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OFGEM APPOINTS RACHEL FLETCHER AS DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION

Energy regulator Ofgem has appointed Rachel Fletcher, currently Head of GB Markets, to take over as the new Electricity Distribution Director in the Networks Division. She will replace Martin Crouch when he moves to the Markets Division in the New Year.

Rachel joined Ofgem in September 2005 and has taken the lead on metering, retail and distributed energy issues.

She has over 12 years experience in the international energy sector working as a consultant specialising in energy regulation. She has been involved in a range of projects relating to regulatory reform, industry restructuring and privatisation.

Ofgem Chief Executive, Alistair Buchanan, said:

"Rachel's move into Networks has come at an important time, with a range of new developments being progressed in this area.

"Her broad range of regulatory policy experience means she is particularly suited to this new role and I am positive she will ensure Ofgem continues to deliver innovative policies in this area."

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Notes to editors

1. 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. The Authority's functions are set out mainly in the Gas Act 1986, the Electricity Act 1989, the Competition Act 1998 and the Utilities Act 2000. In this note, the functions of the Authority under all the relevant Acts are, for simplicity, described as the functions of Ofgem.

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