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This monthly briefing paper from IPA Energy + Water Economics provides a brief update of the major consultations and announcements that impact on the development of the Great Britain wholesale electricity.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DECC) AND DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS INNOVATION & SKILLS (BIS)

Issue: Feed in Tariff and Renewable Heat Incentive

Title: *Cash Rewards for Low Carbon Electricity and Heating*
([webpage](#)) ([press release](#))

Published: 1 February
Scheme Live: 1 April
Response due: N/A

DECC has published a press release to accompany its decision document on Feed in Tariffs and the launch of its consultation on the Renewable Heat Incentive.

The decision document starts to clarify the key design details for the FiT due to be implemented on 1 April 2010, and sets out the tariffs that will apply for each technology/size.

Key changes from the original proposals within the summer consultation include the decision to link the generation tariffs (and the FiT export price) to RPI and the inclusion of “up to” 30,000 mCHP units of up to 2 kW.

The new FiT scheme is to be implemented by changes to Supply Licences and new Secondary Legislation (the FiT Order) that will give new powers to Ofgem to run the scheme. The new Licence Conditions and the new Order can be found on the website.

Title: *Government Encouraged by National Emission Statistics 2008 Final UK Figures*
([link](#)) ([statistics](#))

Published: 2 February
Response due: N/A

DECC has published the final 2008 UK greenhouse gas emissions. The press release states: *“Today’s greenhouse gas emissions statistics are encouraging and show a continued decline in greenhouse gas emissions of nearly 2% during 2008. We are now clearly exceeding our Kyoto target of 12.5% below 1990 levels. UK emissions are now 19.4% below 1990 levels without emissions trading or 22% including emissions trading. The UK is demonstrating the kind of year-on-year reductions that set an example in the world community.”*

Title: *Statement – Ofgem Project Discovery*
([link](#))

Published: 3 February
Response due: N/A

DECC has published a statement from Ed Miliband responding to Ofgem’s *Project Discovery* report (see Ofgem section below), in which he signals that a more interventionist energy policy appears:

“The Government is confident that Britain will meet its security of supply needs in the years ahead. Our Low Carbon Transition Plan has put in place a programme of action to deliver secure and increasingly low carbon energy supplies in the medium term through to 2020.

“However, for the longer term, Britain will need a more interventionist energy policy. The scale and upfront nature of the low carbon investment needed is likely to require significant reform of our market arrangements to deliver security of supply in the most affordable way.

“That is why my Department began work last summer to plot out the pathways to a decarbonised, secure energy mix in 2050 and the options for reforming the market to deliver it. Ofgem’s report will contribute to the proposals we will make at the time of the Budget.”

Title: *New Player in UK offshore Wind Market – Mitsubishi Power Systems Europe Signs MOU Signalling Intention to Invest up to £100 million in UK Wind Turbine R&D Project*
([link](#))

Published: 25 February
Response due: N/A

BIS has issued a press release announcing that Lord Mandelson and Ed Miliband signed a non binding memorandum of understanding with Mitsubishi Power Systems Europe Ltd. The press release states that Mitsubishi intends to invest “up to £100 million in an offshore wind turbine project in the UK” and that Government is “intending to provide grants of up to £30 million” to support the project.



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Title: *Allowing Local Authorities to Sell Electricity: Consultation on Making Regulations Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 2 March
Response due: 2 June

DECC has issued a consultation, in conjunction with the Welsh Assembly Government, on its proposal to allow local authorities to sell any electricity they generate themselves from renewable sources. They are currently only able to sell electricity that is produced in association with heat. The intention is that, assuming the decision is to go ahead, any necessary regulations would be made in summer 2010.

Title: *Improving Grid Access – Technical Consultation on the Model for Improving Grid Access*

[\(link\)](#) [\(press release\)](#)

Published: 3 March
Response due: 31 March but extended to 14 April

DECC has issued a consultation on its preferred model for the enduring arrangements for transmission access described as “Connect and Manage”, rather than their initial preferred option of a “Hybrid Approach”. DECC states that, under its proposed approach “... *all constraint costs, including those arising from the advanced connection, to be socialised equally among all generators and suppliers on a per-MWh basis as they are at present under the Interim Connect and Manage arrangements.*”

In addition, the duration of users’ commitment to taking access will be extended from one year to two years for ALL network users. DECC indicate that the new arrangements will be introduced via changes to industry codes and network companies’ licences. The consultation covers Government’s response to comments on the first consultation, further details on the proposed model and the changes needed to implement it.

The accompanying press release states that...

“Connect and Manage will enable new generators to connect to the electricity transmission network and start generating as soon as their local connection has been built, without having to wait for wider network reinforcement to be completed.”

Title: *Testing the Water for Wave and Tidal Potential*

[\(link\)](#) [\(press release\)](#)

Published: 4 March
Response due: N/A

DECC have outlined plans for the full Strategic Environmental Assessment for wave and tidal energy.

Title *Funding for Design Studies in Clean Coal Competition*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 12 March
Response due: N/A

DECC has awarded design-stage funding to E.ON and ScottishPower as part of the competition to build one of the world’s first commercial scale carbon capture and storage demonstration plants.



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Title: *Marine Action Plan*

[\(link\)](#) [\(press release\)](#)

Published: 15 March

Response due: N/A

Government has published the “Marine Action Plan” which has been produced to “... set out a vision for the Marine Energy sector to 2030 (with reference to 2020), outlining the actions required by both industry and the public sector to facilitate the development and deployment of marine energy technology and fulfil that vision.”

The key recommendations include:

- *“Forming a UK-wide strategic coordination group to develop a planning and consenting roadmap for all types of marine renewables;*
- *Consideration of support levels for marine technologies under the review of banding of the Renewables Obligation in Autumn;*
- *Ensuring that the appropriate levels of targeted funding are available to bridge the technology market failures that exist in this developing sector, subject to the budgets in the next public spending round;*
- *Leveraging private equity, and in the longer term, project capital into the sector;*
- *Establishing guidelines and best practice in the development of new technologies; and*
- *Building a UK marine energy supply chain and utilising the current skills base already established from the offshore wind, oil and gas, and maritime industries.”*

Title: *Miliband Pursues Clean Coal Tech as UK Growth Sector*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 17 March

Response due: N/A

DECC has issued a press release announcing that Yorkshire and Humber has been named as “the first low carbon economic area for Carbon Capture and Storage” and that SSE’s Ferrybridge power station has been awarded £6.3m towards its £21m 5 MW carbon capture trial.

Title: *First Carbon Budget Report Card Published*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 18 March

Response due: N/A

DECC has issued a press release, on the day the first annual emissions report under the carbon budgets system was presented to Parliament, announcing that the UK is on track to meet its first carbon budget.

The press release notes that “... the UK has to cut its emissions by at least 34% by 2020, and by at least 80% by 2050, below 1990 levels ...” and states that “Today’s emissions score card shows that the UK’s climate change policies are working and that we’re on track to meet our carbon targets.”

Title: *UK Offshore Wind Towers above the Rest*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 18 March

Response due: N/A

DECC has issued a press release announcing further support for the Carbon Trust’s Offshore Wind Accelerator of “up to £4.8m” at the opening of the UK’s first training tower for offshore wind.

Title: *Budget for Green Jobs and Growth*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 24 March

Response due: N/A

The press release details the energy and climate change related measures announced in the Budget:

- Green Investment Bank
- Offshore wind infrastructure competition
- Energy market reform
- Pay As You Save
- Consultation on Biomass
- Nitrous oxide gases
- Smarter government savings at DECC



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Title: **Energy Markets Assessment**

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 24 March

Response due: N/A

Government has published its assessment on the capacity of the electricity market to deliver clean, secure and affordable supplies of electricity in the long-term, concluding that further reform of the market framework is needed to deliver the investment needed beyond 2020, with possible options determined "... on the basis of whether:

- to provide an additional payment to low-carbon generators in addition to the revenue they make from selling their electricity in the current wholesale market, to reflect the risks and costs of such investments;
- to limit investment in high-carbon generation, so the electricity price that low carbon generators receive should then rise to the level required to make such investments attractive; or
- to provide a fixed revenue to low-carbon generators, insulating them from the risks in the wholesale market and to reflect the costs of such investments."

It has concluded that options based on giving greater carbon price certainty, without taking any other actions, and a single buyer agency approach would not meet Government objectives.

Under the next phase, it will examine the remaining options in more detail focussing on: cost effectiveness; affordability; and stability and certainty.

Government states its intention to consult on proposals "this autumn", followed by a White Paper "by spring 2011" to deliver clarity to "... developers who will be seeking to making investment decisions in the period after 2011."

The press release on *Budget for Green Jobs and Growth* (details above) quoted the initial findings as being:

- "The energy market has delivered for the UK economy and, with the measures set out in the Low Carbon Transition Plan, will continue to deliver to 2020.
- But for the long term the status quo is not an option. The challenges beyond 2020 are significant and will increasingly place pressure on the market in its current form. The UK's binding 80% greenhouse gas reduction target by 2050 will only be achieved by huge

increases in low-carbon electricity generation, requiring unprecedented levels of investment, including the upfront costs of many low carbon technologies.

