

# The Osaka Gas

The Osaka Gas Group is a diversified group of enterprises. In the core of the Group is the distribution business of natural gas obtained from liquefied natural gas (LNG). Osaka Gas serves its customers in the Kansai region, which is Japan's second largest economic area. Osaka Gas sells in excess of 7.4 billion cubic meters of gas to 6.4 million customers. Under its Vision 2010, the entire Osaka Gas Group is working to maximize its value for shareholders, customers and society through its "value-creation management." The Group is seizing opportunities amid the deregulation of energy and other sectors. It is moving toward a new growth phase through the development of a dual business structure consisting of a "one-stop" energy business, including the supply of natural gas, heat, electric power and LPG, to meet the needs of its customers, and the non-energy businesses, covering areas essential to modern comfortable living and lifestyles in the region.

# 2001

## Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this report with respect to the Osaka Gas Group's plans, strategies and beliefs that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements about the future performance of the Osaka Gas Group which are based on management's assumptions and beliefs in light of the information currently available to it. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Osaka Gas Group's actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from the expectations expressed herein.

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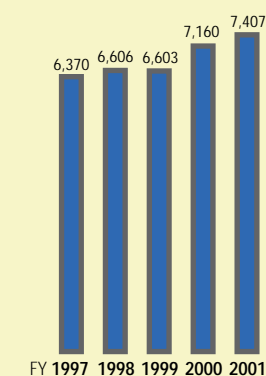
## Consolidated Financial Highlights

Years ended March 31

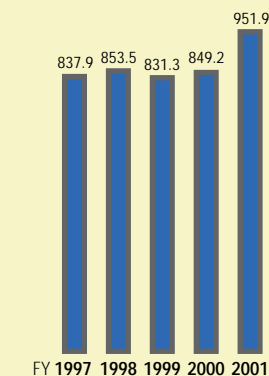
	Millions of Yen				Thousands of U.S. dollars
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001
<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>					
Operating revenues	¥ 853,597	¥ 831,366	¥ 849,225	¥ 951,927	\$ 7,683,027
Operating income	63,095	66,376	62,724	74,055	597,700
Net income	21,775	21,614	27,345	36,097	291,340
Capital expenditures	107,016	94,932	93,952	91,233	736,343
Depreciation and amortization	79,793	80,106	80,842	92,461	746,255
Total assets	1,181,380	1,178,352	1,219,515	1,310,976	10,580,920
Total shareholders' equity	381,954	380,846	428,523	475,020	3,833,898
Number of shares, issued and outstanding (Thousands of shares)	2,528,163	2,500,463	2,477,761	2,429,564	
<b>PER SHARE DATA</b> (Yen and U. S. dollars)					
Net income	¥ 8.61	¥ 8.56	¥ 10.94	¥ 14.72	\$0.119
Shareholders' equity	151.08	152.31	172.95	195.52	1.647
	1998	1999	2000	2001	
<b>KEY RATIOS</b>					
Equity ratio (%)	32.3	32.3	35.1	36.2	
Debt ratio (%)	39.9	40.5	40.3	38.2	
Interest coverage ratio (Times)	5.3	6.8	7.6	9.8	
Return on average total assets (%)	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.9	
Return on average shareholders' equity (%)	5.8	5.7	6.8	8.0	
<b>OPERATING DATA</b>					
Gas sales by volume (Million m <sup>3</sup> )	6,606	6,603	7,160	7,407	
Customers (Thousands)	6,083	6,210	6,305	6,401	
Number of employees (Non-consolidated)	9,994	9,816	9,569	9,264	

Notes: 1. Yen amounts have been translated, for convenience only, at ¥123.90 = US\$1, the approximate exchange rate on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market on March 31, 2001. Billion is used in the American sense of one thousand million.  
2. Number of consolidated companies is twenty in 1998 and 1999, twenty-five in 2000 and thirty-five in 2001.  
3. Number of employees is including part-time workers, and excluding employees on transfer.

**Gas Sales by Volume**  
(Millions of m<sup>3</sup>; 1m<sup>3</sup> = 46.04655 MJ)



**Operating Revenues**  
(Billions of Yen)



**Net Income**  
(Billions of Yen)

