



To electricity distribution companies, distributed generators, suppliers, customer groups, environmental groups and other interested parties

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Invitation to attend RIIO-ED1 business plan guidance workshops – 13 & 25 July

On 6 February we published an open letter¹ setting out the way forward for the next electricity price control review, RIIO ED1. As part of the open letter, we set out how we plan to provide guidance for well justified business plans as part of the RIIO-ED1 process. We set out guidance for well-justified business plans in the RIIO-T1 and GD1 Strategy Decisions² published in March 2010. We plan to build upon and improve this guidance for RIIO-ED1, in response to stakeholder feedback.

The guidance will be developed over the course of the summer and consulted on as part of our anticipated September 2012 strategy consultation. To inform the development of our proposals we will be holding two workshops on the 13 July and the 25 July 2012. The workshops will provide an opportunity for Ofgem to present initial ideas on the guidance and for stakeholders to provide feedback and suggest what guidance they would find helpful.

The **first workshop** will be targeted at all stakeholders and it will cover the following areas:

- Review the guidance for well-justified business plans which was provided in the RIIO-T1 and GD1 Strategy Decisions. We have previously set out that we intend to adopt that guidance as a basis for our RIIO-ED1 guidance.
- Discuss options for making the plans consistent (eg terminology, presentation). We hope this will make them easy to prepare, navigate and compare.
- Set out the level of disclosure and publication we expect from the companies to allow stakeholders to best understand and compare companies' plans.
- Any further areas that stakeholders wish to discuss.

The **second workshop** will focus on more detailed data requirements. The workshop will focus on the data templates which the DNOs will need to provide to Ofgem as part of their business plan submissions. As such, the second workshop is aimed solely at DNOs.

¹ Ofgem reference [15/12](#)

² The business plan guidance can be found in the Decision on strategy for the next transmission and gas distribution price controls - RIIO-T1 and GD1 Business plans, innovation and efficiency incentives at <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/GasDistr/RIIO-GD1/ConRes/Documents1/GD1decisionbusplan.pdf>

Both workshops will be held at [Ofgem's London office](#), at the following times:

- The first workshop will be held on 13 July, from 2pm until 5pm.
- The second workshop will be held on 25 July, from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

If you are interested in attending, or have any proposals for areas that you think should be discussed at the workshops, then please email Jacob.Kane@ofgem.gov.uk. Please note that we reserve the right to limit attendance if either workshop is oversubscribed.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Rossington', written in a cursive style.

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