- Providing greater certainty on the current carbon price alone will not be enough to drive the long-term change needed.
- The Government is ruling out a single buyer agency. This would not drive cost efficiency or bring the same benefits as a market-based approach.
- The issue of liquidity in the wholesale electricity market needs addressing. New players are needed to ensure a dynamic market that delivers the best possible deal for the consumer.
- The Government will work closely with the industry, regulator and other interested parties to assess the remaining options against a criteria of cost-effectiveness, affordability and investor certainty. Proposals will be brought forward for consultation this autumn, with a White Paper following in Spring 2011."

Title: **Progress Continues on Development of New UK Nuclear Power**

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 25 March

Response due: 18 June

Government has issued a press release to accompany draft legislation for the new regulatory body, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR). The press release also announced consultations on "The methodology for determining how a fixed unit price for disposal of nuclear waste will be set" and "Regulations clarifying requirements set out in the Energy Act 2008 in relation to Funded Decommissioning Programmes."

Title: **Energy Statistics**

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 25 March

Response due: N/A

DECC has published the latest quarterly energy statistics.



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Title: *Statement – Ed Miliband and Peter Mandelson Respond to General Electric's Investment in UK Offshore Wind*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 25 March
Response due: N/A

Ed Miliband and Peter Mandelson have issued a joint statement welcoming GE's announcement that it plans "... to invest €110 million in the UK offshore wind sector by 2020, creating up to 1,900 new jobs the UK."

Title: *Approval Given for Biomass Power Station in Avonmouth*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 26 March
Response due: N/A

Consent has been granted to Helius Energy plc to build a 100 MW biomass plant at Bristol Port, Avonmouth.

Title: *Government welcomes Siemens £80million plans to bring offshore wind production to the UK*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 29 March
Response due: N/A

BIS has issued a press release welcoming Siemens' announcement that it plans to invest £80million in the UK for offshore wind production facilities which, the press release states, follows the Government's Budget announcement of £60m for a competition to develop manufacturing and assembly sites for the offshore wind industry.

Title: *Consultation on the Grandfathering Policy of Support for Dedicated Biomass, Anaerobic Digestion and Energy from Waste under the Renewables Obligation*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 31 March
Response due: 28 May

DECC is consulting on proposals to amend the Renewables Obligation for biomass technologies. The key features of the proposals are summarised below:

- **Dedicated Biomass:** DECC is proposing to grandfather the non-fuel cost proportion of the ROC entitlement leaving the fuel element open to review at banding reviews, allowing flexibility for the RO to respond to changes in biomass fuel costs.
 - **Anaerobic Digestion:** The proposal is to align the RO with the FIT and grandfather AD plants accredited by 31 March 2013 at the current (2 ROC/MWh) level and generators accrediting from 1 April 2013 at the post 2010-13 Banding Review level.
 - **Standard Energy from Waste with CHP:** DECC is proposing to grandfather support for plants accredited by 31 March 2013 at the current (1 ROC/MWh) level. EfW generators accrediting from 1 April 2013 would be grandfathered at the post 2010-13 Banding Review level.
 - **CHP Uplift:** There is to be a further consultation, in the summer, on whether to grandfather the CHP uplift which will take account of the RHI proposals.
 - **Sustainability:** There will also be a consultation on sustainability criteria for biomass later this year.
 - **Bioliquids:** DECC propose that support levels for new and existing generation using bioliquids should not be grandfathered.
 - **Advanced Thermal Technologies:** DECC are seeking views on whether to change its policy for advanced thermal technologies (e.g. advanced gasification and advanced pyrolysis).
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HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMITTEES

Energy and Climate Change Committee

Title: *The Future of Britain's Electricity Networks*
([link](#)) ([press release](#))

Published: 23 February
Response due: N/A

The Energy and Climate Change Committee has published the report of its investigation into building a smarter grid. The press release highlights a number of the Committee's conclusions as follows:

"The Committee raises concern that Ofgem has granted funding for new grid investment projects before the completion of a fundamental review of how better use can be made of the existing network.

Strategic investment in transmission capacity will be required to avoid delays in connecting new power stations, but the existing regulatory framework may be driving the case for transmission investment presented by the industry at the expense of other more cost-effective options such as greater management of demand for energy.

The Committee highlights the increase in the cost of managing electricity flows across the system in recent years, and finds that this is caused by inherent flaws in the British Electricity Trading and Transmission Arrangements (BETTA).

The report also notes allegations that anti-competitive practices by certain electricity companies may also have contributed to increasing costs. The report welcomes the Government's decision to enhance Ofgem's powers to regulate companies in the current Energy Bill and calls for a specific review of the BETTA market.

The Committee is extremely disappointed at the industry's failure to agree a new transmission access regime that will tackle the queue of 60 GW of generation, a large proportion of which is renewables, waiting to connect to the grid.

The report urges the Department to move quickly to implement a regime that will encourage the sharing of grid capacity and prioritise renewables, whilst also facilitating a greater role for energy demand-side management. It also welcomes Ofgem's decision to review the industry's rule-making process, noting the sector "has for far too long forestalled reform in areas such as transmission access".

The report also raises concern at the absence of a "culture of innovation" within the networks sector and calls on the industry to show significant improvement to grasp the huge opportunities that the global smart grid market offers. The Committee welcomes new incentives introduced by the regulator and urges Ofgem to keep these under review with a view to increasing funding.

Finally, the report considers the role of skills in the delivery of a smart grid. It expresses concern at the growing shortage of trained people in the networks sector and warns that without the broad skills of all participants within the sector, the UK faces "a dirtier, more expensive and less efficient future".

The Committee therefore calls on Ofgem to do more to ensure the regulatory framework provides the incentives to invest in skills, and for the industry to play its role."

Title: *The Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy*
([link](#)) ([press release](#))

Published: 23 March
Response due: N/A

The Energy and Climate Change Committee has published a critical report of the Government's proposed draft National Policy Statements (NPSs) which will guide the Infrastructure Planning Commission in its consent approvals. The press release notes that "... *The Committee has "significant concern that decision-making by the IPC could give rise to an energy infrastructure that risks breaching the UK's carbon budgets"* for which it recommends that the Committee on Climate Change is made a statutory consultee. It also recommends clearer drafting of some of the NPSs and a review of some of the assumptions behind them.

The Committee also criticises the consultation process itself, in particular "...*the manner in which their late publication has constrained the time available for parliamentary scrutiny and public engagement, particularly in relation to greenfield nuclear sites.*"



Environmental Audit Committee

Title: *The Role of Carbon Markets in Preventing Dangerous Climate Change*

[\(link\)](#) [\(press release\)](#)

Published: 8 February

Response due: N/A

The EAC has published a press release announcing the publication of its new report. It warns that the *“... EU's flagship Emissions Trading System is failing to deliver vital green investment, after a collapse in carbon prices magnified by the recession”* indicating that current prices, at around €15 a tonne, are too low to deliver the needed investment. It is calling for Government to consider measures that *“... would guarantee a minimum price for carbon, such as a new carbon tax.”*

The press releases states that the Committee is also calling on Government to:

- *“push for the EU to adopt a European target that more closely reflects the climate change science, and to adopt a tighter cap for the EU ETS;*
- *press the EU to improve how it responds to recession driven reductions in demand and review regularly whether the cap needs to be tightened;*
- *auction as many allowances as possible, instead of giving them away for free;*
- *encourage other European countries to increase the use of allowance auctions with reserve prices; and*
- *encourage more low-carbon power generation and tighter regulation on high-carbon power.”*

The Committee heard calls for a carbon price of €100 a tonne of CO₂, or higher, in order to drive urgently needed investment in green technologies and energy efficiency.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Title: *Rebuilding Security – Conservative Energy Policy for an Uncertain World*

[\(link\)](#) [\(press release\)](#)

Published on 19 March

Response due: N/A

Ahead of the election, the Conservatives have published a policy paper which they state has *“launched plans for the largest overhaul of British energy policy since the early 1980s.”*

It contains twelve key actions which it states the Conservatives would take to *“put our energy system back on its feet”*:

1. *“Ensure that Britain has a clear, consistent and stable energy policy*
2. *Establish a capacity guarantee in the electricity market*
3. *Establish a security guarantee for gas supply*
4. *Reform the Climate Change Levy to provide a floor price for carbon*
5. *Operate a streamlined planning process for large infrastructure investments*
6. *Facilitate nuclear power*
7. *Accelerate the demonstration of carbon capture and storage*
8. *Promote renewable energy*
9. *Revolutionise supply and demand by building an energy internet*
10. *Reduce demand by offering every household a Green Deal on energy efficiency*
11. *Electrify transport to reduce dependence on oil*
12. *Create a Green Investment Bank”*

Similar to the Government’s plans (see DECC, 24 March above), the main theme appears to be one of greater intervention in the market than over the past decade in order to ensure that policy objectives of security, sustainability, economy and opportunity are achieved.

OFGEM

Title: Smart Metering Second Briefing Event ([link](#))

Published: 2 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published presentations from its smart metering briefing event held on 1 February.

Title: Decision Letter to Suspend Ofgem's Existing Policy for Mergers between Energy Network Companies Pending Review ([link](#)) ([information note](#))

Published: 2 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published its decision letter, and an information note, on its decision to suspend its network merger policy whilst consulting on a revised policy. The decision is effective immediately.

Ofgem states that it will consider any mergers that are proposed in the interim period on a case-by-case basis.

