

PRESS RELEASE

EDISON CLOSES H1 WITH REVENUES OF 4.4 BILLION EUROS, EBITDA AT 407 MILLION EUROS AND NET PROFIT OF 62 MILLION EUROS.

Edison closed the semester with positive results (62 million euros compared with the 140 million euros loss¹ in the first half of 2017) thanks to the good performance of electric power operations and the absence of volatility linked to hedging activities. Debt at 203 million euros from the 116 million as at December 31, 2017 following the acquisition of Gas Natural Vendita Italia and Attiva.

Milan, July 27, 2018 - The Edison Board of Directors met today to examine the Semiannual Report at June 30, 2018, which closed with a net profit of 62 million euros, compared to the loss of 140 million euros in the same period of 2017. This result was achieved especially thanks to the good performance of electric power operations (EBITDA for the period was +39%) and the recovered stability in commodity hedging activities.

Edison revised upwards its guidance for 2018 EBITDA in the range between 700 million and 740 million euros.

At June 30, 2018, net financial debt rose to 203 million euros from the 116 million euros recorded at the end of 2017 following the acquisitions of Gas Natural Vendita Italia and Attiva, which had an impact of 293 million euros including debt. These transactions have enabled Edison to consolidate its positioning as the third operator in the Italian retail market, contributing in excess of 500,000 additional customers.

EDISON GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

<i>in millions of euros</i>	6 months - 2018¹	6 months - 2017¹
Sales revenues	4,425	4,377
EBITDA	407	426
EBIT	160	19
Group interest in net Profit/Loss	62	(140)

¹ On January 1, 2018, two new international accounting standards entered into force: IFRS 15, which applies to “revenue from contracts with customers”, and IFRS 9, relating to financial instruments. In order to improve comparability over time, Edison has decided to apply IFRS 15 retrospectively, by restating 2017 financial statements. As a result of the adoption of this standard, sales revenues decreased, without any impact on EBITDA. The effects resulting from the first adoption of IFRS 9 were instead recorded in equity without restatement of 2017 data.

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Group performance at June 30, 2018

The first half of the year has been characterized by further improvement of the Italian economy, although at a slower pace than in 2017, coupled with a moderate rise in demand as well as in electricity prices. Gas prices on the other hand rose significantly, while consumption was down as a result of lower demand for thermoelectric generation.

More specifically, **Italian electricity demand rose by 0.8% in the first half of the year to 158.6 TWh** compared with 157.4 TWh in the same period of 2017. This increase was fully covered by imports, which rose significantly (+30.2% to 23.8 TWh) as compared with the first half of last year, when foreign production was temporarily suspended for maintenance. The increase in imports, hydroelectric generation - which benefitted from the significant amount of rain recorded in the winter and spring months (+36.5% to 26 TWh) - and the good performance of wind power (+9.2% to 9.6 TWh) had a negative impact on thermoelectric generation, which was down by 11% during the period, to 86.2 TWh. The 5.1% rise in **Single National Price (PUN) to 53.8 euros per MWh** resulted from increasing fossil fuel production costs, although mitigated by the lower recourse to thermoelectric generation.

This trend is confirmed by **gas consumption, which in the first half of the year declined by 1.7% to 38.5 billion cubic meters compared with the same period of 2017**. This performance was caused by shrinking thermoelectric generation, which resulted in lower demand for gas (-13.7% to 10.6 billion cubic meters), while demand for residential (+5.3% to 17.7 billion cubic meters) and industrial (+1.9% to 9.3 billion cubic meters) uses rose. Prices were up, with the **spot gas price reaching in the first six months of the year an average value of 23.7 cents per cubic meter in Italy** (+16.2% compared with the same period of 2017). The causes of this upward trend lie in the lower availability of gas at the beginning of the year due to the reduced capacity of certain infrastructures in Northern Europe combined with climatic factors and, in May and June, with increasing oil prices.

