6	52.3
Shareholders' Equity	15.8	19.5	23.1
Current Liabilities	26.7	27.4	28.9
ST Interest Bearing Debt	-	-	-
Trade Payables	2.2	2.8	15.4
Other	24.4	24.6	13.5
LT Liabilities	1.3	1.7	0.2
Total Liabilities & Equity	43.7	48.6	52.3

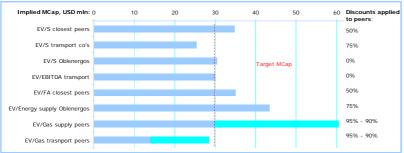
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KharkivGaz (KharkivOblGaz): BUY

Valuation Summary, USD mIn



Target MCap: USD 30.0 mln

Indicative Price Range: USD 2.0-3.0 Target price: USD 6.15 (upside 105%-205%)

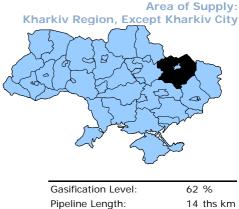
Stock Data	
Ticker (PFTS)	HRGZ
Shares, mIn	4.88
Par Value, USD	0.10
Free Float	37%

Ownership:	
Naftogaz	18%
Institutional Shareholders	46%
Other	36%

Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	51.0
EBITDA margin	9.6%
Net margin	0.9%
Net debt, Apr 2006	0.7
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	6.3
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	10.2

One of the most stable companies in terms ^{Sup} of profits.

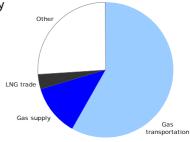
Absence of problems with debts and no dominating consumers in its area of supply makes the company one of the least risky among GasCos for potential investors.



Pipeline Length:	14	ths km
Number of Customers:		
Natural Gas	383	ths
LNG	140	ths
Natural Gas:		
Transportation:	1.8	bln cm
	20.5	TWh

		20.5	TWh
terms	Supply:	0.9	bln cm
terms		10.6	TWh
	LNG Supply:	2.0	ths mt

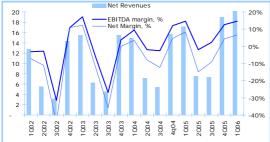
Business Breakdown (2005):



Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	41.7	43.0	51.0
Cost Of Sales	(38.7)	(38.0)	(45.2)
Gross Profit	3.1	5.0	5.8
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	(0.6)	(1.1)	0.1
SG&A	(0.7)	(0.8)	(1.0)
EBITDA	1.7	3.0	4.9
Depreciation	(1.8)	(2.5)	(4.1)
EBIT	(0.1)	0.5	0.8
Interest Expense	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Financial income/(expense)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other income/(expense)	0.2	0.4	0.7
PBT	0.1	0.8	1.3
Тах	(0.5)	(0.8)	(0.9)
Net Income	(0.4)	0.0	0.4

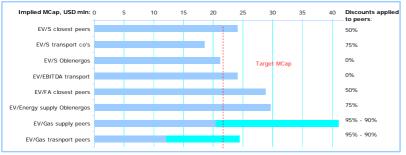
	2003	2004	2005
Current Assets	14.3	9.9	9.5
Cash & Equivalents	0.4	0.5	0.2
Trade Receivables	10.2	5.4	3.3
Other	3.7	4.0	5.9
Fixed Assets	35.0	38.5	43.5
Total Assets	49.3	48.4	53.1
Shareholders' Equity	35.7	37.6	41.4
Current Liabilities	13.1	9.7	10.7
ST Interest Bearing Debt	0.6	-	0.1
Trade Payables	3.0	1.6	8.1
Other	9.4	8.1	2.4
LT Liabilities	0.5	1.1	1.0
Total Liabilities & Equity	49.3	48.4	53.1





KhmelnitskGaz: BUY

Valuation Summary, USD mln



Target MCap: USD 22.0 mln

Indicative Price Range: USD 25.0-35.0 Target price: USD 59.7 (upside 70%-140%)

HGAZ
0.37
2.97
24%

Ownership:	
Naftogaz	26%
GAZTEK	49%
Other	25%

Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	35.6
EBITDA margin	10.2%
Net margin	3.4%
Net debt, Apr 2006	0.1
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	5.9
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	14.0

The only company which has been traded on the local stock exchange this year.