Title: Minutes of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ([19 Dec 2009](#)) ([12 Jan 2010](#)) ([21 Jan 2010](#))

Published: 3 February and 1 March
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published the notes of the meeting on 19 December and a "special session" of the Authority that discussed aspects of: the RPI-X@20 Project; the Corporate Strategy and Plan; and Project Discovery.

Title: Project Discovery – Options for Delivering Secure and Sustainable Energy Supplies ([link](#)) ([factsheet](#)) ([press release](#))

Published: 3 and 15 February
Response due: 31 March

Ofgem has published a consultation on its Project Discovery conclusions and an accompanying press release that clearly caught the media's attention. The press release leads with the following headlines:

- *"Ofgem recommends far reaching energy market reforms to consumers, industry and government*
- *The unprecedented combination of the global financial crisis, tough environmental targets, increasing gas import dependency and the closure of ageing power stations has combined to cast reasonable doubt over whether the current energy arrangements will deliver secure and sustainable energy supplies*
- *Prompt action will reduce risk to energy supplies, help lower costs to consumers and help progress towards climate change targets."*

The consultation document summary, after noting the benefits delivered by the markets over the last two decades, states that:

"However, the decline in our indigenous gas supplies and the need to make demanding cuts in carbon emission levels, represent unprecedented challenges, which will grow over the next two decades. Large parts of our ageing energy infrastructure will need replacement and, at the same time, we must make rapid progress towards the substantial decarbonisation of our economy. We estimate that up to £200 billion of investment might be required by 2020 alone, in the face of huge global demand for investment in energy infrastructure; volatile commodities prices; and the ongoing effects of the financial crisis."

Ofgem states that it has identified 5 key issues but that it is the combination of these issues that causes it the greatest concern:

- *"There is a need for unprecedented levels of investment to be sustained over many years in difficult financial conditions and against a background of increased risk and uncertainty."*



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- *The uncertainty in future carbon prices is likely to delay or deter investment in low carbon technology and lead to greater decarbonisation costs in the future.*
- *Short term price signals at times of system stress do not fully reflect the value that customers place on supply security which may mean that the incentives to make additional peak energy supplies available and to invest in peaking capacity are not strong enough.*
- *Interdependence with international markets exposes GB to a range of additional risks that may undermine GB security of supply.*
- *The higher cost of gas and electricity may mean that increasing numbers consumers are not able to afford adequate levels of energy to meet their requirements and that the competitiveness of industry and business is affected. “*

Title: *Statutory Consultation on the Modification of the Standard Conditions of Gas and Electricity Supply and Electricity Generation Licences*
([cover letter](#)) ([generation licence](#))
([electricity supply licence](#)) ([gas supply licence](#))

Published: 4 February
Response due (for affected licensees): 18 March

Ofgem has issued a statutory consultation on what it describes as “*minor amendments*” to identified standard conditions of gas and electricity supply licences and electricity generation licences following consideration of responses to its previous statutory consultation on Licence Modifications to address problems identified in its Energy Supply Probe. The cover letter states that the changes are intended to improve the overall clarity of the licence conditions and, in some places, ensure consistency with other conditions.

Title: *The Renewables Obligation Buy-Out Price and Mutualisation Ceiling 2010-11 – Information Note*
([link](#))

Published: 4 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has issued an information note on the buy-out price and mutualisation ceiling, under the RO, for the next compliance period (April 2010 – March 2011).

The Buy-Out price will be £36.99 per ROC (Renewables Obligation Certificate). The mutualisation ceiling will be £222,805,333.33 in England and Wales, and £22,280,533.33 in Scotland.

Title: *RPI-X@20 Workshop Agenda*
([London 5 March](#)) ([Glasgow 11 March](#))

Published: 8 February
Response due: N/A

Link to London Agenda:
Link to Glasgow Agenda:

Ofgem has published agendas for the two RPI-X@20 workshops that it hosted in March.

Title: *New Label Launched for Certified Green Electricity*
([link](#))

Published: 9 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has issued a press release announcing the launch of a new “green energy certified” label that can be used for green electricity tariffs which have been certified as having genuine environmental benefits.

The press release states that:

“The independent panel, chaired by Solitaire Townsend, a leading sustainable development expert, has now assessed tariffs from all seven participants in the scheme; British Gas, E.On, EDF Energy, Good Energy, RWE Npower, Scottish and Southern Energy and Scottish Power. Details of the newly certified tariffs are available at www.greenenergyscheme.org.”



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Title: Offshore Electricity Transmission: Open Letter on Draft Tender Regulations 2010

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 10 February
Response due: 24 February on one issue; 10 March for the draft regulations

Ofgem has published a consultation on revised regulations for offshore transmission licence tender regulations. The consultation states that the revisions will be made by revoking the current regulations and replacing them with a new version. The consultation summarises the key changes it is intending to make as:

- *“the insertion of a mechanism to assess the costs of pre-construction works for projects tendered under the enduring regime;*
- *the insertion of a mechanism to transfer any pre-construction works undertaken by developers of projects tendered under the enduring regime;*
- *changes to both the transitional and enduring developer entry conditions set out in Schedule 2 to the draft 2010 Regulations;*
- *a requirement on developers to provide updated cost information to the Authority until such time as the assets are available for use for the transmission of electricity. This applies to projects tendered under the transitional regime and enduring regime; and*
- *an ability for the Authority to use this updated cost information to update cost estimates or assessments for pre-construction works.”*

Ofgem also states that it is proposing to provide a mechanism for it *“... to determine whether to adopt a Qualification to Tender stage for the enduring regime at the time when we commence the tender process. Whilst we set out in the December document that we would move to a single stage qualification for the enduring regime, on balance we consider that it would be appropriate to confirm the stages at the outset of the competition based, amongst other things, on projects coming forward.”*

Views on this latter point were requested by 24 February (ahead of the formal consultation deadline).

Title: Approach and Timetable for the Next Transmission Price Control Review (TPCR 5)

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 15 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published its reasons for deciding to roll over the existing price control (TPCR4) for a year and implement the price control (TPCR 5) in 2013. This will allow it to take account of the findings of the RPI-X@20 Project.

Ofgem plans *“... to publish a consultation on the scope of the 'adapted roll-over' in early spring 2010. A more detailed initial timetable for the 'adapted roll-over' review is set out in Appendix 1. We intend to initiate our internal planning for the TPCR5 process in summer 2010 and to publish an open letter signalling the formal start of the process in late-2010 (i.e. upon completion of RPI-X@20).”*

Title: Carbon Emissions Reduction Target Update 07 – February 2010

[\(link\)](#)

Community Energy Saving Programme Update 01 – February 2010

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 15 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published factsheets summarising actions and progress in Q7 and to date under CERT, and Q1 under CESP.



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Title: *Ofgem to Consult on Time Energy Suppliers are Allowed to Inform Customers of Price Increases*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 15 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published an Information Note setting out its intention to consult on amending supplier's obligation on notifying customers of price increases. The note states that the consultation will put forward a range of options, including "... a requirement for suppliers to notify customers of price changes in advance, or to reduce the period suppliers have to notify customers to 10 days following the price increase" (from the current limit of 65 days).

The note also states that Ofgem "... has now committed to Government to look at this as a matter of urgency."

(See also DECC press releases.)

Title: *Chairman, Non-Executives and Senior Management Expenses Q2 2009-10*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 17 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem have published the (Q2 2009/10) expenses of its Chairman, Non-Executives and senior managers.

Title: *The Innovation Funding Incentive and Registered Power Zones Annual Reports 2008-2009*

[\(link\)](#) [\(webpage\)](#)

Published: 18 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published the fourth set of reports from DNOs on activities under the IFI; reports have also been provided by the three DNOs that are pursuing RPZ projects (EDF, CN and SSE).

Title: *Guidance on the Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) of Last Resort Mechanism*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 18 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published a guidance document that describes the circumstances in which Ofgem may initiate the OFTO of Last Resort process, the actions it may take prior to initiating the OFTO process, and the main features of the process it is likely to follow if it initiates the process.

Titles: *Smart Metering Rollout Workshop – Open Letter*

[\(link\)](#)

Smart Metering Data and Communications Functions Workshop – Open Letter

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 19 February and 3 March
Response due: 22 February and 8 March

Ofgem has published two open letters detailing the issues to be considered in its smart metering workshops held on 22 February and 8 March.

Title: *Who's Who at Ofgem – Organisational Flowchart*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 22 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published the latest version of its senior management organisational chart.



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Title: *Electricity and Gas Supply Market Report*
([link](#))

Published: 22 February
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published a report which presents its “... indicators of energy supply margins, which have continued to rise over the last three months as a result of falling wholesale energy costs.” Ofgem estimate that “... the net margin for supplying a typical standard tariff dual fuel customer is now approximately £105 per customer per year in February 2010, up from £75 in November 2009.”

Ofgem also states that it “continues to have concerns about whether the retail energy supply market is yet working enough in the interests of all consumers.”

Title: *Liquidity Proposals for the GB Wholesale Electricity Market*
([link](#)) ([press release](#))

Published: 22 February
Response due: 23 March

Ofgem has issued a consultation on proposals to increase liquidity in the wholesale electricity market noting that if the market doesn't deliver improvements within a reasonable timeframe then it is determined to act.