In the first half of the year **oil prices rose considerably by 34.5% recording an average value of 71 dollars per barrel as compared with 52.8 dollars per barrel in the same period of 2017**.

In this context, Edison closed the first half of the year with **sales revenues of 4,425 million euros (+1.1% compared with the same period of 2017²)**, benefitting from the improving reference scenario. In particular, revenues from **hydrocarbons operations** came in at 2,914 million euros, up 3.3% on the first half of 2017, as a result of higher production volumes outside Italy as well as the increase in prices. Revenues from **electric power operations** were down 6.7% in the first six months of the year to 1,823 million euros compared with the same period of 2017, mainly due to the lesser volumes sold in the wholesale market, partly offset by the increase in volumes sold to final customers.

EBITDA came to 407 million euros, slightly declining from 426 million euros in the first half of 2017. The result was impacted by trends in hydrocarbons EBITDA³ **falling to 279 million euros** from 347 million euros in the first half of 2017. This change was caused primarily by the expected decline in margins from gas supply

² Please recall that, in order to improve comparability over time, Edison has decided to retrospectively adopt the new IFRS 15, which entered into force on January 1, 2018 and applies to "revenue from contracts with customers", restating 2017 financial statements. As a result of the adoption of IFRS 15, sales revenues declined, without any impact on EBITDA.

³ The values for the first half of 2017 refer to adjusted EBITDA, calculated by reclassifying from hydrocarbons operations to electric power operations the portion of the results of commodity and foreign exchange hedges executed in connection with contracts to import natural gas attributable to the electric power operations. In the first half of 2018, there were no hedges to be reclassified between the two business segments. EBITDA includes central staff and technical services.

and sales activities, which were affected by a less favourable market scenario. E&P activities made a significantly positive contribution to profitability, benefitting from higher foreign production volumes and the improvement in the reference scenario. **EBITDA³ of electric power operations rose by 38.9% to 182 million euros** (131 million euros in the first half of 2017) thanks to the greater contribution of the hydroelectric operations and the increased profitability of thermoelectric generation.

EBIT rose significantly to 160 million euros from 19 million euros in the first half of last year, thanks to the absence of the change in fair value of commodities and exchange rates derivatives, which in the first six months of last year was negative for 161 million euros. This result is after depreciation, amortization and write-downs totalling 234 million euros, substantially in line with the 240 million euros recorded in the first half of 2017.

The **profit before taxes was positive for 149 million euros** (loss of 57 million euros in the first half 2017), due to the above-described performance as well as financial expense reduced by half, thanks to the improvement in the cost of debt - which moreover declined to a considerable extent - and the absence of exchange losses. Please recall that first half 2017 profit before taxes included the 55 million euros writedown on the equity investments, which were later sold, in the company Infrastrutture Trasporto Gas and in Terminale GNL Adriatico.

Edison closed the first half of the year with a net profit of 62 million euros, compared with a loss of 140 million euros in the same period of 2017, as a result of the trends described above.

At June 30, 2018, net financial debt rose to 203 million euros from the 116 million euros recorded at the end of 2017 following the acquisitions of Gas Natural Vendita Italia and Attiva, which had an impact of 293 million euros including debt. The good operating performance allowed to limit the increase in debt linked to M&A transactions during the period.

Outlook

Edison revised upwards its guidance for 2018 EBITDA in the range between 700 million and 740 million euros.

The parent company's results of operations

The parent company Edison Spa closed the first half of 2018 with a net profit of 35 million euros, compared with the loss of 145 million euros recorded in the same period of 2017 (142 million pro forma - please recall that in 2017, the parent company carried out the merger by absorption of the fully owned Edison Trading Spa), as a result of the same trends as those highlighted until now.