The company is controlled by GAZTEK holding and owns a 24.29% stake in neighboring ZhytomirGaz.

Supplies gas in the agricultural region, without dominant gas consumers.

- One of the most profitable and stable $\frac{1}{5}$ GasCos during the last three years.

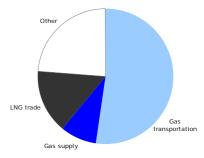
Area of Supply: Most of Khmelnitsk Region

Configuration Loval

Gasification Level:	n/a	
Pipeline Length:	10	ths km
Number of Customers:		
Natural Gas	218	ths
LNG	87	ths
Natural Gas:		
Transportation:	1.2	bln cm
	14.3	TWh
Supply:	0.6	bln cm
	7.2	TWh
LNG Supply:	6.4	ths mt

n/a

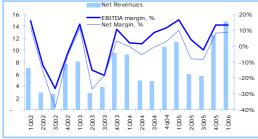
Business Breakdown (2005):



Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	24.1	29.4	35.6
Cost Of Sales	(22.1)	(26.0)	(30.3)
Gross Profit	2.0	3.4	5.2
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	(0.2)	(0.6)	(0.6)
SG&A	(0.8)	(1.0)	(1.0)
EBITDA	1.0	1.9	3.6
Depreciation	(1.4)	(2.1)	(2.7)
EBIT	(0.4)	(0.2)	0.9
Interest Expense	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.2)
Financial income/(expense)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other income/(expense)	0.6	0.7	0.9
PBT	0.2	0.4	1.6
Тах	(0.5)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Net Income	(0.2)	(0.0)	1.2

2003 2004 2005 **Current Assets** 9.6 56.8 16.7 Cash & Equivalents 0.8 0.3 0.3 Trade Receivables 49.1 5.1 4.5 Other 6.9 4.7 11.3 **Fixed Assets** 22.7 27.1 32.5 **Total Assets** 79.5 43.8 42.1 Shareholders' Equity 25.2 17.0 20.8 **Current Liabilities** 62.5 23.0 16.8 ST Interest Bearing Debt 0.3 1.2 2.1 0.6 Trade Payables 17.0 12.4 Other 3.9 45.2 19.7 LT Liabilities Total Liabilities & Equity 0.0 0.0 0.0 79.5 43.8 42.1





KyivOblGaz: BUY



Target MCap: USD 44.0 mln

Indicative Price Range: USD 0.8-1.0 Target price: USD 1.30 (upside 30%-62%)

KIGA
33.75
0.01
43%

Ownership:	
Naftogaz	33%
Institutional Shareholders	23%
Other	44%

Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	60.6
EBITDA margin	5.8%
Net margin	0.0%
Net debt, Apr 2006	-9.1
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	13.6
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	10.4

Supplies gas to the region around Kiev city, without dominant gas consumers. Low indebtedness level and market stability implies safe investment in the company.

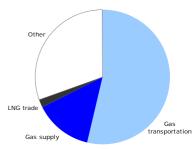
The company operates one of the longest gas networks in Ukraine, and actively reconstructs it.

Own capacity for plastic pipeline construction which guarantees additional stable sources of revenues for KIGA.

Area of Supply Nost of Kiev Region

Pipeline Length:	28	ths km
Number of Customers:		
Natural Gas	618	ths
LNG	112	ths
Natural Gas:		
Transportation:	2.5	bln cm
	28.8	TWh
Supply:	1.3	bln cm
N	14.8	TWh
LNG Supply:	2.2	ths mt

Business Breakdown (2005):



Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	52.5	51.0	60.6
Cost Of Sales	(49.5)	(49.6)	(58.2)
Gross Profit	3.0	1.3	2.4
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	(0.9)	2.4	2.4
SG&A	(0.7)	(1.2)	(1.3)
EBITDA	1.4	2.4	3.5
Depreciation	(1.6)	(2.3)	(2.2)
EBIT	(0.2)	0.1	1.3
Interest Expense	-	-	-
Financial income/(expense)	-	-	-
Other income/(expense)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
PBT	(0.2)	0.1	1.3
Тах	-	(0.0)	(1.3)
Net Income	(0.2)	0.1	0.0