The consultation seeks views on a range of measures that could be introduced either individually or in combinations. These are summarised as:

- “An obligation requiring large generators to trade with small/independent suppliers. Currently there is no requirement to trade; the obligation would require large generators to offer terms when approached by small/independent suppliers. The obligation would be supplemented by guidelines. We may also consider extending this to requiring large suppliers to offer purchase terms to small/independent generators.
 - Market making arrangements, supported by a licence obligation on the Big 6 to provide electricity in defined products. Under this option the Big 6 would be obliged to provide electricity to a Market Making Agent who would make this available to market participants via a trading platform.
 - Mandatory auctions, focused either on the prompt market with the aim of developing trusted reference prices and hence financial derivatives, and/or focused on longer term products. This would be supported by an obligation on all large generators to offer volume into the auction.
 - Self-supply restrictions on the large vertically integrated utilities, which would limit the extent to which they may supply their own retail business from their own generation output and would force a proportion of their requirements to be traded through the market.”
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Title: Electricity Distribution Price Control Review – Statutory Licence Drafting Consultation

[\(link\)](#) [\(cover letter\)](#)

Published: 23 February
Response due: 23 March

Ofgem has published statutory notices of its proposed changes to distribution licences to implement its Price Control proposals together with a cover letter which seeks to clarify “... *some outstanding issues that were highlighted in the Second Licence Drafting Consultation document, as well as changes we have had to make to the licence conditions since that time.*”

Title: Low Carbon Networks (LCN) Fund: Notice under Charge Restriction Condition (CRC) 13 of the Electricity Distribution Licence with respect to the LCN Fund Governance Document; and Consultation in Relation to Other Aspects of the LCN Fund

[\(link\)](#) [\(workshop\)](#)

Published: 24 February (12 March for workshop)
Response due: 24 March (12 April on second Tier funding)

Ofgem has published the draft first version of the LCN Governance Fund Document which describes the regulation, governance and administration of the First Tier Funding Mechanism. This is part of the LCN Funding mechanism that was established under the new price control to trial new technology, and operating and commercial arrangements to support energy/carbon saving initiatives. The cover letter also sets out the process for finalising the other aspects of the LCN Fund.

The First Tier can be used by DNOs to “recover a proportion of expenditure incurred on small scale projects and to recover expenditure incurred to put in place the people, resources and processes to progress innovative projects.”

There are a further two elements to the fund.

...“The Second Tier provides total funding of up to £320m over the five years for a small number of significant “flagship” projects. Ofgem will hold an annual competition for project funding and the DNOs will compete against each other for an allocation of the funds. The annual process will start with DNOs putting forward outline project proposals for Ofgem to assess whether they meet the eligibility criteria. This will be followed by the annual call for, and submission of, full proposals.

A Discretionary Funding Mechanism worth £100m over the five year period enables Ofgem to reward successful delivery and projects that bring particular value in helping the DNOs understand what investment, commercial arrangements and operating strategies they should be putting in place to provide security of supply at value for money for future network users, while doing all they can to tackle climate change.”

An open letter inviting stakeholders to a half day workshop held on 30 March was published on 12 March.



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Title: *BritNed Development Limited Consultation on Access Rules for GB-Netherlands Electricity Interconnector*
([link](#)) ([webpage](#))

Published: 25 February
Response due: 9 April

Ofgem has issued an open letter on the process it plans to follow in monitoring BritNed's compliance with the requirements of the conditions under which it was exempted from certain conditions within the interconnector licence and the coordination of the GB and Netherlands regulators' consultation processes.

It also seeks views on BritNed's compliance, and invites respondents to BritNed's consultation on its access rules to copy their responses to Ofgem.

Title: *Memorandum of Understanding between the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, the Department of Energy and Climate Change and Her Majesty's Treasury*
([link](#))

Published: 25 February
Response due: N/A

Link:

Ofgem has published an MOU between Ofgem, DECC, and Treasury, the purpose of which is to set out "... a framework for co-ordination between Ofgem, DECC, and HM Treasury in the event of responding to the financial distress of an energy network company."

Issue: Transmission Access Review

Titles: *Enhanced Transmission Investment Incentives: Statutory Consultation on Licence Changes to Give Effect to Final Proposals*
([link](#)) ([webpage](#))

Enhanced Transmission Investment Incentive: Approach and Timetable for Future Work
([link](#))
Enhanced Transmission Investment Incentives: Licence Modification to Give Effect to Final Proposals
([link](#))

Published: 26 February, 17 March and 31 March
Response due: 26 March
Licence changes effective: 1 April

Ofgem has published a statutory consultation on its proposals to modify transmission licences to include provisions that allow the licensees to recover the costs of particular pre-construction and construction activities, for financial years 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2012, for specific reinforcement works and the key milestones/deliverables/technical outputs licensees will be expected to deliver.

The cover letter states that, as set out in the Final Proposals, Ofgem currently propose to provide a total of £78.3 million of pre-construction funding which will be split:

- NGET: £63.7m
- SPTL: £11m
- SHETLM £3.6m

and £240.5 million of construction funding split:

- NGET: £128.4m
- SPTL: £5m
- SHETL: £107.1m

The licence modifications giving effect to these changes was published on 31 March.

In March Ofgem published an open letter setting out its proposed approach and timetable for additional work in relation to projects requiring construction funding by the end of 2011/12.



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Title: *Generic Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) Special Licence Conditions (version 0.5), Guidance Note and Licence Model*
[\(link\)](#)

Published: 1 March
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published v 0.5 of the of the draft generic licence conditions for the generic OFTO licence, together with a note setting out the changes made, and “a set of guidance notes intended to help qualifying applicants and other interested parties understand this version of the draft generic special licence conditions; and a Microsoft Excel model to illustrate how the revenue formula of the draft special licence conditions will work (including a version of the performance incentive), which is intended to aid qualifying applicants and other interested parties’ understanding of the licence mechanisms.”

Ofgem note that this version of the draft generic licence conditions and the special licence conditions guidance note had already been released to qualifying applicants and developers.

Titles: *Recognised Guarantees of Origin 2009*
[\(link\)](#)
REGOs Held by Suppliers for 2009 FMD
[\(link\)](#)

Published: 2 March and 23 March
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published a spreadsheet showing details of the renewable energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs) recognised by Ofgem in 2009, all of which relate to renewable generation produced in Finland, Sweden or Germany. It has also published details of the REGOs held by suppliers to support the 2009 Fuel Mix Disclosure.

Title: *Distribution Price Control Review 5 (DPCR5) Lessons Learnt Open Letter*
[\(link\)](#)

Published: 2 March
Response due: 30 March

Ofgem has published an open letter seeking views on the lessons that can be learnt from the process used to set DCPR5.

Title: *Review of the Ring Fence Conditions in Network Operator Licences*
[\(link\)](#)

Published: 3 March
Response due: 23 April

Ofgem has issued a consultation on proposals to make a number of incremental changes to the ring fenced provisions in network operators’ licences following a review, with stress testing, of the existing conditions.

Title: *Open Letter Consultation on Standard Condition 24 (Distribution System Planning Standard and Quality of Performance Reporting): Electricity Distribution Licence*
[\(link\)](#)

Published: 4 March
Response due: 1 April

Ofgem is consulting on extending the two year derogation on the requirement to comply with parts of Engineering Recommendation P2/6 for a further 5 years to end on 31 March 2015 (the current derogation expired at the end of February).



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Title: Renewables Obligation: Annual Report 2008-2009

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 8 March
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published its annual report on the Renewables Obligation. The headlines include:

- the total Renewables Obligation across the UK for 2008/09 was 28,975,678 MWh (a 13% increase on the previous year);
- 65% of the obligations was met using ROCs yielding an implied value of £54.37 per ROC, including recycle value;
- two suppliers (BizzEnergy Ltd and Electricity4Business Ltd, both of which went into administration) failed to comply with their obligation creating a shortfall of £5,750,734.04 for the Renewables Obligation and £329,020.66 for the Renewables Obligation Scotland;
- on-shore wind accounted for nearly a third of all ROCs issued and, for the second year running, produced the highest number of ROCs of any on the technologies;
- for the first time, more ROCs were issued for off-shore wind than for on-shore wind in England;
- 1,396 generating stations were accredited during 2008/09, an increase of 58 per cent from the previous period, amounting to an additional 793,423 kW of renewable capacity; and
- over 60 per cent of the new stations were PV contributing 2,414 kW capacity.

Titles: Smart Metering Data and Communications Functions Workshop – Open Letter

[\(link\)](#)

Smart Metering Implementation Strategy Workshop – Open Letter

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 8 March (dated 3 March) and 12 March (dated 10 March)
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published open letters on its two smart metering workshops held on 8 and 15 March.

Title: Decision Letter of Modification to Special Condition D4 of the Electricity Transmission Licence of National Grid Electricity Transmission

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 8 March
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has issued its decision and formal modification notice to change National Grid's Transmission licence to enable the costs it can pass through for participating in any European Union ITC scheme (with the Authority's approval) to be set to at the conclusion of the annual regulatory reporting mechanism once the costs are known.

Title: National Grid Electricity Transmission System Operator Incentives

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 11 March
Response due: 12 April

Ofgem has published its final proposals and statutory licence modification consultation for the GB SO incentive to apply from 1 April 2010.

