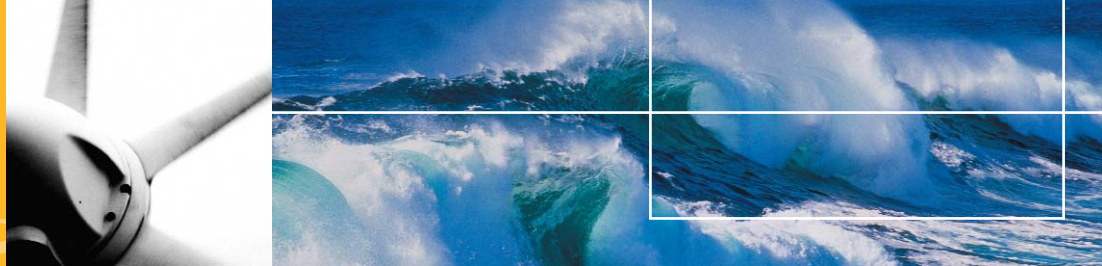


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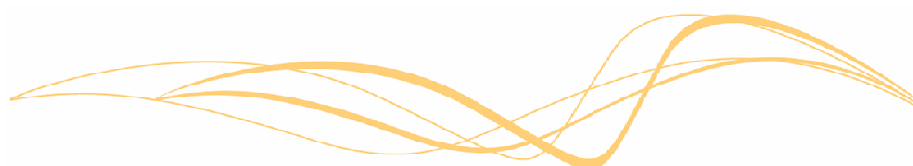
The newsletter aims to assist electricity market participants to keep track of the major consultations that affect the development of the wholesale electricity market. A number of other consultations/decisions that may be relevant are also noted.

This issue covers: Ofgem consultations; publications/announcements by a number of government and other bodies and new BSC and CUSC Modifications, decisions, and related matters. This edition also identifies press releases from the EU that may be relevant to the British electricity wholesale sector.

If readers need further information on any of the issues raised in this briefing note, or would like advice on how these changes and other market developments might affect their company, please contact IPA Energy + Water Economics on 44 (0) 131 240 0840.

### HEADLINES

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## OFGEM PUBLICATIONS

### Issue: Quality of supply data

**Title: 2006-07 Electricity Distribution Quality of Service Data**

Published: 14 January 2008  
Response due: n/a

Link:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/ElecDist/QualofSer/v/QoSIncent/Documents1/2006-07%20Electricity%20Distribution%20Quality%20of%20Service%20Data.xls>

Ofgem has published a spreadsheet providing summary tables, and additional information, on the 2006/07 Electricity Distribution Quality of Service Report.

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### Issue/Title: Proposed Corporate Strategy and Plan 2008-2013 - 01/08b

Published: 14 January  
Response due: 22 February

Link to Strategy and Plan:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/About%20us/CorpPlan/Documents1/Proposed%20Corporate%20Strategy%200108b.pdf>  
Link to cover letter:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/About%20us/CorpPlan/Documents1/Cover%20letter%2014%20January.pdf>

Ofgem is consulting on its proposed five year strategy and plan. As with previous plans, Ofgem focus on 7 themes (Creating and sustaining competition; Regulating networks effectively; Helping to protect the security of Britain's energy supplies; A leading voice in Europe; Helping to achieve sustainable development; Helping to tackle fuel poverty; and Better regulation). However, the strategy notes that it takes into account Ofgem's "developing work on making the gas and electricity sectors more sustainable" and that "this work is essential given the EU's 2020 targets on greenhouse gas emissions and renewable Generation". The plan also includes Appendices that cover its deliverables and performance indicators for 2008-09, and Ofgem's budget.

### Issue/Title: Offshore Electricity Transmission - Regulatory Policy Update

Published: 14 January  
Response due: 25 February

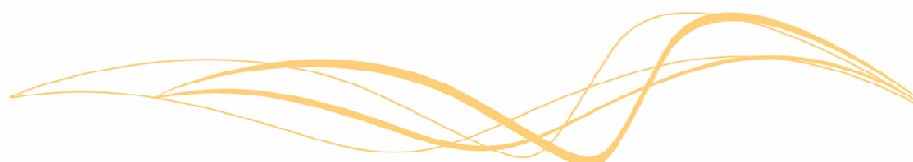
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<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/Offshore/ConsultationDecisionsResponses/Documents1/Offshore%20Electricity%20Transmission%20-%20Regulatory%20Policy%20Update.pdf>  
Link to supplementary appendices:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/Offshore/ConsultationDecisionsResponses/Documents1/Offshore%20Electricity%20Transmission%20-%20Supplementary%20Appendices.pdf>

Ofgem has published a consultation on its proposed design of the offshore transmission regime which it indicates, builds on the Ofgem/BERR joint policy statement published in July last year.

