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OFGEM APPOINTS MARK FEATHER AS DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY CODES AND LICENSING

Energy regulator Ofgem has promoted Mark Feather to Director of Industry Codes and Licensing (ICL).

Mark has been Associate Director of ICL since November 2004 where his work centres on ensuring that Ofgem's policy teams comply with processes for managing modification decisions, code governance policy development and licence applications.

His work has included the management of Ofgem's consideration of National Grid's plans to sell four of its gas distribution networks in 2005; the development of the gas entry auction regime; and managing enduring gas offtake reform. More recently he has taken the helm on a major project to review the governance of the code modification and charging methodology process.

Ofgem Chief Executive, Alistair Buchanan, said:

"Mark has taken the lead in critical work for Ofgem in gas distribution network sales and offtake reforms and now in the licensing and codes arena. His promotion recognises that work and the valuable contribution he will continue to make to Ofgem in the future.

"His new role will be central to the governance review which Ofgem has just begun to consider whether the arrangements for developing industry codes and charging methodologies remain fit for purpose."

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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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