Ofgem set out a number of concerns about National Grid's forecasting methodology noting "... *In particular, we have concerns that NGET does not consider the market fundamentals affecting the key drivers of its costs and how these are likely to develop and influence its costs going forward. We consider that NGET's methodology relies too heavily on historic data, and in particular, the most recent actual costs.*"

In light of this Ofgem concludes that it is only able to set a one year incentive.

The key scheme parameters are:

- Target: £577.5m
- Dead-band: £550-605m
- Upside Sharing Factor: 15%
- Downside Sharing Factor: 15%
- Cap/Floor: +/-£15m

Ofgem also note that "... *NGET does not consent to the licence modifications, thereby not accepting our final proposals, we would have to decide whether to consult again on revised proposals, to refer the matter to the Competition Commission, or to rely on our existing powers for the purposes of regulating NGET.*"



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Titles: Open Letter – Electricity Distribution Price Control: Regulatory Instructions and Guidance 2009-10

[\(link\)](#)

Open Letter – Electricity Distribution Price Control Review: Consultation on the Regulatory Instructions and Guidance (RIGs)

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 11 March and 31 March
Response due: 5 May

Ofgem published an open letter updating Distribution Network Operators on the development of the reporting requirements under the new price control. This was followed by a consultation on the modifications Ofgem is proposing to the four existing Regulatory Instructions and Guidance and notice that Ofgem proposes to issue three new reporting RIGs. The new arrangements are due to come into effect on 26 May.

Titles: Transmission Price Control 4 – Scope of “Adapted Roll-over” (2012-13)

[\(link\)](#)

Transmission Price Control Review 4 - Adapted Roll-over: Stakeholder Workshop Invitation 13 April 2010

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 15 March and 19 March
Response due: 26 April

Ofgem has issued a consultation on the scope of the “adapted roll-over” approach that will set a one year transmission price control before the next full five year control is set taking account of the findings of the RPI-X@20 project.

A workshop has been organised for 13 April.

Title: Ofgem Energy Seminar Agenda

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 18 March (seminar date: 16 March)
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published the agenda and presentation slides for its “Energy Seminar” on: Covering Project Discovery; Winter to Date; and Liquidity Proposals for the GB Wholesale Electricity Market.

Title: Energy Demand Research Project – Review of Progress March 2010

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 22 March
Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published an update, in the form of its fourth report on the Energy Demand Research Project, on the GB wide trial to improve understand about consumers’ response to improved information about their energy consumption.

Highlights from the report are:

- *“The community trials have built on the progress that was reported previously, and are on course to meet their targets.*
- *Plans are in place for additional analysis of the EDRP to feed into the Smart Metering Implementation Programme and inform the Prospectus due this summer.*
- *We have been reviewing the practical and technical lessons emerging from the EDRP and alongside this document have published presentations from the suppliers on their experiences so far.”*

The report states indicates that the “... final analysis and conclusion are likely to be completed in early 2011.”

Title: Hannah Nixon is appointed Partner, Transmission

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 22 March
Response due: N/A

Title: TIRG open letter consultation: Asset Value Adjusting Event for the transmission investment project ‘SLOY’

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 23 March
Response due: 20 April

Ofgem has published an open letter seeking views on “asset value adjusting event” claims submitted by SP Transmission and SHETL for increases in the costs to be recovered for Sloy because they consider that construction costs have increased beyond the existing allowances provided for in their Electricity Transmission Licences.



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Title: *The Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 2010*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 24 March

Response due: N/A

Ofgem has issued an open letter notifying the industry that the Revised Standard Statutory Instrument will apply to DNOs and IDNOs from 1 April 2010.

Title: *Proposed Amendments to Gas and Electricity Supply Licence Conditions in Relation to the Disconnection of Vulnerable Customers*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 26 March

Response due: 5 May

Ofgem has published an open letter seeking views on proposals to amend supply licences to "... clarify that licensees are obliged to take all reasonable steps to ascertain the status of a customer and the occupants of any affected domestic premises before disconnection."

Title: *Renewables Obligation Certificate (ROC) and CCL Renewables Levy Exemption Certificate (LEC) Schedule 2010/2011*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 26 March

Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published the schedule for submission of LEC and ROC data for 2010/11.

Titles: *Electricity Distribution Price Control Review – Modification Pursuant to Section 11 of the Electricity Act 1989*

[\(link\)](#)

Electricity Distribution Price Control Review – Modification Pursuant to Section 11A of the Electricity Act 1989

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 31 March

Effective: 1 April

Ofgem has published the statutory licence modification notices that give effect to the new Distribution Network Operators' Price Controls.

Title: *Consumer Panel: Research Findings from the Sixty Five Working Day Section of the Second Event*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 31 March

Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published a report that sets out the findings from the second series of research events using the "Consumer First Panel".

Title: *Corporate Strategy and Plan 2010-2015*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 31 March

Response due: N/A

Ofgem has published its annual Corporate Strategy and five year plan which presents its forward work programme and priorities under four main themes and commits the organisation to:

- *"contribute to the achievement of a low carbon energy sector;*
- *help to maintain the security of Britain's energy supplies;*
- *promote consumer choice and value and protect vulnerable customers; and*
- *via Ofgem E-Serve, ensure the timely and efficient delivery of Government programmes for a sustainable energy sector."*

Ofgem note that *"... In the next few weeks there will be a general election and the formation of a new Government. We will review our strategy later this year in the light of the new Government's priorities."*

Ofgem has committed to extending its current RPI-3% cost control for a further five years and has extended the scope to encompass Ofgem eServe. The cost of Ofgem is forecast to drop from £38.7m in 2009/10 (as set out in the Corporate Plan) to £37.8 in 2014/15.

Ofgem eServe's costs for administering the various environmental schemes increase from £6.9m in 2009-10 to £41.2m in 2010-11 and are then forecast to fall year on year to £38m by the end of the five year period. The initial rise is due to the expanded scope of Ofgem eServe and Ofgem note that the *"... figure of £41.2 million represents our best estimate of the costs likely to be incurred in administering these programmes on behalf of the Government."*



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Titles: Code Governance Review – Final Proposals

[\(link\)](#) [\(press release\)](#)

Code Governance Review Final Proposals Licence Drafting Consultation

[\(link\)](#)

Open Letter Consultation: Code Administration Code of Practice

[\(link\)](#)

Press release: Ofgem announces measures to speed up energy industry reforms

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 31 March
Responses due: 12 May

Workshop: 23 April

Ofgem has published its decisions on the governance arrangements for the major industry codes following its Code Governance Review. The final proposals include:

- “defining a role for Ofgem to lead significant changes to the industry codes;
- allowing Ofgem to step back from those parts of the code arrangements that have minimal impact on consumers; and,
- incorporating network charging methodologies into relevant industry codes, giving users the opportunity to propose change.”

The Final Proposals are accompanied by consultations on:

- Code of Practice for code administration developed by the Code Administrators Working Group; and
- the form of the modifications to network companies' licences that would be needed to implement the proposed changes.

Ofgem will be holding a workshop on 23 April to discuss these changes and expects to issue a series of statutory consultations on licence changes in late May 2010.

Published: 11 March,
Response due: N/A

Open letter advising suppliers and generators of key milestones in the delivery of Ofgem’s administrative arrangements to support implementation of Feed in Tariffs on 1 April.

Titles: Letter to []: Introduction of the Feed-In Tariff Scheme and Transition from the Renewables Obligation

[\(small generators\)](#)

[\(microgeneration agents\)](#)

[\(independent microgenerators\)](#)

Published: 19 March and 23 March
Response due: N/A

Update for microgenerators and agents accredited (or awaiting accreditation) under the RO on the introduction of the new Feed in Tariff arrangements and actions needed to access it.

Titles: Feed-In Tariff Guidance Document for Licensed Suppliers

[\(link\)](#)

FITs Open Letter to Suppliers

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 24 March
Response due: 21 April

Draft guidance to suppliers setting out their obligations.

Title: Feed-in Tariffs – Modifications Made by Secretary of State to the Standard Conditions of Electricity Supply Licences

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 31 March
Effective: 1 April

Modifications made to supply licences to introduce the new Feed-In Tariff regime on 1 April 2010.

Issue: Feed-In Tariff

Ofgem has published a number of documents in the run up to the go-live of the new Feed-In Tariff arrangements.