The document summarizes the key areas of regulatory policy over which Ofgem has control, and is seeking views, as follows.

1. **"The design of the regulatory regime** - we include further clarification on our view that an Offshore Transmission Owner selected by competitive tender should receive a regulated revenue stream for a fixed period of 20 years. We also set out how the revenue stream will be subject to performance incentives.
2. **The Offshore Transmission Owner tender process** - we provide further detail on our proposals for running a tender process. We set out proposals for how the process could work in practice, what the tender documentation should include, as well as how we will recover our costs of running the process. We also set out the interactions with the industry connection application process.
3. **Transitional arrangements** - we provide clarity for generators that will have constructed, will be constructing, or are committed to construction of their connections before the new regime comes into effect about how their investment can be recovered. We also confirm that we will tender to select Offshore Transmission Owners for transitional projects to assume responsibility for these assets once they are fully constructed."

On 22 January, Ofgem/BERR issued a press release "Offshore renewables to get connected with up to £2



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billion investment - Joint Ofgem and Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Press Release" (Link: <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Media/PressRel/Documents1/Offshore%20TransmissionFINAL.pdf> ) that, amongst other things, confirms that Ofgem will run the competitive tender to appoint companies to connect offshore generation projects.

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### Issue: Changes to Scottish Power's transmission licence following changes to planned transmission development projects

**Titles: Direction to Modify Scottish Power's Transmission Licence - B5 Boundary  
Direction to Modify Scottish Power's Transmission Licence - Sloy**

Published: 15 January  
Effective from: 16 January 2008

Link to B5 Boundary notice:  
[http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/Decisions/Documents1/B5\\_Boundary\\_Direction\\_Final.pdf](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/Decisions/Documents1/B5_Boundary_Direction_Final.pdf)

Link to Sloy notice:  
[http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/Decisions/Documents1/Sloy\\_Direction\\_Final.pdf](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/Decisions/Documents1/Sloy_Direction_Final.pdf)

Formal modification of SP's transmission licence to deal with changes to the definition of "output measures" associated with various prior changes in respect of these reinforcement works.

The changes in respect of Sloy follow from SP's request for changes to the reinforcement works to be treated as an "output measures adjusting event"; the changes in respect of the B5 Boundary works follow previous decisions to allow this work to be separated from the Beaully-Denny project.

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### Issue: Ofgem's rebuttal of press speculation on anti-competitive behaviour in the energy market following recent price rises

**Title: Market is sound - Ofgem assures Chancellor**

Published: 16 January 2008  
Response due: n/a

Link:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Media/PressRel/Documents1/Ofgem%202.pdf>

Ofgem has published a press release following its meeting with the Chancellor on price rises in the Energy Sector. The press release states that "we have no evidence of any anti-competitive behaviour. We see companies gaining and losing significant market share, record switching levels and innovative deals". It goes on to state that, following the allegations in the press, "Ofgem has demanded sight of evidence of any anti-competitive activity".

Ofgem also uses the press release to call for "the windfall" from the free allocation of tradable emission permits (which it estimates to be worth £9b) to be used to fund aid for fuel-poor households.

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### Issue: Formal notice of modification of the Transmission Companies' transmission licences to allow the current subsidy to 132kV (transmission) connected generators in Scotland to continue until an enduring solution is implemented

**Title: Section 11A modification of standard licence condition C13 (Adjustments to use of system charges (small generators))**

Published: 24 January  
Effective from: 24 January

Link:  
[http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/ElecTransPolicy/TADG/Documents1/Modification\\_of\\_Transmission\\_SLC\\_C13.pdf](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/ElecTransPolicy/TADG/Documents1/Modification_of_Transmission_SLC_C13.pdf)

