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OFGEM APPOINTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY EXPERT TO KEY ADVISER ROLE

Energy regulator Ofgem has appointed environmental policy expert Professor Michael Grubb as Senior Adviser on sustainable energy policy.

Professor Grubb's expertise covers a number of areas including low carbon energy technologies, integrating intermittent power sources into the electricity system and international co-operation on efforts to deal with climate change.

Professor Grubb is a Senior Research Associate at the Faculty of Economics, Cambridge University and Chair of the international research network Climate Strategies. He was appointed to the UK Committee on Climate Change in 2008.

Michael Grubb will join Ofgem's Sustainable Development Division in mid April. The Division was created in late 2009 to help further embed sustainability considerations into Ofgem's work and regulatory policy decisions.

Welcoming Michael Grubb's appointment Sarah Harrison, Senior Partner for Sustainable Development at Ofgem said "Ofgem has a key role to play to protect the interests of existing and future energy consumers, and contribute to the transition to a low carbon economy. Michael's expertise and insight will help shape Ofgem's regulatory policies towards meeting these goals."

Michael Grubb added, "With the current process of energy market reform, and developments in regulation of transmission, distribution and metering, this is an important and exciting time for the UK electricity and gas industries. I am delighted to be joining Ofgem at this time of transition, and I look forward to a role in helping the UK maintain a leading position in designing and developing the markets to ensure long term economic and environmental sustainability."

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Notes to editors

1. A picture of Professor Grubb is available on request from Ofgem press office
2. 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 powers and duties are largely provided for in statute, principally the Gas Act 1986, the Electricity Act 1989, the Utilities Act 2000, the Competition Act 1998, the Enterprise Act 2002, the Energy Act 2004 as well as arising from directly effective European Community legislation.

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