

Sell – National Grid (NG.)

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Trade parameters:
Opening Price
<740p

Stop Loss 15p away (755p) Limit/Target 690p

Reward vs. Risk 3.3x

CFD Margin

5%

Technical Observations - For

- Shares at upper boundary of 18-month channel
- MACD overbought
- Momentum pulled back from prior high
- Positive Directional Indicator at extreme high
- Trading volumes fallen as trendline tested

Technical Observations - Against

- MACD not yet turned down
- ADX (trend strength) still very strong
- Momentum not yet gone negative
- RSI not quite overbought
- Possible support from 200-day moving average

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REG Bio-Power extended contract with National Grid to provide Short Term Operating Reserve for additional 12 months to April 2015 (12 Mar). Company prices long term € and £ hybrid bonds at slight discount (11 Mar). Shares higher after OFGEM and NG agree new price controls for next 8 years (28 Feb). ExaneBNP upgrades expecting NG to accept OFGEM proposals and remove regulatory overhang of last 2 years. Utilities sector often considered slow moving and unexciting. **Next Event:** 2012/13 full year results, 16 May

<u>Latest Broker 12m Consensus:</u> 7 x Buy, 5 x Hold, 6 x Sell (Source: Digital Look & AlphaTerminal) (U = Upgrade / D = Downgrade) **22-Jan,** ExaneBNP, Outperform (U), TP 780p; **21-Jan,** Seymour Pierce, Sell; **18-Dec,** Nomura, Buy, TP 735p; **16-Nov,** SocGen, Sell; **10-Oct,** Citigroup, Neutral, TP 680p (U);



Stock description

National Grid PLC is an investor-owned utility company which distributes gas. The PLC owns and operates the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, the gas transmission network in Great Britain, and electricity transmission networks in the Northeastern United States. National Grid also operates the electricity transmission networks in Scotland. (FTSE100)

Graph: 2-year (daily)

Stock last used as Trade Idea; 21-Aug-2012

**Source: DowJones Newswires, Reuters News or Company Press releases, Bloomberg.com

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Graph: 2-year (daily) - ADX and Directional Indicators, MACD & Volume



Moving averages on price:

Green: 200-period, Black: 100-period, Red: 50-period, Red: 20-period

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Graph: 2-year (daily) - RSI, Momentum and Performance relative to FTSE 100



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