Main events of the first half of 2018

February 21, 2018 – Edison signed a partnership agreement with Idinvest Partners, one of the leading Pan-European private equity firms. This strategic venture capital partnership covers Edison’s investment in the Smart City investment fund managed by Idinvest, focused on start-ups operating in the Smart Energy, Smart Building & Industry, New Mobility and Abilitating Technologies sectors in Europe, North America, Israel and Asia. The partnership also provides the opportunity to co-invest in start-ups of particular interest for Edison, thus improving the maximum potential investment of the fund. At the same time, Idinvest has undertaken to promote the Italian ecosystem of innovation, investing in one or more innovative Italian businesses and start-ups that fall within the scope of its investment focus, through its venture capital business.

February 22, 2018 – Edison acquired Gas Natural Vendita Italia (GNVI), increasing its customer base by 50%. GNVI’s gas customer portfolio is located primarily in Southern Italy and consists of around 420,000 residential customers (the majority of whom are in the so called “Regime di Maggior Tutela”) and 15,000 small and medium enterprises, equivalent to a total volume of gas sold of 3.3 TWh. GNVI also sells electricity to around 53,000 retail customers and small and medium enterprises.

In addition, GNVI also works in the gas boiler maintenance sector through Servigas, currently serving in excess of 90,000 residential customers. With this transaction, Edison strengthened its position as a key national energy operator in the retail sector, reaching a volume of customers that allows it to play a leading role in market consolidation. The price paid to acquire the company was 195.3 million euros.

In April, Gas Natural Fenosa transferred to Edison the gas procurement agreement relating to Shah Deniz II field in Azerbaijan.

April 27, 2018 - Edison and Soleil Srl entered into a binding agreement for Edison’s acquisition of Attiva, a company operating in the market of natural gas sales to end consumers in Puglia. This transaction, which was closed in May, includes a portfolio of roughly 30,000 customers located in all municipalities in the province of Lecce and in several municipalities in the provinces of Bari, Brindisi and Taranto, and strengthens Edison’s presence in Puglia in line with the company’s retail market development plan. Set up in 2003, Attiva supplies around 20 million cubic meters of natural gas per year to households in Puglia, the majority in the residential market and coming from the so called “Regime di Maggior Tutela”, with a high rate of retention and an average churn rate below the national average.

May 28, 2018 – Edison, through its subsidiary Fenice Spa, signed a binding agreement with Prima Holding s.r.l. for the acquisition of the majority of Zephyro Spa, consisting of 7,007,299 common shares, equal to 71.32% of the ordinary share capital and 70.66% of the total share capital. The price paid was 10.25 euros per share, with a total outlay of 71.8 million euros. Zephyro, whose shares have been traded since December 2015 on the AIM Italia – Alternative Investments Market organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., is a leading operator in Italy in the sector of energy efficiency and in the supply of integrated energy management solutions. Services offered include designing and implementing high-tech energy redevelopment initiatives, as well as managing and maintaining plants and providing the associated services for complex energy intensive structures in order to limit consumption and polluting emissions as well as to achieve cost savings. The Company, which in 2017 recorded a turnover of 69 million euros and an EBITDA of 15.9 million euros, has more than 200 employees throughout the country, especially in Lombardy, Veneto and Lazio. In particular, Zephyro currently serves more than 30 hospitals and has been awarded new CONSIP tender offers for the supply of energy services to hospitals.

June 19, 2018 - Standard & Poor's rating agency upgraded the company's credit rating to investment grade level. In particular, S&P raised Edison's long-term rating to "BBB-" from "BB+" and the short-term rating to "A-3" from "B". The outlook is stable. S&P explained that the upgrade of the long-term rating reflects Edison's robust operating performance and the strengthening of its financial profile in 2017. The international agency also views favourably the company's strategic focus on renewable energy and downstream operations (sales to final customers and energy efficiency services). The acquisition of Gas Natural's Italian retail assets and the binding agreement to acquire a majority stake in Zephyro are concrete demonstration of this repositioning towards the end market and pave the way for the development of synergies with Edison's gas midstream activities. The stable outlook reflects S&P's expectation that Edison will continue benefitting from sustainable operating cash flows, stemming from gas supply contracts more aligned with the market, an efficient electricity generation fleet and an increasing contribution from renewables. According to Standard & Poor's, Edison has the financial flexibility to support its strategic development both through acquisitions and through organic growth.