	2003	2004	2005
Current Assets	22.6	16.6	17.5
Cash & Equivalents	4.0	3.5	5.4
Trade Receivables	16.9	8.8	8.2
Other	1.7	4.3	3.9
Fixed Assets	39.0	35.7	40.0
Total Assets	61.6	52.2	57.5
Shareholders' Equity	42.1	40.0	44.5
Current Liabilities	19.5	12.2	12.9
ST Interest Bearing Debt	-	-	-
Trade Payables	0.6	1.9	3.2
Other	18.9	10.3	9.7
LT Liabilities	0.0	-	-
Total Liabilities & Equity	61.6	52.2	57.5





LuhanskGaz: BUY

Valuation Summary, USD mIn



Target MCap: USD 30.5 mln

Indicative Price Range: N/A Target price: USD 4.18

Stock Data	
Ticker (Concorde)	LUGZ
Shares, mln	7.30
Par Value, USD	0.10
Free Float	26%

Ownership:	
Naftogaz	51%
Institutional Shareholders	31%
Other	19%

Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	48.0
EBITDA margin	3.1%
Net margin	-1.4%
Net debt, Apr 2006	-1.4
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	29.9
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	1.4

Third company by consumer base in
Ukraine; operates the region which is third
in Ukraine by gasification level.

The company has efficiently restructured its debt in early 2004, and started showing positive margins in 2005.

Large states' stake suggests the company can be privatized in the mid-term, which
will boost liquidity and valuation.

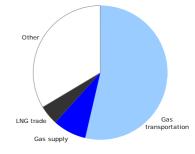


Gasification Level:	76 %
Pipeline Length:	15 ths km

Number of Custom	iers:
Natural Gas	652 ths
LNG	n/a

	Natural Gas:	
	Transportation:	2.7 bln cm
		31.7 TWh
ł	Supply:	1.0 bln cm
		11.7 TWh
	LNG Supply:	2.2 ths mt

Business Breakdown (2005):



Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	39.3	40.9	48.0
Cost Of Sales	(36.3)	(37.4)	(45.5)
Gross Profit	3.0	3.5	2.5
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	(5.6)	(6.2)	(0.1)
SG&A	(1.7)	(2.2)	(0.9)
EBITDA	(4.3)	(4.9)	1.5
Depreciation	(2.1)	(1.9)	(2.2)
EBIT	(6.3)	(6.8)	(0.8)
Interest Expense	-	-	-
Financial income/(expense)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other income/(expense)	0.4	0.2	0.3
PBT	(5.9)	(6.6)	(0.5)
Tax	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Net Income	(6.0)	(6.8)	(0.7)

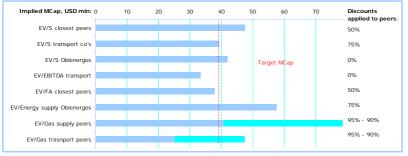
	2003	2004	2005
Current Assets	66.7	59.0	55.1
Cash & Equivalents	0.2	1.2	1.6
Trade Receivables	36.3	32.1	27.0
Other	30.2	25.7	26.5
Fixed Assets	30.7	35.6	43.6
Total Assets	97.4	94.6	98.6
Shareholders' Equity	3.4	(2.7)	(0.6)
Current Liabilities	94.0	51.4	23.5
ST Interest Bearing Debt	-	0.5	0.6
Trade Payables	1.4	1.8	1.5
Other	92.6	49.1	21.4
LT Liabilities	-	45.9	75.7
Total Liabilities & Equity	97.4	94.6	98.6





DnipropetrovskGaz: BUY (DnipropetrovskOblGaz)

Valuation Summary, USD mIn



Target MCap: USD 39.0 mln

Indicative Price Range: N/A Target price: USD 45.2

DNOG
0.86
0.56
22%

Ownership:	
Naftogaz	51%
GAZTEK	23%
Other	26%

Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	63.8
EBITDA margin	-10.4%
Net margin	-13.2%
Net debt, Apr 2006	-2.8
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	59.0
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	11.9

One of the largest GasCos in terms of revenue. Operates in Dnipropetrovsk Region, except the most industrialized cities of Kryviy Rih and Dnippropetrovsk.

low profitability of the company during the last couple of years.

The company develops pipeline diagnostic equipment.

