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OFGEM'S REGO REGISTER SYSTEM GOES ON-LINE

A web-based system to provide evidence of electricity produced from renewable energy sources has been launched today by energy regulator, Ofgem.

Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs) were introduced as part of a European Union directive to promote electricity from renewable energy sources. They are issued in Great Britain by Ofgem, on the request of generators, to prove electricity is being produced from renewable energy sources.

The REGO Register holds details of account holders and it will allow generators, suppliers and the Non Fossil Purchasing Agency (NFPA) to manage their accounts easily online. Certain information, such as a list of REGOs issued, will be publicly available.

Ofgem will contact all generating stations that have already applied for REGOs on the accreditation questionnaire, before issuing their account details and a guide explaining how to use the Register.

Ofgem will also hold a workshop on the REGO Register in April 2005 for generators and suppliers. Please email renewable@ofgem.gov.uk if you are interested in attending this workshop.

The Register can be found at <http://www.regoregister.ofgem.gov.uk>

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Notes to Editors

1. Article 5 of the EU Directive 2001/77/EC, which came into force in October 2001, requires that Member States ensure that a Guarantee of Origin is issued on request in respect of electricity produced from renewable energy sources.

2. The Electricity (Guarantees of Origin of Electricity Produced from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulation 2003 S.I. 2003 No.2562 implement Article 5 and came into force on 27 October 2003.
3. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (Ofgem) is the designated body to issue REGOs in Great Britain and has been given certain functions under the Regulations. REGOs are issued to generators for their eligible output over a specified period which cannot be less than one month.
4. Ofgem has published Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin administration, registration and operational procedures on its website under the Guarantees of Origin (Renew.) area of work.
5. Ofgem is the Office of the Gas and Electricity Markets, which supports the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, the regulator of the gas and electricity industries in Great Britain. Ofgem's aim is to bring choice and value to all gas and electricity customers by promoting competition and regulating monopolies. The Authority's powers are provided for under the Gas Act 1986, the Electricity Act 1989 and the Utilities Act 2000.
6. For information about the Non Fossil Purchasing Agency please visit:
<http://www.nfpa.co.uk/>

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