Significant events occurring after June 30, 2018

July 2, 2018 - Fenice Spa, in execution of the above mentioned binding agreement entered into on May 28, 2018, acquired the majority investment in Zephyro S.p.A. The price paid was 10.25 euros per share, with a total outlay of 71,824,815 euros.

On the same date, Fenice announced the launch, in compliance with the provisions set forth in article 9 of the Zephyro Bylaws, of the Total Tender Offer pursuant to articles 102 and 106, paragraph 1 of the TUF, following the satisfaction of the conditions precedent with the acquisition of the equity investment noted above. Fenice has simultaneously submitted to Consob the related Information Document that will be published at the end of the review carried out by Consob pursuant to article 102, paragraph 4 of the TUF.

Documentation

Please note that the Semiannual Report as at June 30, 2018 of the Edison Group, approved today by the Board of Directors of Edison Spa, will be available to the public on July 31, 2018 at the company's office, on the website of Borsa Italiana Spa (www.borsaitaliana.it) and Edison Spa (<http://www.edison.it/it/bilanci-e-documenti-correlati>) and on the electronic storage site "eMarket STORAGE" (www.emarketstorage.com).

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The “Dirigenti preposti alla redazione dei documenti contabili societari” of Edison Spa, Didier Calvez and Roberto Buccelli, certify that – pursuant to article 154-bis, paragraph 2 of the TUF (Italian Legislative decree no. 58/1998) – the accounting disclosures in this release are consistent with records, ledgers and accounting entries. The Semiannual Report as at June 30, 2018 was subject to a limited audit.

This press release and, in particular, the section entitled “Outlook”, contain forward-looking statements. Such statements are based on the Group’s current forecasts and projections in relation to future events and are, by their very nature, subject to intrinsic risk and uncertainty. Actual results could differ materially from the forecasts referenced in these statements due to many different factors, including the continued volatility and deterioration of capital and financial markets, fluctuations in the prices of raw materials, changes in macroeconomic conditions and in economic growth and other changes in business conditions, changes in legislation, including regulations, and in the institutional context (both in Italy and abroad) and many other factors, most of which are beyond the Group’s control.

The Group’s income statement, showing the other components of the comprehensive income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement and the statement of changes in consolidated shareholders’ equity are annexed to this press release.

Material information pursuant to Consob resolution no. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended.

Consolidated Income Statement

(in millions of euros)	1 st half 2018	1 st half 2017 (*)
Sales revenues (*)	4,425	4,377
Other revenues and income	57	65
Total net revenues	4,482	4,442
Raw materials and services used (-) (*)	(3,914)	(3,859)
Labor costs (-)	(161)	(157)
EBITDA	407	426
Net change in fair value of commodity derivatives	-	(161)
Depreciation, amortization and writedowns (-)	(234)	(240)
Other income (expense), net	(13)	(6)
EBIT	160	19
Net financial income (expense)	(15)	(33)
Income from (Expense on) equity investments	4	(43)
Profit (Loss) before taxes	149	(57)
Income taxes	(82)	(77)
Profit (Loss) from continuing operations	67	(134)
Profit (Loss) from discontinued operations	-	-
Profit (Loss)	67	(134)
Broken down as follows:		
Minority interest in profit (loss)	5	6
Group interest in profit (loss)	62	(140)
Earnings (Loss) per share (in euros)		
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	0.0108	(0.0272)
Basic earnings per savings share	0.0408	0.0250
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	0.0108	(0.0272)
Diluted earnings per savings share	0.0408	0.0250

(*) "Sales revenues" and "Raw materials and services used" related to reporting period 2017 were restated following IFRS 15 adoption with no EBITDA impact.

The first adoption impacts related to IFRS 9 were recorded in equity without restatement of 2017 data.

