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OFGEM APPOINTS DIRECTOR FOR SCOTLAND

Ofgem today (Friday) announced the appointment of Charles Gallacher as Director of Corporate Communications and Scotland.

Ofgem Chief Executive, Alistair Buchanan, said: "We are committed to reinforcing Ofgem's presence in Scotland. Charles' appointment demonstrates Ofgem's recognition of the importance of Scotland in the British energy market."

Charles Gallacher added: "There are some big challenges for Scottish consumers and the gas and electricity industry in Scotland. These include the development of renewable generation and the roll out of infrastructure that is required if Scotland is to realise its targets in renewable power generation. Naturally I am pleased that Ofgem has acknowledged this with the increased profile my new appointment gives to Ofgem's involvement in this work."

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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. 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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