Title: Delivery Timetable for FITs Administrative Systems

[\(link\)](#)

LICENCES

Electricity Licence Applications in February and March 2010

Company: Donnington Energy Limited
Licence: Supply (Any Customer)
([link](#))

Applied: 11 February
Published: 19 February

Company: Evenlode Energy Limited
Licence: Supply (Any Customer)
([link](#))

Applied: 11 February
Published: 19 February

Company: Garsington Energy Limited
Licence: Supply (Any Customer)
([link](#))

Applied: 11 February
Published: 19 February

Company: Green Hill Energy Limited
Licence: Generation
([link](#))

Applied: 25 February
Published: 15 March

Company: Dual Energy Direct Ltd
Licence: Supply extension
([link](#))

Applied: 15 March
Published: 18 March

Company: At Cost Energy Limited
Licence: Supply (Any Customer)
([link](#))

Applied: 25 February
Published: 26 March

Company: Drax Biomass (Immingham) Limited
Licence: Generation
([link](#))

Applied: 24 March
Published: 25 March



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Electricity Licences Issued in February and March 2010

Company: UK Healthcare Corporation Limited
Licence: Supply (All Premises)
([link](#))

Published: 9 February
Effective: 8 February

Company: McMillian Limited
Licence: Supply (Non-Domestic)
([link](#))

Published: 12 February
Effective: 13 January

Company: Winnington Networks Limited
Licence: Supply (Non-Domestic)
([link](#))

Published: 2 March
Effective: 10 February

Company: Walney (UK) Offshore Windfarms Limited
Licence: Generation
([link](#))

Published: 10 March
Effective: 8 March

Company: Ecotrade Solutions Limited
Licence: Supply (Any Premises)
([link](#))

Published: 12 March
Dated: 9 March
Effective:

Company: Esso Petroleum Company
Licence: Generation
([link](#))

Published: 24 March
Effective: 17 February

Company: Walters Power (UK) Limited
Licence: Generation
([link](#))

Published: 31 March
Effective: 24 March

Company: Evenlode Energy Limited
Licence: Supply
([link](#))

Published: 31 March
Effective: 26 March



GB SYSTEM OPERATOR (SO)

Title: *An Introduction to National Grid Electricity Transmission System Operator (SO) Incentives – A Balancing Services Incentive Scheme Reference Document*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 2 February

Response due: N/A

National Grid has published a reference document that provides detail, in three main sections, on the cost components that form part of the BSIS incentivised balancing costs. The three sections cover: energy related products; reactive power, black start and transmission losses; and constraints.

National Grid state that the document is “... *intended to be used as a reference document for any future BSIS consultations, thus reducing the amount of detail required to introduce each separate BSIS consultation. It is hoped that this document will go some way to address some of the industry feedback that commented that many of the consultation documents were too long and contained too much detail.*”

Title: *Development of Net Imbalance Adjustment for National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“NGET”) System Operator Incentives from April 2010*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 23 February

Response due: N/A

National Grid has published an open letter attaching an analysis of the NIV over winter 2009/10. National Grid state that the current NIA methodology is performing as expected and because of this, and because it does not expect changes in the market conditions in the next 1 to 2 years that will affect its performance, it is not proposing a change to the current calculation methodology.

Title: *Decision in relation to the Use of System Charging Methodology Modification Proposal GB ECM-18: “Locational BSUoS”*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 1 March

Decision: REJECT

Ofgem have rejected National Grid’s proposal for better targeting costs on those that cause them. Ofgem has been expressing concern about increasing constraint costs for some time and its decision letter makes it clear that it favours change stating:

“Notwithstanding our decision to veto this proposal, we consider there are strong arguments in favour of the more cost-reflective allocation of the costs of constraints.”

However, after balancing the pros and cons it concludes that “... *In light of all considerations, in particular our doubt as to whether parties will be able to respond to the GB ECM-18 locational charge signal due to the fact that the modification proposal would result in charges which are made available on a two-day ex-post basis, we consider that GB ECM-18 does not better facilitate the applicable charging objectives. On this basis the Authority has decided to veto the proposal.*”

Title: *GBECM-22 Treatment of Exemptable Generation Connected to Embedded Transmission*

[\(link\)](#) [\(E.ON letter\)](#)

Published: 2 March

Response due: N/A

E.ON wrote to National Grid (on 9 February) suggesting that the charging methodology modification proposal it had raised should be withdrawn because Ofgem had rejected the associated modification to had proposed to the BSC (P242 (Treatment of Exemptable Generation Connected to Embedded Offshore Transmission Networks)) and that it would be inappropriate to implement the charging methodology proposal without the necessary parallel changes being made to the BSC.

National Grid subsequently published an open letter confirming that, in the light of E.ON’s letter and the rejection of P242, it would not be progressing the charging methodology modification.



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Title: *Conclusions Report for GB ECM-21 – Implementing a Mid Year Tariff Change*
([link](#)) ([cover letter](#))

Published: 16 March
Response due: Ofgem has 28 days to determine (or notify that an IA is required)

National Grid has published its conclusions report on proposals to allow mid-year changes in transmission network use of system charges without changing the charging methodology. National Grid indicate that the need for this change has been triggered by the implementation of the off-shore transmission regime which will go live part way through the normal tariff year, however the proposed changes can also be used in other circumstances.

National Grid state that, in respect of mid year changes following the implementation of the offshore regime, the process would be as follows:

“National Grid publish TNUoS tariffs as normal in January for implementation in April. These tariffs would contain forecast offshore costs. National Grid would then change all tariffs mid year with updated information obtained from the tender process. National Grid would seek to give at least two months prior notice before the charge change takes affect. A user’s annual liability would be calculated by prorating the affected tariffs across the months in which they are applicable. In this way tariffs and charges are not back dated.”

Title: *Transmission Networks: Offshore Development Information Statement – Future Scenario Consultation*
([link](#))

Published: 22 March
Response due: 14 May

National Grid has issued a consultation on the future scenarios for the potential development of the offshore transmission network and the national electricity transmission system against different future generation and demand backgrounds. National Grid is seeking views on the scenarios to form the basis of the Offshore Development Information Statement to be published, by National Grid, by 30 September replacing the first such Statement which was published in December 2009.

Title: *Open Letter on SQSS*
([link](#))

Published: 30 March
Response due: N/A

National Grid has published an open letter from David Wright (SQSS Review Chairman) providing an update on the group’s work to consider and progress changes to the Security & Quality of Supply Standards and outlining the forward work programme and consultations.

DISTRIBUTION NETWORK OPERATOR (DNO)

Charging Methodologies

Title: Amendment Proposal to EDF Energy Network's ("EDF") Connection Charging Methodology: Cost Apportionment Rules (EDFE Mod 32)

[\(link\)](#)

Decision: **APPROVE** (not vetoed)
Published: 5 February
Implementation: 5 February

Title: CN East 02/2010 – Proposals Concerning Use of System Charging Methodology – Implementation of CDCM

[\(link\)](#)

Raised by: Central Networks East
Published: 2 February

Title: CN West 02/2010 – Proposals Concerning Use of System Charging Methodology – Implementation of CDCM

[\(link\)](#)

Raised by: Central Networks West
Published: 2 February

Title: SSEPD/09/003 – Modification Proposal to Amend Use of System Charging Methodologies for Incorporation of the Common Distribution Charging Methodology

[\(link\)](#)

Raised by: SEPD and SHEPD
Published: 18 February

Title: Decision in Relation to SSEPD/09/003: Proposal to Amend Use of System Charging Methodologies for Incorporation of the Common Distribution Charging Methodology (CDCM)

[\(link\)](#)

Decision: **APPROVE** (not vetoed)
Published: 19 February
Implementation: 1 April

Title: Decision in relation to WPD/Wales/West/017: Proposal to Amend Use of System Charging Methodologies to Revoke the HV/LV Distribution Reinforcement Model (DRM) Methodology from the Implementation Date of the CDCM

[\(link\)](#)

Decision: **APPROVE** (not vetoed)
Published: 19 February
Implementation: 1 April

Title: Decision in Relation to CE/2009/0015N and CE/2009/0015Y: Changes to UoS Charging Methodology to Reflect the Move to CDCM for LV and HV Demand and Generation Customers, Removal of Losses Methodology and General Housekeeping Changes

[\(link\)](#)

Decision: **APPROVE** (not vetoed)
Published: 23 February
Implementation: 1 April

Title: CN West – Proposals Concerning Use of System Charging Methodology – Implementation of Common Distribution Charging Methodology

[\(link\)](#)

Raised by: E.ON Central Networks West
Published: 1 March

Title: CN East – Proposals Concerning Use of System Charging Methodology – Implementation of Common Distribution Charging Methodology

[\(link\)](#)

Raised by: E.ON Central Networks East
Published: 1 March



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Title: *Decision on Independent Distribution Network Operator (IDNO)/Distribution Network Operator (DNO) Boundary Equipment and Which Parties Should Fund This Equipment*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 2 March

Effective: 1 April

Ofgem has published its decision that “*From 1 April 2010 our starting point for any connections dispute will be that the boundary measurement equipment should be funded by the DNO.*” This reverses the previous position, announced in 2005, that such equipment should be funded by iDNOs.

