NTPC Ltd: 2Q FY10 results

Expensive defense

Revenue lower led by fuel issues:

In 2Q FY10, NTPC reported revenues of Rs 107.8 billion (up 11.6% YoY, down 10.2% QoQ), EBIDTA of Rs 36.8 (up 23.7% YoY, down 0.5% QoQ) and PAT of Rs 21.5 billion (up 2% YoY, down 1.9% QoQ) vs. our estimates of Rs 115.7 billion, Rs 36.2 billion and Rs 20.9 billion, respectively. Revenue was lower than our estimate due to lower generation by 9.2% YoY to ~50.4 billion units. Management indicated this was due to scheduled plant maintenance shutdown and lower supply of coal at Kahalgaon and Farakka plants (tables 3 and 4). Other expenditure was down 7.2% QoQ (17.2% YoY), due to write-back of excess provision for employees/benefits of Rs. 829.3 million. This coupled with lower employee cost of 14.6% QoQ (16.6% YoY), led to EBIDTA and PAT slightly higher that our estimate despite lower reported revenue.

Delays in capacity addition is a recurring phenomenon

Based on CEA data, NTPC will add commercially operational capacity of ~11.7 GW in the XIth five-year plan period, i.e., ~52% of its initial target (table 6). We are sceptical of even this being achieved as ~68% of the above addition (~8 GW) is due in the last two years (FY11, FY12).of the XIth plan.

Steep valuation: 5.7x FY11E adjusted core book

We agree on NTPC's defensive value supported by its high-quality earnings. However, paying 5.7x FY11E adjusted core book is too expensive for a company earning ~24% core ROE. NTPC's intrinsic value is based on growth in core book value. Delays in capacity addition versus target will lead to lower accretion of project equity, concurrently leading to a lower core book value and a lower intrinsic value for the company. Our SOTP valuation suggests a target price of Rs 131 (table 5). Underperform.

Figure 1: Key financials

Rs billion (unless otherwise mentioned), year-end March

		REIPL			
	2Q FY10A	2Q FY09A	2Q FY10E	Variation (actual/est.,%)	2Q FY10 consensus
Sales	107.8	96.6	115.9	(7.5)	110.0
% growth		11.6			
EBITDA	36.8	29.8	36.3	1.5	31.3
Margin (%)	34.2	30.8	31.3		27.8
Net profit	21.5	21.1	20.6	4.1	21.3
EPS (Rs)	2.6	2.6	2.5	4.1	2.6
% growth		2.0	(4.1)		

Source: Company data, Reliance Equities estimates.

Underperform

Rs 215

Target price: Rs 131

Power utilities

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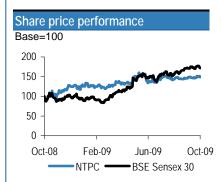
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Bloomberg code	NATP IN
Reuters code	NTPC.BO
3m avg. traded value (Rs mn)	971.6
52-wk H/L (Rs)	233/113
Sensex	16810.9
Mcap (US\$ mn/Rs bn)	38030.2/1770.4

Shareholding (%)		
	Jun-09	Mar-09
Promoters	89.5	89.5
MFs, Fls, banks	4.2	3.4
FIIs	3.1	3.7
Others	3.3	3.4

Stock performance (%)								
	1m	6m	1yr					
Absolute	3.1	12.1	50.2					
BSE 30 Index	0.5	51.0	72.0					



Source: Bloomberg, Capitaline.



Figure 2: Quarterly results—Standalone

Rs billion (unless indicated otherwise), year-end March

	2Q FY10	2Q FY09	% YoY	2H FY10	2H FY09	% YoY
Net sales	107.8	96.6	11.6	227.9	192.0	18.7
Other operating income	4.7	4.3		10.0	8.5	
Expenditure	75.7	71.1	6.4	164.0	142.3	15.2
EBIDTA	36.8	29.8	23.7	73.8	58.2	26.9
EBITDA (%)	34.2	30.8		32.4	30.3	
Other income	2.7	3.2	(13.9)	5.2	6.1	(15.0)
Depreciation	6.4	5.3	22.2	12.6	10.8	16.4
EBIT	33.1	27.7	19.7	66.5	53.5	24.2
Interest	5.4	5.3	2.7	9.9	9.5	3.9
PBT	27.7	22.4	23.7	56.6	44.0	28.6
Tax	6.2	1.3	379.8	13.2	5.7	132.7
Tax rate (%)	22.3	5.8		23.3	12.9	
PAT	21.5	21.1	2.0	43.5	38.4	13.3
EPS (Rs)	2.6	2.6	2.0	5.3	4.7	13.3
Expenditure break-up	2Q FY10	2Q FY09	% YoY	2H FY10	2H FY09	% YoY
Cost of fuel	66.1	59.6	10.9	143.5	120.9	18.6
As a % of sales	61.3	61.6		63.0	63.0	
Personnel costs	5.0	6.0	(16.6)	10.9	11.8	(7.5)
As a % of sales	4.7	6.3		4.8	6.2	
Other expenses	4.6	5.5	(17.2)	9.5	9.5	(0.3)
As a % of sales	4.2	5.7		4.2	5.0	· ,

Source: Company data, Reliance Equities estimates.