Other Components of the Comprehensive Income Statement

(in millions of euros)	1 st half 2018	1 st half 2017
Profit (Loss)	67	(134)
Other components of comprehensive income:		
A) Change in the Cash Flow Hedge reserve	75	12
- Gains (Losses) arising during the period	104	17
- Income taxes	(29)	(5)
B) Differences on the translation of assets in foreign currencies	(1)	(10)
- Gains (Losses) not realized	-	(14)
- Income taxes	(1)	4
C) Pro rata interest in other components of comprehensive income of investee companies	-	-
D) Actuarial gains (losses) (*)	-	(1)
- Actuarial gains (losses)	-	(1)
- Income taxes	-	-
Total other components of comprehensive income net of taxes (A+B+C+D)	74	1
Total comprehensive profit (loss)	141	(133)
Broken down as follows:		
Minority interest in comprehensive profit (loss)	5	6
Group interest in comprehensive profit (loss)	136	(139)

(*) Items not reclassifiable in Income Statement.

Consolidated Balance Sheet

(in millions of euros)	06.30.2018	12.31.2017
ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	3,603	3,657
Investment property	5	5
Goodwill	2,414	2,313
Hydrocarbon concessions	301	322
Other intangible assets	355	154
Investments in associates	64	67
Available-for-sale investments (*)	-	1
Investments at fair value through profit and loss (*)	4	-
Other financial assets	72	80
Deferred-tax assets	468	467
Other assets	470	302
Total non-current assets	7,756	7,368
Inventories	200	182
Trade receivables	1,344	1,656
Current-tax assets	10	8
Other receivables	1,054	840
Current financial assets (*)	2	6
Cash and cash equivalents	272	260
Total current assets	2,882	2,952
Total assets	10,638	10,320
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital	5,377	5,377
Reserves and retained earnings (loss carryforward)	391	601
Reserve for other components of comprehensive income	187	113
Group interest in profit (loss)	62	(176)
Total shareholders' equity attributable to Parent Company shareholders	6,017	5,915
Shareholders' equity attributable to minority shareholders	263	288
Total shareholders' equity	6,280	6,203
Provision for employee severance indemnities and provisions for pensions	42	42
Provision for deferred taxes	136	76
Provisions for risks and charges	1,266	1,249
Long-term financial debt and other financial liabilities	267	221
Other liabilities	195	65
Total non-current liabilities	1,906	1,653
Bonds	4	4
Short-term financial debt	206	157
Trade payables	1,362	1,696
Current taxes payable	19	19
Other liabilities	861	588
Total current liabilities	2,452	2,464
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	10,638	10,320

(*) Since January 1, 2018, following the application of the new accounting principle IFRS 9 the "Available-for-sale investments" and the "Equity investments held for trading" (included for about 3 million of euros in "Current financial assets" at December 31, 2017) were reclassified in "Investments at fair value through profit and loss".

The first adoption impacts related to IFRS 9 were recorded in equity without restatement of 2017 data.