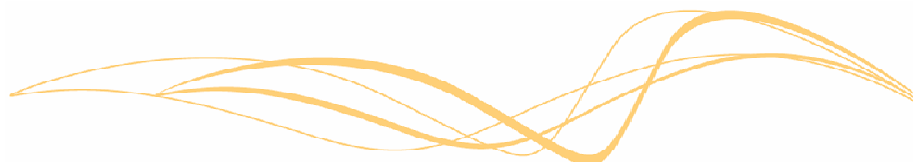
Modification to the Transmission Companies' transmission licence to remove the drop dead date for the small generator TNUoS discount (for eligible small generators connected at 132kV in Scotland) to allow it to continue until 31 May 2009 whilst an enduring solution is developed.

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### Issue/Title: Debt and disconnection best practice review

Published: 25 January  
Response due: n/a

Link:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/SocAction/Publications/Documents1/Debt%20and%20disconnection%20best%20practice%20review.pdf>



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Link to supporting documents:

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/SocAction/Publications/Documents1/Accent%20debt%20disconnection%20final%20report.pdf>

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/SocAction/Publications/Documents1/Ofgem%20audit%20final%20summary%20report%20-%20Clear%20Consultants.pdf>

Link to press release:

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Media/PressRel/Documents1/Ofgem%203.pdf>

Ofgem has published the results of its review of suppliers' approaches to dealing with customer debt/disconnections and the assistance they provide to low income and vulnerable customers who have difficulty paying their energy bills.

The report concludes that whilst practices have improved, and the level of disconnections has fallen since 2003 (for gas and electricity taken together), there is still some scope for further improvement. Ofgem indicate that the examples of good practice highlighted in the review will help to inform developing practice.

The accompanying press release identifies npower as the supplier that disconnected the most customers with the most work to do in improving the way it helps customers who risk falling into debt with their energy bills.

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### Issue/Title: Transmission Access Review – Interim Report to the Secretary of State

Published: 31 January  
Response due: 28 February

Link:

[http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/ElecTransPolicy/tar/Documents1/080131\\_TAR%20Interim%20Report\\_Consultation\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/ElecTransPolicy/tar/Documents1/080131_TAR%20Interim%20Report_Consultation_FINAL.pdf)

Link to page giving National Grid consultation on GB SQSS (published 9 January/response due 22 February):

<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gbsqsscode/reviews/>

Ofgem/BERR has published an Interim Report on the transmission access review, launched in summer last year, with the objective of facilitating more cost effective and faster access to the grid for renewables. The report covers “access reform” and “delivering and

operating infrastructure”.

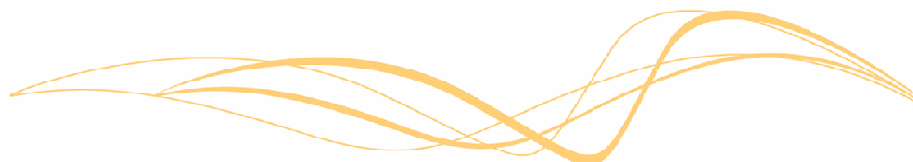
The report's initial conclusions suggest access reforms which include - in the short term National Grid allocating access after taking into account the ability of the applicant to be able to use it (i.e. taking account of planning consent and financing status), sharing of capacity, and giving stronger incentives to National Grid to deliver on time firm connection dates to developers who have made appropriate financial commitments.

The report includes, as an appendix, a qualitative analysis of various access model building blocks (individually and in combinations that could be used to form access models or elements of access models). Revised access model straw men, supported by further qualitative and quantitative analysis and developed from consideration of the key building blocks of an access regime, are promised for consultation in a further document scheduled for “spring 2008”.

The report's initial conclusions on delivering and operating infrastructure (which embraces the work of the Short Term Access Review Group (which reported in October 2007) and the on-going review of the GB Security and Quality of Supply Standards (CGB SQSS) work - due to report in Spring) includes reference to:

- a written request to licensees to initiate further work on two fronts:
  - enhancing system operation (to be delivered by Spring,); and
  - a request for a more fundamental review of the GB SQSS with a response requested by March 2008;
- work by Transmission Asset Owners looking at the GB SQSS planning standards to see if they can better accommodate renewable technologies' operational requirements - final proposals to be delivered to Ofgem by March 2008 ((National Grid published a consultation document on this issue on 9 January/response due 22 February – link above); and
- further exploration of the benefits of a “user commitment approach” as a mechanism of delivering better incentives on licensees to undertake pre-planning work in a more timely manner – further views on this will also be presented in Ofgem's spring report.