Writing off bad receivables resulted in the

Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	59.2	62.6	63.8
Cost Of Sales	(54.9)	(57.5)	(59.1)
Gross Profit	4.4	5.1	4.7
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	0.0	(16.7)	(6.9)
SG&A	(3.1)	(3.6)	(4.5)
EBITDA	1.3	(15.2)	(6.6)
Depreciation	(2.1)	(2.2)	(2.6)
EBIT	(0.8)	(17.4)	(9.2)
Interest Expense	(0.1)	(0.5)	(0.0)
Financial income/(expense)	0.3	0.7	0.1
Other income/(expense)	0.5	0.7	0.8
PBT	(0.2)	(16.5)	(8.4)
Тах	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.0)
Net Income	(0.3)	(16.7)	(8.4)

	2003	2004	2005
Current Assets	102.0	83.2	74.0
Cash & Equivalents	1.1	2.1	1.5
Trade Receivables	86.6	64.4	56.0
Other	14.3	16.6	16.6
Fixed Assets	37.4	37.5	40.9
Total Assets	139.5	120.7	114.9
Shareholders' Equity	42.3	25.6	19.5
Current Liabilities	97.2	77.2	68.1
ST Interest Bearing Debt	-	-	-
Trade Payables	15.5	13.2	13.2
Other	81.7	64.0	54.9
LT Liabilities	-	17.8	27.4
Total Liabilities & Equity	139.5	120.7	114.9

Quarterly Data, USD mln





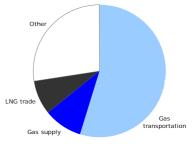
Pipeline Length:	21	ths km
Number of Customers:		
Natural Gas	604	ths
LNG	n/a	
Natural Gas:		
Transportation:	3.4	bln cm
	40.0	TWh
Supply:	1.1	bln cm

Business Breakdown (2005):

LNG Supply:

13.1 TWh

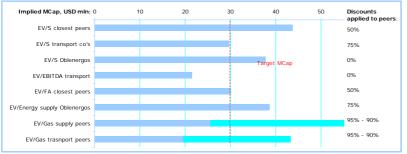
4.6 ths mt





LvivGaz: BUY

Valuation Summary, USD mIn



Target MCap: USD 30.0 mln

Indicative Price Range: N/A Target price: USD 8.8

Stock Data	
Ticker (PFTS)	LGAZ
Shares, mIn	3.40
Par Value, USD	0.01
Free Float	9%

Ownership:	
Naftogaz	28%
West Oil Group	63%
Other	9%

Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	73.1
EBITDA margin	-0.7%
Net margin	-6.2%
Net debt, Apr 2006	3.9
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	54.7
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	120.3

Second company by consumer base in Ukraine, and leader by reported sales 2005. Pipeline construction business was reflected in high additional revenues and high recent sales volatility.

LGAZ is the leader by level of gasification in Ukraine, and is among the leaders in pipeline reconstruction. Though, tariff policy did not allow the company to generate profits.

The company belongs to the group of gas companies belonging to WOG, which is now a target for acquisition by UkrGazEnergo.

High company's debt is expected to be restructured and wrote off according to the acting law.

Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

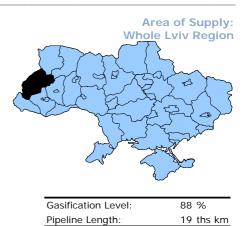
	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	42.6	41.2	69.9
Cost Of Sales	(38.4)	(38.0)	(67.1)
Gross Profit	4.2	3.2	2.7
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	(8.0)	(24.7)	(0.5)
SG&A	(2.1)	(2.5)	(2.9)
EBITDA	(5.9)	(24.0)	(0.6)
Depreciation	(3.9)	(4.7)	(3.4)
EBIT	(9.8)	(28.8)	(4.0)
Interest Expense	-	(0.0)	(0.5)
Financial income/(expense)	-	-	-
Other income/(expense)	0.0	19.3	0.0
PBT	(9.8)	(9.5)	(4.5)
Тах	-	(0.0)	(0.0)
Net Income	(9.8)	(9.5)	(4.5)