Title: *Decision in Relation to Central Networks (East And West) Proposals Concerning Use of System Charging Methodology – Implementation of Common Distribution Charging Methodology (04/2009 East and 04/2009 West)*

[\(link\)](#)

Decision: **APPROVE** (not vetoed)

Published: 30 March

Implementation: 1 April

Title: *Decision in Relation to Scottishpower (SP) Amendment of Use of System Charging Methodologies for Incorporation of the Common Distribution Charging Methodology (SPEN-10-01)*

[\(link\)](#)

Decision: **APPROVE** (not vetoed)

Published: 30 March

Implementation: 1 April

Title: *Amendment of Use of System Charging Methodologies for Incorporation of the Common Distribution Charging Methodology (SPEN-10-01)*

[\(link\)](#)

Raised by: Scottish Power

Published: 24 March

Title: *Changes to the Use of System Charging Methodology; for Housekeeping Purposes Following Approval of the Common Distribution Charging Methodology, and to Clarify Treatment of Pre-2005 Generators Further to DCPR5 Final Proposals*

[\(link\)](#)

Raised by: EDF Energy Networks

Published: 31 March



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BALANCING AND SETTLEMENT CODE (BSC)

Joiners

BritNed Development Limited

Party ID: BRITNED
Interconnector Error Administrator and
Interconnector Administrator

S.C. Isra-mart S.R.L

Party ID: ISRAMART
Non-Physical Trader

Donnington Energy Limited

Party ID: DOENERGY
Supplier

Evenlode Energy Limited

Party ID: EVENERGY
Supplier

Farmoor Energy Limited

Party ID: FREENERGY
Supplier

Garsington Energy Limited

Party ID: GREENERGY
Supplier

Glens of Foudland Wind Farm Limited

Party ID: GOFPOWER
Generator

Thanet Offshore Wind Limited

Party ID: TOW
Generator

Esso Petroleum Company Limited

Party ID: EPCO1
Generator

Noble Clean Fuels Limited

Party ID: NOBLE
Non-Physical Trader and Interconnector User

Leavers

Bord Gais Eireann

Party ID: BGET01

Miscellaneous

Title: *Continuous Acceptance Duration Limit - 2010 Review Consultation*

[\(link\)](#)

Published: 23 March
Response due: 8 April

ELEXON has issued a consultation on the recommendation that CADL should remain at 15minutes.

Title: *BSC Panel Members Changes*

[\(link\)](#)

ELEXON has announced that Catherine Mitchell (appointed Industry Panel Member) and Andrew Horsler (Consumer Panel Member) have resigned from the Panel.

Phil Baker has been appointed as an Industry Panel Member.



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Modification Proposals

P251 Revision of the Election Process for BSC Panel Industry Members

[\(link\)](#)

Proposed by: E.ON UK
Proposed on: 1 February

The modification proposes changes to the rules for electing BSC Panel Industry Members proposing that these members should be elected using the “Single Transferable Voting methodology” that was recommended by the Electoral Reform Society for any election to multiple vacancy.

P252 Removal of Trading Parties’ Ability to Submit Two Votes at Elections of BSC Panel Industry Members

[\(link\)](#)

Proposed by: Utilita
Proposed on: 24 February

The modification proposes limiting Trading Parties to just one vote even where they have two Energy Accounts (Production and Consumption).

P253 Improving the Accuracy of the Credit Calculation for SVA Participants

[\(link\)](#)

Proposed by: BSC Panel
Proposed on: 11 March

The modification proposes changes that would enable Half Hourly SVA (Supplier Volume Allocation) data to be used in the credit calculation in the Interim Information Settlement Run.

P254 Removal of Main and SVA Specified Charge Amounts from the Code

[\(link\)](#)

Proposed by: BSC Panel
Proposed on: 11 March

This modification seeks to remove the specified charge rates from the BSC (Section D Annex D-3) and replace them with a requirement for BSCCo to publish the current charge amounts/rate on the BSC website.

Modification Decisions

P248 Aligning BSC Interest Calculation Requirements with the FAA Calculation Method and P235 Principles

[\(link\)](#)

Decision: **APPROVE**
Decision Date: 5 February
Implementation: 27 March 2001

Panel recommendation: Approve

The change will bring the BSC requirements for four Funds Administration Agent (FAA) interest calculations in line with current practice.

P245 Changes to the Treatment of Long Term Vacant Site Timescales

[\(link\)](#)

Decision: **APPROVE ALTERNATIVE**
Decision Date: 15 March
Implementation: 31 March

Panel recommendation: Approve Alternative

The modification changes the BSC to better align the BSC requirements for identifying long term vacant sites with the suppliers’ meter reading cycles; timescale details are also moved from the BSC to a code subsidiary document (BSCP5048).



CONNECTION AND USE OF SYSTEM CODE (CUSC)

New CUSC Amendment Proposals

CAP180 Amendments to the CUSC Governance Process

[\(link\)](#)

Proposed by: National Grid
Proposed in: March

The CAP proposes extending the right to raise a Working Group Consultation Alternative Request to Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Parties and the National Consumer Council (NCC) and allow BSC parties and the NCC to nominate themselves to become a Working Group member. It also proposes changes intended to improve the management and fair treatment of observers attending Working Groups.

CAP 181 Consequential Changes Related to Grid Code Amendment A/10 (Compliance)

[\(link\)](#)

Proposed by: National Grid Electricity Transmission
Proposed in: March

The CAP is part of a suite of changes, to different industry documents, that were identified as being necessary by the Grid Code Compliance Working Group as a result of the changes being proposed to the Grid Code under Grid Code Consultation Amendment A/10 which was published on 1st February 2010.

The CAP states that “... A/10 seeks to formalise a compliance process within the Grid Code for all new generators and Direct Current converter stations (DCCS) to improve consistency and visibility of the existing processes.”



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EUROPEAN UNION (TITLES AND LINKS ONLY)

Title: *Emissions Trading: Commission Takes Action over Cyber Attacks on EU ETS Account Holders*
[\(link\)](#)

Published: 4 February

Title: *Commission Creates Two New Directorates-General for Energy And Climate Action*
[\(link\)](#)

Published: 17 February

Title: *Commission Adopts Biomass Sustainability Report*
[\(link\)](#)

Published: 25 February

Title: *Renewable Energy: Forecasts Show EU on Track To Meet 20% Target*
[\(link\)](#)

Published: 11 March



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SUMMARY OF CONSULTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS AND BSC/CUSC MODIFICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Please note that whilst considerable effort is made to keep this up to date some, possibly important, consultations and announcements will inevitably have been missed. Readers should also refer to the relevant documents to confirm response dates.

Consultations Carried Over from Previous Months

Issuer	Title / Link	Date	Response Due
Ofgem	Regulating Energy Networks for the Future: RPI-X@20 Emerging Thinking (link) (supporting papers) (factsheet) (press release) (BIS)	20 Jan	9 Apr

New Consultations/Publications

Issuer	Title / Link	Date	Response Due
DECC	Cash Rewards for Low Carbon Electricity and Heating (webpage) (press release)	1 / 3 Feb	Implementation 1 Apr
DECC	Government Encouraged by National Emission Statistics 2008 Final UK Figures (link) (statistics)	2 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Smart Metering Second Briefing Event (link)	2 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Decision Letter to Suspend Ofgem's Existing Policy for Mergers between Energy Network Companies Pending Review (link) (information note)	2 Feb	N/A
GB SO	An Introduction to National Grid Electricity Transmission System Operator (SO) Incentives – A Balancing Services Incentive Scheme Reference Document (link)	2 Feb	N/A
DECC	Statement – Ofgem Project Discovery (link)	3 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Minutes of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (19 Dec 2009) (12 Jan 2010) (21 Jan 2010)	3 Feb / 1 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	Project Discovery – Options for Delivering Secure and Sustainable Energy Supplies (link) (factsheet) (press release)	3 Feb / 15 Feb	31 Mar
Ofgem	Statutory Consultation on the Modification of the Standard Conditions of Gas and Electricity Supply and Electricity Generation Licenses (cover letter) (generation licence) (electricity supply licence) (gas supply licence)	4 Feb	18 Mar



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Issuer	Title / Link	Date	Response Due
Ofgem	The Renewables Obligation Buy-Out Price and Mutualisation Ceiling 2010-11 – Information Note (link)	4 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	RPI-X@20 Workshop Agenda (London 5 March) (Glasgow 11 March)	8 Feb	N/A
EAC	The Role of Carbon Markets in Preventing Dangerous Climate Change (link) (press release)	8 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	New Label Launched for Certified Green Electricity (link)	9 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Offshore Electricity Transmission: Open letter on draft Tender Regulations 2010 (link)	10 Feb	24 Feb / 10 Mar
Ofgem	Approach and Timetable for the Next Transmission Price Control Review (TPCR 5) (link)	15 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Carbon Emissions Reduction Target Update 07 – February 2010 (link) Community Energy Saving Programme Update 01 – February 2010 (link)	15 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Ofgem to Consult on Time Energy Suppliers are Allowed to Inform Customers of Price Increases (link)	15 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Chairman, Non-Executives and Senior Management Expenses Q2 2009-10 (link)	17 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	The Innovation Funding Incentive and Registered Power Zones Annual Reports 2008-2009 (link) (webpage)	18 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Guidance on the Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) of Last Resort Mechanism (link)	18 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Smart Metering Rollout Workshop – Open Letter (link) Smart Metering Data and Communications Functions Workshop – Open Letter (link)	19 Feb / 3 Mar	22 Feb / 8 Mar
Ofgem	Who's Who at Ofgem – Organisational Flowchart (link)	22 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Electricity and Gas Supply Market Report (link)	22 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	Liquidity Proposals for the GB Wholesale Electricity Market (link) (press release)	22 Feb	23 Mar



