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OFGEM BIDS FAREWELL TO DIRECTOR OF GAS DISTRIBUTION

Energy regulator Ofgem has today (Friday) announced that Joanna Whittington, director of gas distribution, is to leave the organisation after seven years. She will be leaving at the beginning of March to take a career break.

Joanna led the first review of gas distribution price controls since the sale of four of the networks by National Grid in 2005. This challenging review was completed last December and set price controls for 2008-2013. She made a major contribution to improving the way Ofgem regulates network companies through work on reporting information and incentives after the 2000-2005 electricity distribution price control.

Ofgem Chief Executive, Alistair Buchanan, said: "I'd like to congratulate Joanna on her excellent work across a range of Ofgem projects over the past few years. Besides her vital contribution to the gas distribution price control and our network regulation, she helped develop our European strategy and establish the Council of European Energy Regulators of which our Chairman Sir John Mogg is President."

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Notes to editors

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. In this information note, the functions of the Authority under the relevant Acts are, for simplicity, described as the functions of Ofgem.

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