Figure 3: P	LF for coal a	nd gas-bas	ed stations						
%									
Coal	April	May	June	1Q	July	August	September*	2Q	1H
FY10	93.2	93.5	91.9	92.9	83.6	82.0	81.6	82.4	87.3
FY09	88.4	90.3	88.5	92.2	84.0	80.9	83.4	83.1	87.5
Gas	April	May	June	1Q	July	August	September*	2Q	1H
FY10	86.9	78.0	77.9	79.9	77.9	87.3	71.2	76.9	78.7
FY09	72.6	74.0	57.7	67.2	62.5	58.3	58.1	58.2	62.7

Source: CEA.

* Note: Data for September is provisional.

Figure 4: PLF details—Sharp decline in PLF of Kahalgaon and Farakka due to non-availability of fuel

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		FY10			FY0	9		YoY (bp	s)
PLF%	July	August	September*	July	August	September*	July	August	September*
Kahalgaon	63.7	53.1	45.4	64.7	64.9	72.3	-104.0	-1178.0	-2686.0
Farakka	63.3	54.6	51.8	62.8	58.9	61.0	52.0	-432.0	-918.0

Source: CEA.

* Note: Data for September is provisional.



Figure 5: SOTP-based valuation					
Rs/share					
	Valuation				
	multiple	Valu	e (Rs./shar	e)	Remarks
		FY10E	FY11E	FY12E	
Core invested equity in power projects	3.1	85.3	92.8	113.2	BV multiple based on ROE
Core invested equity in JVs	3.1	8.4	8.9	11.3	BV multiple based on ROE
8.5% tax-free bonds	1	11.9	9.9	7.9	On value of Investment
Other Treasury & cash	1	23.0	18.3	15.8	On value of Investment
Total equity value		128.6	130.0	148.2	
Add: Value of coal mining assets	1.6	0.2	0.7	1.2	BV multiple based on ROE
Total value incl. coal mining		128.8	130.7	149.4	

Source: Company data, Reliance Equities estimates.



MW								
Project						dule (MW)		
	MW	CoD month	FY08	FY09	FY10E	FY11E	FY12E	FY13I
Coal-based stations								
Sipat STPP St-I	1,980							
Unit-I		Sep-10				660		
Unit-II		Mar-11				660		
Unit-III		Sep-11					660	
Sipat STPP St-II	1,000							
Unit-4		Jun-08		500				
Unit-5		Jan-09		500				
Korba STPP III	500							
Unit-7		Oct-10				500		
Kahalgoan-State II Phase-I Unit-5	500							
Unit-5		Aug-08		500				
Kahalgaon STPS St.II (Phase-II)	1,000							
Unit-6		Dec-08		500				
Unit-7		Jul-09			500			
National Capital TPP, Dadri- St.II-Ph.I & II	980							
Unit-5		Jan-10			490			
Unit-6		May-10				490		
Barh STPP	1,980							
Unit-1		XIIth plan						660
Unit-2		XIIth plan						660
Unit-3		XIIth plan						660
Farakka STPS Stage-III	500							
Unit-6		Jan-11				500		
Simhadari STPP St-II	1,000							
Unit-3		Apr-11					500	
Unit-4		Oct-11					500	
Bongaigaon TPP	750							
Unit-I		Aug-11					250	
Unit-II		Dec-11					250	
Unit-III		Apr-12						250
Mouda TPP	1,000	<u> </u>						
Unit-1	,	Apr-12						500
Unit-2		Oct-12						500
Barh STPP Stage-II	1,320							
Unit-1	-,	Apr-13						
Unit-2		Feb-14						
Vindhyachal-IV TPP	1,000							
yaona ir ii i	1,000	Sep-12						500
		Mar-13						- 550
Total thermal		iviai-13						
Total coal			0	2,000	990	2,810	2,160	3,730

Source: CEA, Reliance Equities research.