The report notes concern about the current industry change management arrangements and whether the necessary reforms can be delivered via the normal change management procedures and indicating that



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Ofgem/BERR are not ruling out legislative change to deliver the necessary reforms.

The review is due to conclude in May 2008.

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## LICENCES

### NOTICES OF ELECTRICITY LICENCES APPLIED FOR IN JANUARY

Company/Licence: **Dudgeon Offshore Wind Limited**/electricity generation licence

Notice issued/licence applied for: 10 January/27 December

Link:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/AppNotices/Documents1/Dodgeon%20egen%20notice.pdf>

Company/Licence: **Imera Hydragrid Limited**/Electricity Interconnector licence

Notice issued/licence applied for: 28 January/30 January

Link:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/AppNotices/Documents1/imerahydra%20notice.pdf>

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### NOTICES OF ELECTRICITY LICENCES GRANTED

Company/Licence: **Gwynt Y Mor Offshore Wind Farm Limited**/electricity generation licence

Notice issued/Notice published: 9 January/11 January

Effective from: 9 January  
Link:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/Licences/Documents1/Gwynt%20egen%20notice.pdf>

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## GOVERNMENT AND OTHER BODIES

### THE ENERGY BILL AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Issue/Title: **The Energy Bill**

Published (first reading): 10 January  
Second reading HoC: 22 January  
Committee Stage: 5 February

Link to the draft Bill:  
[http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cm\\_bills/053/2008053.pdf](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cm_bills/053/2008053.pdf)

Link to the Explanatory Notes:  
[http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cm\\_bills/053/en/2008053en.pdf](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cm_bills/053/en/2008053en.pdf)

Link to press release (entitled **UK Government invites new Nuclear Power into the energy mix**):  
<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=343892&NewsAreaID=2>

The Bill has six parts and 5 appendices.

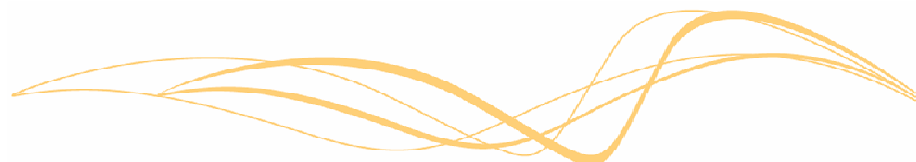
**Part 1: Gas Importation and Storage** – which includes provisions for offshore storage of natural gas, the offshore unloading of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and the offshore storage/permanent disposal of carbon dioxide with a licensing regime for these activities.

**Part 2: Electricity from Renewable Sources** – which covers the Government's changes to the operation of the Renewables Obligation, including banding, and amendments to the 1989 Electricity Act to allow the Authority (Ofgem) to run tender exercises to select offshore transmission owners.

**Part 3: Decommissioning of Energy Installations** - establishes a framework to ensure that operators establish funds to meet the costs of decommissioning energy installations in three sectors: nuclear, offshore renewables (by strengthening provisions included in the Energy Act 2004), and oil and gas (through amendment of the Petroleum Act 1998).

**Part 4: Provisions Relating to Oil and Gas** - changes aspects of the petroleum licensing regime and makes a number of changes to the existing third party access dispute resolution procedures under the Petroleum Act 1998, the Gas Act 1995 and the Pipelines Act 1962, by extending their scope to cover upstream oil and gas infrastructure.

**Part 5: Miscellaneous** -contains various provisions covering reporting on energy requirements (generally providing Government with more flexibility); gives legal effect to the transfer of responsibility for certain technical metering functions from Ofgem to the Secretary of State (to be discharged by the National Weights and Measures Laboratory); transfers certain responsibilities to the HSE and strengthens the



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sanctions available for breach of electricity safety standards; and provisions relating to nuclear security.

**Part 6: General** -contains various miscellaneous provisions, including attribution of liability for offences under the Bill, by corporate bodies, that will allow an officer/member of the corporate body as well as the corporate body to be held liable in certain circumstances.

For more detail on the RO changes see below.