	2003	2004	2005
Current Assets	232.3	64.4	147.3
Cash & Equivalents	0.8	0.5	1.7
Trade Receivables	54.1	35.1	39.3
Other	177.4	28.8	106.2
Fixed Assets	33.4	35.3	39.1
Total Assets	265.8	99.7	186.3
Shareholders' Equity	(0.3)	(5.8)	3.6
Current Liabilities	266.1	105.4	182.7
ST Interest Bearing Debt	-	0.3	4.6
Trade Payables	11.2	5.3	138.4
Other	254.8	99.8	39.6
LT Liabilities	0.0	0.2	0.0
Total Liabilities & Equity	265.8	99.7	186.3

Quarterly Data, USD mln

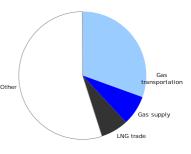


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s:	
675	ths
n/a	
2.3	bln cm
26.4	TWh
0.9	bln cm
10.3	TWh
9.0	ths mt
	2.3 26.4 0.9 10.3

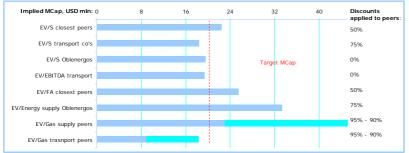
Business Breakdown (2005):





PoltavaGaz: BUY

Valuation Summary, USD mIn



Target MCap: USD 20.0 mln

Indicative Price Range: N/A Target price: USD 48.3

Stock Data	
Ticker (Concorde)	PGAZ
Shares, mIn	0.41
Par Value, USD	0.21
Free Float	8%

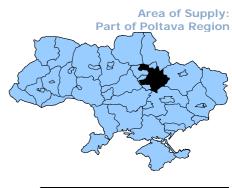
Ownership:	
Naftogaz	51%
Institutional Shareholders	40%
Other	9%

Key Financial Data, USD mln:	
Sales 2005	34.2
EBITDA margin	6.3%
Net margin	-0.8%
Net debt, Apr 2006	0.4
Accounts Receivable, Apr 2006	7.6
Accounts Payable, Apr 2006	5.9

The company concentrates its business in Poltava city and central and eastern districts of Poltava Region.

Restructuring of the company's debts caused negative financial results in the previous years, but in recent quarters the company started showing positive margins.

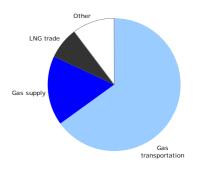
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Gasification Level:	74 %
Pipeline Length:	19 ths km
Number of Custome	rs:
Natural Gas	340 ths
LNG	n/a
Natural Gas:	

Natural Gas:	
Transportation:	1.1 bln cm
	12.8 TWh
Supply:	0.7 bln cm
	8.1 TWh
LNG Supply:	2.6 ths mt

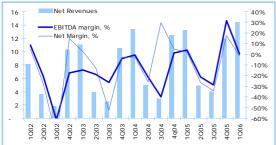
Business Breakdown (2005):



Key Financials (Ukrainian Accounting Standards, USD mln)

	2003	2004	2005
Net revenues	28.2	33.9	34.2
Cost Of Sales	(25.4)	(30.0)	(29.6)
Gross Profit	2.8	3.8	4.6
Other Operating Income/Costs, net	(5.2)	(4.8)	(0.6)
SG&A	(1.0)	(1.2)	(1.9)
EBITDA	(3.5)	(2.2)	2.1
Depreciation	(1.3)	(1.5)	(3.1)
EBIT	(4.7)	(3.7)	(1.0)
Interest Expense	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Financial income/(expense)	0.0	0.1	0.0
Other income/(expense)	2.8	3.5	1.0
PBT	(1.9)	(0.1)	(0.0)
Тах	-	- '	(0.3)
Net Income	(1.9)	(0.1)	(0.3)

	2003	2004	2005
Current Assets	32.3	28.3	25.1
Cash & Equivalents	1.3	0.6	1.4
Trade Receivables	22.7	18.4	7.9
Other	8.3	9.4	15.8
Fixed Assets	24.1	27.4	30.3
Total Assets	56.4	55.7	55.3
Shareholders' Equity	17.7	20.7	24.2
Current Liabilities	36.6	32.0	29.3
ST Interest Bearing Debt	-	-	-
Trade Payables	4.7	4.4	4.3
Other	31.9	27.6	25.0
LT Liabilities	2.1	3.0	1.9
Total Liabilities & Equity	56.4	55.7	55.3





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