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Issuer	Title / Link	Date	Response Due
ECC	<i>The Future of Britain's Electricity Networks</i> (link) (press release)	23 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	<i>Electricity Distribution Price Control Review – Statutory Licence Drafting Consultation</i> (link) (cover letter)	23 Feb	23 Mar
GB SO	<i>Development of Net Imbalance Adjustment for National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“NGET”) System Operator Incentives from April 2010</i> (link)	23 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	<i>Low Carbon Networks (LCN) Fund: Notice under Charge Restriction Condition (CRC) 13 of the Electricity Distribution Licence with respect to the LCN Fund Governance Document; and Consultation in Relation to Other Aspects of the LCN Fund</i> (link) (workshop)	24 Feb / 12 Mar	24 Mar / 12 Apr
DECC	<i>New Player in UK offshore Wind Market – Mitsubishi Power Systems Europe Signs MOU Signalling Intention to Invest up to £100 million in UK Wind Turbine R&D Project</i> (link)	25 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	<i>BritNed Development Limited Consultation on Access Rules for GB-Netherlands Electricity Interconnector</i> (link) (webpage)	25 Feb	9 Apr
Ofgem	<i>Memorandum of Understanding between the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, the Department of Energy and Climate Change and Her Majesty's Treasury</i> (link)	25 Feb	N/A
Ofgem	<i>Enhanced Transmission Investment Incentives: Statutory Consultation on Licence Changes to Give Effect to Final Proposals</i> (link) (webpage) <i>Enhanced Transmission Investment Incentive: Approach and Timetable for Future Work</i> (link) <i>Enhanced Transmission Investment Incentives: Licence Modification to Give Effect to Final Proposals</i> (link)	26 Feb / 17 Mar / 31 Mar	26 Mar Effective 1 Apr
Ofgem	<i>Generic Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) Special Licence Conditions (version 0.5), Guidance Note and Licence Model</i> (link)	1 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	<i>Decision in relation to the Use of System Charging Methodology Modification Proposal GB ECM-18: “Locational BSUoS”</i> (link)	1 Mar	N/A



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DECC	Allowing Local Authorities to Sell Electricity: Consultation on Making Regulations under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (link)	2 Mar	2 June
Ofgem	Recognised Guarantees of Origin 2009 (link) REGOs Held by Suppliers for 2009 FMD (link)	2 & 23 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	Distribution Price Control Review 5 (DPCR5) Lessons Learnt Open Letter (link)	2 Mar	30 Mar
Ofgem	GBECM-22 Treatment of Exemptable Generation Connected to Embedded Transmission (link) (E.ON letter)	2 Mar	N/A
DECC	Improving Grid Access – Technical Consultation on the Model for Improving Grid Access (link) (press release)	3 Mar	14 Apr
Ofgem	Review of the Ring Fence Conditions in Network Operator Licences (link)	3 Mar	23 Apr
DECC	Testing the Water for Wave and Tidal Potential (link) (press release)	4 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	Open Letter Consultation on Standard Condition 24 (Distribution System Planning Standard and Quality of Performance Reporting): Electricity Distribution Licence (link)	4 Mar	1 Apr
Ofgem	Renewables Obligation: Annual Report 2008-2009 (link)	8 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	Smart Metering Data and Communications Functions Workshop – Open Letter (link) Smart Metering Implementation Strategy Workshop – Open Letter (link)	8 Mar / 12 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	Decision Letter of Modification to Special Condition D4 of the Electricity Transmission Licence of National Grid Electricity Transmission (link)	8 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	National Grid Electricity Transmission System Operator Incentives (link)	11 Mar	12 Apr



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Ofgem	<p>Open Letter – Electricity Distribution Price Control: Regulatory Instructions and Guidance 2009-10 (link)</p> <p>Open Letter – Electricity Distribution Price Control Review: Consultation on the Regulatory Instructions and Guidance (RIGs) (link)</p>	11 Mar / 31Mar	5 May
Conservative Party	<p>Rebuilding security – Conservative Energy Policy for an Uncertain World (link) (press release)</p>	19 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	<p>Delivery Timetable for FITs Administrative Systems (link)</p> <p>Letter to []: Introduction of the Feed-In Tariff Scheme and Transition from the Renewables Obligation (small generators) (microgeneration agents) (independent microgenerators)</p> <p>Feed-In Tariff Guidance Document for Licensed Suppliers (link)</p> <p>FITs Open Letter to Suppliers (link)</p> <p>Feed-in Tariffs – Modifications Made by Secretary of State to the Standard Conditions of Electricity Supply Licences (link)</p>	11, 19, 23, 24 & 31 Mar	21 Apr
DECC	<p>Funding for Design Studies in Clean Coal Competition (link)</p>	12 Mar	N/A
DECC	<p>Marine Action Plan (link) (press release)</p>	15 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	<p>Transmission Price Control 4 – Scope of “Adapted Roll-over” (2012-13) (link)</p> <p>Transmission Price Control Review 4 - Adapted Roll-over: Stakeholder Workshop Invitation 13 April 2010 (link)</p>	15 & 19 Mar	26 Apr
GB SO	<p>Conclusions Report for GB ECM-21 – Implementing a Mid Year Tariff Change (link) (cover letter)</p>	16 Mar	N/A
DECC	<p>Miliband Pursues Clean Coal Tech as UK Growth Sector (link)</p>	17 Mar	N/A
DECC	<p>First Carbon Budget Report Card Published (link)</p>	18 Mar	N/A
DECC	<p>UK Offshore Wind Towers above the Rest (link)</p>	18 Mar	N/A



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Ofgem	<i>Ofgem Energy Seminar Agenda</i> (link)	18 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	<i>Energy Demand Research Project – Review of Progress March 2010</i> (link)	22 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	<i>Hannah Nixon is appointed Partner, Transmission</i> (link)	22 Mar	N/A
GB SO	<i>Transmission Networks: Offshore Development Information Statement – Future Scenario Consultation</i> (link)	22 Mar	14 May
ECC	<i>The Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy</i> (link) (press release)	23 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	<i>TIRG open letter consultation: Asset Value Adjusting Event for the transmission investment project 'SLOY'</i> (link)	23 Mar	20 Apr
ELEXON	<i>Continuous Acceptance Duration Limit - 2010 Review Consultation</i> (link)	23 Mar	8 Apr
Ofgem	<i>The Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 2010</i> (link)	24 Mar	N/A
DECC / HM Treasury	<i>Budget for Green Jobs and Growth</i> (link)	24 Mar	N/A
DECC / HM Treasury	<i>Energy Markets Assessment</i> (link)	24 Mar	N/A
DECC	<i>Progress Continues on Development of New UK Nuclear Power</i> (link)	25 Mar	18 Jun
DECC	<i>Energy Statistics</i> (link)	25 Mar	N/A
DECC	<i>Statement – Ed Miliband and Peter Mandelson Respond to General Electric's Investment in UK Offshore Wind</i> (link)	25 Mar	N/A
DECC	<i>Approval Given for Biomass Power Station in Avonmouth</i> (link)	26 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	<i>Proposed Amendments to Gas and Electricity Supply Licence Conditions in Relation to the Disconnection of Vulnerable Customers</i> (link)	26 Mar	5 May
Ofgem	<i>Renewables Obligation Certificate (ROC) and CCL Renewables Levy Exemption Certificate (LEC) Schedule 2010/2011</i> (link)	26 Mar	N/A



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Issuer	Title / Link	Date	Response Due
DECC	Government welcomes Siemens £80million plans to bring offshore wind production to the UK (link)	29 Mar	N/A
GB SO	Open Letter on SQSS (link)	30 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	Electricity Distribution Price Control Review – Modification Pursuant to Section 11 of the Electricity Act 1989 (link) Electricity Distribution Price Control Review – Modification Pursuant to Section 11A of the Electricity Act 1989 (link)	31 Mar	Effective 1 Apr
Ofgem	Consumer Panel: Research Findings from the Sixty Five Working Day Section of the Second Event (link)	31 Mar	N/A
Ofgem	Corporate Strategy and Plan 2010-2015 (link)	31 Mar	N/A
DECC	Consultation on the Grandfathering Policy of Support for Dedicated Biomass, Anaerobic Digestion and Energy from Waste under the Renewables Obligation (link)	31 Mar	28 May
Ofgem	Code Governance Review – Final Proposals (link) (press release) Code Governance Review Final Proposals Licence Drafting Consultation (link) Open Letter Consultation: Code Administration Code of Practice (link) Press release: Ofgem announces measures to speed up energy industry reforms (link)	31 Mar	12 May



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BSC Modification Decisions

Number	Title / Link	Decision	Implementation
P248	<i>Aligning BSC Interest Calculation Requirements with the FAA Calculation Method and P235 Principles</i> (link)	APPROVE	27 Mar 2001
P245	<i>Changes to the Treatment of Long Term Vacant Site Timescales</i> (link)	APPROVE ALTERNATIVE	31 Mar

New BSC Modifications

Number	Title / Link	Proposer	Date
P251	<i>Revision of the Election Process for BSC Panel Industry Members</i> (link)	E.ON UK	1 Feb
P252	<i>Removal of Trading Parties' Ability to Submit Two Votes at Elections of BSC Panel Industry Members</i> (link)	Utilita	24 Feb
P253	<i>Improving the Accuracy of the Credit Calculation for SVA Participants</i> (link)	BSC Panel	11 Mar
P254	<i>Removal of Main and SVA Specified Charge Amounts from the Code</i> (link)	BSC Panel	11 Mar

New CUSC Amendment Proposals

Number	Title / Link	Proposer	Date
CAP 180	<i>Amendments to the CUSC Governance Process</i> (link)	National Grid	Mar
CAP 181	<i>Consequential Changes Related to Grid Code Amendment A/10 (Compliance)</i> (link)	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Mar