MW								
Project				CoD schedule (MW)				
	MW	CoD month	FY08	FY09	FY10E	FY11E	FY12E	FY13E
Gas based stations								
No gas addition from FY08 to FY12								
Hydro based stations								
Loharinagpala	600							
Unit-I		XIIth plan						200
Unit-II								200
Unit-III								200
Tapovan	520							130
Unit-I		XIIth plan						130
Unit-II								130
Unit-III								130
Unit-IV								
Koldam	800							
Unit-I		2011-12					200	
Unit-II							200	
Unit-III							200	
Unit-IV							200	
Total hydro			0	0	0	0	800	1,120
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NTPC JV details								
Bhilai Expn TPP	500							
(NTPC-SAIL Power)								
Unit-I		Apr-09			250			
Unit-II		Sep-09			250			
Nabinagar TPP	750	<u>'</u>						
Unit-1		Mar-12					250	
Unit-2		Jul-12						250
Unit-3		Nov-12						250
Vallur (Ennore) TPP	1,000							
Unit-1	1,000	Jan-12					500	
Unit-2		Feb-12					500	
Unit-3		Dec-12					000	500
Indira Gandhi STPP (Aravali)	1,500	D00 12						000
Unit-1	1,300	Nov-10				500		
Unit-2		Feb-11				500		
Unit-3		Jul-11				300	500	
Muzaffarpur	220	Jul-11		220			300	
Total JV	220		0	220	500	1,000	1,250	1,000
Total with JV (proportionate stake)-XIth plan	9,757		0	2,112	1,240	3,310	3,095	5,470
	11,730		0	2,112	1,490	3,810	4,210	5,850
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Total with JV (full stake)-Xlth plan Total without JV-Xlth plan	8,760		0	2,000	990	2,810	2,960	4,850

Source: CEA, Reliance Equities research.



Figure 7: Details of core equity on which NTPC gets regulated RoE					
Rs million (unless otherwise specified), year-end March					
	FY09E	FY10E	FY11E	FY12E	FY13E
Total equity incl JVs (yr-end)	229,332	246,508	267,729	327,505	410,592
Equity/share (Rs/share)	27.8	29.9	32.5	39.7	49.8
Total equity excl JVs (yr-end)	208,737	224,484	244,252	297,907	368,224
Equity/share (Rs/share)	25.3	27.2	29.6	36.1	44.7
JVs equity (yr-end)	20,595	22,024	23,477	29,598	42,368
Equity/share (Rs/share)	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.6	5.1
Average equity incl JVs (yr-end)	223,543	237,920	257,119	297,617	369,049
Equity/share (Rs/share)	27.1	28.9	31.2	36.1	44.8
Average equity excl JVs (yr-end)	203,206	216,611	234,368	271,080	333,065
Equity/share (Rs/share)	24.6	26.3	28.4	32.9	40.4
Average JVs equity (yr-end)	20,337	21,310	22,751	26,537	35,983
Equity/share (Rs/share)	2.5	2.6	2.8	3.2	4.4

Source: CEA, Reliance Equities research.