Cash Flow Statement

(in millions of euros)	1 st half 2018	1 st half 2017
Profit (Loss) before taxes	149	(57)
Depreciation, amortization and writedowns	234	240
Writedowns of activities held for sale	-	55
Net additions to provisions for risks	1	6
Interest in the result of companies valued by the equity method (-)	(3)	(2)
Dividends received from companies valued by the equity method	8	-
(Gains) Losses on the sale of non-current assets	-	1
Change in the provision for employee severance indemnities and provisions for pensions	(2)	-
Change in fair value recorded in EBIT	-	161
Change in operating working capital	50	170
Change in non-operating working capital	7	(76)
Change in other operating assets and liabilities	18	14
Net financial (income) expense	15	33
Net financial income (expense) paid	(7)	(12)
Net income taxes paid	(72)	(43)
A. Cash flow from continuing operations	398	490
Additions to intangibles and property, plant and equipment (-)	(199)	(195)
Additions to non-current financial assets (-)	(5)	-
Net price paid on business combinations (*)	(290)	(9)
Proceeds from the sale of intangibles and property, plant and equipment	39	11
Proceeds from the sale of non-current financial assets	4	11
Repayment of capital contribution by non-current financial assets	-	2
B. Cash used in investing activities from continuing operations	(451)	(180)
Receipt of new medium-term and long-term loans	65	-
Redemption of medium-term and long-term loans (-)	(12)	(162)
Other net change in financial debt	40	(35)
Change in other current financial assets	1	(5)
Net liabilities resulting from financing activities	94	(202)
Capital and reserves contributions (+)	-	1
Dividends and reserves paid to controlling companies or minority shareholders (-)	(29)	(29)
C. Cash used in financing activities from continuing operations	65	(230)
D. Net currency translation differences	-	-
E. Net cash flow for the period from continuing operations (A+B+C+D)	12	80
F. Net cash flow for the period from discontinued operations	-	-
G. Net cash flow for the period (continuing and discontinued operations) (E+F)	12	80
H. Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year from continuing operations	260	206
I. Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year from discontinued operations	-	-
L. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period (continuing and discontinued operations) (G+H+I)	272	286
M. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period from discontinued operations	-	-
N. Reclassification to Assets held for sale	-	-
O. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period from continuing operations (L-M+N)	272	286

(*) Acquisitions prices 212 million euros net of -8 million euros of cash and cash equivalents acquired; financial debt paid 86 million euros.

Changes in Consolidated Shareholders' Equity

(in millions of euros)	Share capital	Reserves and retained earnings (loss carry-forward)	Reserve for other components of comprehensive income				Group interest in profit (loss)	Total shareholders' equity attributable to Parent Company shareholders	Shareholders' equity attributable to minority shareholders	Total shareholders' Equity
			Cash Flow Hedge reserve	Differences on the translation of assets in foreign currencies	Interest in other components of comprehensive income of investee companies	Actuarial gains (losses)				
Balance at December 31, 2016	5,377	988	(57)	39	-	(3)	(389)	5,955	310	6,265
Appropriation of the previous year's profit (loss)	-	(389)	-	-	-	-	389	-	-	-
Dividends and reserves distributed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(29)	(29)
Increase of share capital and reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other changes	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	(1)	-
Total comprehensive profit (loss)	-	-	12	(10)	-	(1)	(140)	(139)	6	(133)
of which:										
- Change in comprehensive income	-	-	12	(10)	-	(1)	-	1	-	1
- Profit (Loss) from 01.01.2017 to 06.30.2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	(140)	(140)	6	(134)
Balance at June 30, 2017	5,377	600	(45)	29	-	(4)	(140)	5,817	287	6,104
Dividends and reserves distributed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17)	(17)
Changes in the scope of consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
Other changes	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Total comprehensive profit (loss)	-	-	137	(4)	-	-	(36)	97	7	104
of which:										
- Change in comprehensive income	-	-	137	(4)	-	-	-	133	-	133
- Profit (Loss) from 07.01.2017 to 12.31.2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	(36)	(36)	7	(29)
Balance at December 31, 2017	5,377	601	92	25	-	(4)	(176)	5,915	288	6,203
IFRS 9 - first application	-	(29)	-	-	-	-	-	(29)	-	(29)
Balance at January 1, 2018	5,377	572	92	25	-	(4)	(176)	5,886	288	6,174
Appropriation of the previous year's profit (loss)	-	(176)	-	-	-	-	176	-	-	-
Dividends and reserves distributed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(29)	(29)
Other changes	-	(5)	-	-	-	-	-	(5)	(1)	(6)
Total comprehensive profit (loss)	-	-	75	(1)	-	-	62	136	5	141
of which:										
- Change in comprehensive income	-	-	75	(1)	-	-	-	74	-	74
- Profit (Loss) from 01.01.2018 to 06.30.2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	62	5	67
Balance at June 30, 2018	5,377	391	167	24	-	(4)	62	6,017	263	6,280