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OFGEM CHAIRMAN APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN ENERGY REGULATORS (CEER)

- **Appointment confirms Ofgem at the forefront of the European energy debate**
- **Strengthens push for a fully-liberalised competitive European energy market**
- **Well-placed to put better regulation at the heart of liberalisation process**

Chairman of energy regulator Ofgem, Sir John Mogg, has been appointed President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and Chairman of the European Regulators' Group for Electricity and Gas (ERGEG).

These bodies provide advice to the European Commission and develop co-ordinated regulatory practices for the EU's independent national regulators.

He said: "Ofgem has worked hard to be a leading regulatory voice in Europe – developing policies for an energy market which will help bring competitive prices and improved security of supply for both industry and domestic customers throughout the Union.

"We are at an exciting and critical stage in energy market liberalisation across Europe – with independent national regulators increasingly playing a central role. Independent regulators are an essential part of an emerging legislative framework which puts better and coherent regulation, properly enforced, at the heart of the liberalisation process.

"I am very much looking forward to the challenge of leading these two bodies at such an important time."

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Notes to editors:

1. Sir John Mogg KCMG was appointed the non-executive Chair of Ofgem from 1 October 2003. He was the Director General, Internal Market and Financial Services at the European Commission for the previous 10 years, following a period as the Deputy Director General, Industry, again at the Commission, from 1990 to 1993. He spent most of his previous career in the British Civil Service on EU policy issues.
2. The Council of European Regulators (CEER) has 26 members comprising the independent national energy regulators from Member States of the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA). Its overall aim is to facilitate the creation of a single competitive, efficient and sustainable internal market for gas and electricity in Europe.
3. The European Regulators Group for Electricity and Gas (ERGEG) acts as an advisory group to the European Commission. Membership is limited to the EU regulators but regulators from candidate countries and the European Economic Area hold observer status.
4. 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.

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