Rs million (unless other		,							
Income statement	FY08	FY09	FY10E	FY11E	Cash Flow Statement	FY08	FY09E	FY10E	FY11I
Sales	370,501	419,237	429,223	467,298	PBT	103,022	93,349	123,590	107,976
Raw material	(220,202)	(271,107)	(259,225)	(278,563)	D&A add back	(21,385)	(23,645)	(26,547)	(30,899
Employee expenses	(18,960)	(24,631)	- (12.2.12)	-	Taxes paid	(28,401)	(11,582)	(28,825)	(25,427
SG&A & mktg exps.	(16,284)	(19,521)	(48,342)	(53,768)	(Inc)/dec in w. cap	31,413	34,857	36,358	(39,217
Other operating exps.	(71)	(246)	-	-	Other op. cash flow	30,051	11,495	23,375	129,736
Other op. income	17,008	22,024	-	-	Cash flow from op. (A)	114,700	104,475	127,950	142,169
EBITDA	131,992	125,756	121,655	134,967	Cap exp. (B)	(81,663)	(119,907)	(129,207)	(116,356)
Depn and amort.	(21,385)	(23,645)	(26,547)	(30,899)	Acquisitions (C)	-	-	-	-
EBIT	110,607	102,111	95,108	104,068	Divestitures (D)	-	-	-	-
Net int. income/exp.	(17,981)	(20,229)	(21,672)	(26,817)	Others (E)	8,271	12,837	14,778	13,663
Inc./loss from assoc.	-	-	-	-	Cash flow from investing	(73,392)	(107,070)	(114,429)	(102,693)
Other non-op inc./exp.	12,668	11,467	32,106	30,193	FCF (A+B+C+D+E)	33,037	(15,432)	(1,257)	25,813
PBT	103,022	93,349	123,590	107,976	Divids pd (com. and pref.)	(33,764)	(34,700)	(35,664)	(36,628)
Provision for taxes	(28,401)	(11,582)	(28,825)	(25,427)	Inc. in equity	-	-	-	-
Minority interest	-	-	-	-	Inc./(dec.) in debt	27,062	73,772	67,429	(14,496)
Preference dividend	-	-	-	-	Other financing cash flows	(18,420)	(24,600)	(21,672)	(26,817)
Reported net profit	74,621	81,767	94,765	82,549	Cash flow from financing	(25,122)	14,472	10,093	(77,941)
REIPL net income	74,621	81,767	94,765	82,549	Total cash flow	16,186	11,877	23,614	(38,465)
Wtd avg # of shares	8,245.5	8,245.5	8,245.5	8,245.5	Capital management	FY08	FY09	FY10E	FY11E
EPS (basic, rep) (Rs)	9.0	9.9	11.5	10.0	Inventory days	25.5	25.8	28.1	27.5
EPS (dil., rep.) (Rs)	9.0	9.9	11.5	10.0	Receivable days	20.9	28.6	32.7	33.6
EPS (dil., adj.) (Rs)	9.0	9.9	11.5	10.0	Growth and margins (%)	FY08	FY09E	FY10E	FY11E
DPS (Rs)	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	Sales growth	13.7	13.2	2.4	8.9
Divid payout ratio (%)	38.7	36.3	32.2	38.0	EBITDA growth	31.4	(4.7)	(3.3)	10.9
Balance sheet	FY08	FY09E	FY10E	FY11E	EPS growth	8.7	9.6	15.9	(12.9)
Cash and equiv.	149,331	162,715	185,784	147,319	EBITDA margin	35.6	30.0	28.3	28.9
A/c.s receivable	29,827	35,842	41,158	44,809	EBIT margin	29.9	24.4	22.2	22.3
Loans and adv.	40,354	68,469	67,471	64,474	Net margin	20.1	19.5	22.1	17.7
Inventory	26,757	32,434	33,751	36,584	Rev. growth - peers	-	-	-	-
Other current assets	9,218	9,792	9,792	9,792	EBITDA growth – peers	-	-	-	-
Total curr. assets	255,487	309,252	337,957	302,979	EBITDA margin – peers	-	-	-	-
Accounts payable	55,483	74,391	66,738	70,976	EPS growth - peers	-	-	-	-
Short-term debt	73,147	73,147	73,147	73,147	Noplat	80,115	89,442	72,926	79,562
Other curr. liab.	-	-	-	-	Invested capital	645,331	776,450	915,467	961,707
Total curr. liab.	128,630	147,538	139,885	144,123	ROIC (%)	13.4	12.6	8.6	8.5
Net curr. assets	126,857	161,714	198,072	158,855	ROIC/WACC (x)	13.2	12.5	8.5	8.4
Net fixed assets	445,326	541,588	644,248	729,705	ROIC - peers (%)	-	-	-	
Net intangibles	-	-	-	-	Valuations	FY08	FY09E	FY10E	FY11E
Investments	152,672	139,835	125,057	111,393	P/E (x)	23.4	21.4	18.4	21.2
Other long-term assets	40,394	51,838	51,838	51,838	P/E (peers) (x)	-	-	-	-
Total assets	893,880	1,042,514	1,159,100	1,195,915	EV/sales (x)	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.3
Total loans	198,759	272,531	339,960	325,464	EV/sales – peers (x)	-	-	-	-
Other long-term liab.	40,105	51,856	50,110	51,262	EV/EBITDA (x)	14.2	15.4	16.2	14.8
Shareholders' funds	526,386	573,701	632,802	678,723	EV/EBITDA (peer group)	-	-	-	-
Pref. shrs/other equity	-	-	-	-	P/B (x)	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.6
Minority interest	_				P/B peer group (x)	-	-	-	
Total liab. and equity	893,880	1,045,626	1,162,757	1,199,572	Div yield (%)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
BVPS (Rs)	63.8	69.6	76.7	82.3	Free cash flow yield (%)	1.9	(0.9)	(0.1)	1.5
DuPont analysis	FY08	FY09	FY10E	FY11E	Quality of earnings	FY08	FY09E	FY10E	FY11E
Margin (%)	20.1	19.5	22.1	17.7	Op. cash flow/net income (x)	1.5		1.4	1.7
	0.4				Capex/Depn (x)		1.3		
Asset turnover (x)	1.7	0.4 1.8	0.4 1.8	1.8	Tax charge/pre-tax income (x)	3.8 27.6	5.1 12.4	4.9 23.3	3.8 23.5
			1 8	1.8	rax charue/pre-tax income (X)	27.0	12.4	23.3	23.5
Leverage (x) ROE (%)	14.7	14.9	15.7	12.6	Net debt/equity (%)	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4

Source: Company data, Reliance Equities estimates.



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Outperform = Expected total return is more than the hurdle rate.

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Underperform = Expected total return is negative.

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Hurdle rate is defined as the ten-year government securities yield + our market risk premium assumption.

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