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## **OFGEM APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR**

Energy regulator Ofgem has appointed Stuart Cook as Transmission Director in the Networks Division.

Stuart takes on what is a new post following a restructure of the Networks division.

He joins Ofgem from the Energy and Utilities Consulting Practice of PA Consulting Group. He has a wide experience of the utilities industry gained from work with leading industry players over the past 18 years. He was an adviser to the industry during the first transmission price control and led the design of commercial arrangements for the competitive Scottish retail market. Most recently, he has been working with Ofgem's Markets Division on wholesale and retail policy.

Ofgem Chief Executive, Alistair Buchanan, said: "Transmission policy remains pivotal to the successful operation of the GB energy markets and to the achievement of Government energy policy. Stuart's experience as an advisor in regulation, strategy and delivery of change will equip him strongly to guide Ofgem in its work with the industry and other stakeholders to shape this crucial area of our operation."

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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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