



Forward Work Programme 2021-22
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Dear Ofgem,

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We at National Grid Gas and National Grid Electricity Transmission welcome the annual opportunity to comment on your forward work programme. The document helps us understand your priorities and the expected timing of developments so that we can be prepared with our thinking and inputs. This response is not confidential.

Point 4: low carbon infrastructure

Ofgem's intention to take an active role in facilitating efficient investment to achieve net-zero in the energy sector is most welcome. As there are significant network developments which will need to progress quickly to meet Government targets and industry needs, we are keen to see a clear and streamlined re-opener process with transparency on where strategic positions are relevant and the timetable for associated decisions as this will help all parties work together effectively.

Point 7 data and digitalisation & Point 10: reducing regulatory burdens

We agree Ofgem's data and digitalisation roles will be valuable in unlocking the benefits of a digitally enabled energy sector and we welcome Ofgem's ongoing activities to improve high volume data topics such as network price controls. We are keen to contribute to thinking on how the most useful information is generated and collected as a fundamental part of better data management and use.

Yours faithfully,

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