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### Issue: Government's decision on banding of the RO and other RO reforms

#### Titles: Renewables Obligation Consultation: Government Response

Published: 10 January 2008

Response due: n/a

Link to Government response:

<http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file43545.pdf>

Government has published its decisions on the reforms of the Renewables Obligation following its consultation last year. The main elements of the proposals are unchanged but there have been a number of amendments to the details. The key changes, which are to be given effect through the Energy Bill (and/or a revised order), are summarised below.

- The Renewables Obligation is to be banded to provide different levels of support for different technologies based on their cost and other specified considerations.
  - The original bands of 0.25; 1.0; 1.5 and 2ROCs /MWh are confirmed but there is to be a further band of 0.5 ROC/MWh for co-firing of regular biomass and sewage gas but there will be a cap of 10% on the percentage of a supplier's obligation that can be met using regular biomass co-fired ROCs.
  - All renewable electricity from microgeneration (installations of 50kW and less) will be eligible for the 2 ROC (emerging technologies) band rather than being grouped according to technology. Microgeneration will also be excluded from the grandfathering arrangements (so all microgeneration will move to this band whether or not it is grant supported but will not be protected if the banding level is reduced). However, Government confirms it will continue to receive this level of support (2 ROCs/MWh) after the first scheduled banding review.
- Tidal impoundment up to 1 GW will move to the 2 ROC band.
- The enhanced allocation will apply to waste and biomass CHP stations of over 25MW with a minimum efficiency of 35%.
  - The obligation will be changed to one where suppliers must present a specified number of renewables obligation certificates (ROCs), rather than supply a specified percentage of their electricity from renewable sources.
  - The rights of most existing generating stations to claim 1ROC/1MWh once banding is introduced will be preserved.
    - Grandfathering provisions are to run to 2027.
    - Government has yet to decide whether to allow existing, as well as new, plant using dedicated biomass to move to the 1.5 ROC/MWh band – decision anticipated Spring 2008.
  - Bands will be reviewed periodically or where a specified condition triggers a review.
  - Government no longer intends to take powers within the Energy Bill to allow for the introduction of a mechanism to prevent a price crash in the event of an anticipated oversupply of ROCs. Instead Government is looking to mitigation measures that can be implemented via the Order. The final decision on what, if any, mechanism is to be introduced will be subject to further consultation in 2008.
  - The calculation of available headroom to be used to set targets, up to 20%, is to be increased from the 6% originally proposed to 8%.
  - Biomass operators will be required to provide information to the Authority on the source of biomass fuels and what steps they have taken to ensure its sustainability.
    - Microgeneration is to be exempt from the



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sustainability reporting requirements.

- The Authority will be able to recover the costs of administering the RO from the buyout fund.
- The Energy Bill will include a power in the Bill to allow ROCs to be issued to generators acting as unlicensed suppliers – with conditions to be consulted on in the RO order.
- Deeming of fossil fuel content of waste is to be allowed.
  - The initial fossil fuel content will be deemed to be 50% but will rise over time to 65% in 2018.

Government is proposing that these changes should come into effect on 1 April 2009 but this is subject to State Aid clearance, the passage of the Energy Act, and the Statutory Consultation on the 2009 RO Order.

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### Issue: Government support for nuclear power and the decision to allow private sector companies to build new nuclear stations

#### Title: A White Paper on Nuclear Power & The future of nuclear power: analysis of consultation responses

Published: 10 January  
Response due: n/a

Link to white paper:

<http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file43006.pdf>

Link to analysis of responses:

<http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file43206.pdf>

Government has published the anticipated white paper on the future use of nuclear power confirming its preliminary view that nuclear power should have a role to play in the country's energy mix – alongside other low carbon sources – and that it would be in the public interest to allow energy companies the option to invest in nuclear. However it stresses.....

*"It will be for energy companies to fund, develop and build new nuclear power stations in the UK, including meeting the full costs of decommissioning and their full share of waste management costs."*

The White Paper also concludes that Government should take active steps to facilitate this and what

those steps should be.....

*"These steps will include the Government taking forward regulatory processes and other steps, as follows:*

- *undertaking a Strategic Siting Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment*
- *meeting the requirements of European law that new nuclear practices should be required to demonstrate that their benefits outweigh any health detriments (the "Justification" process)*
- *ensuring that the regulators and particularly the NII [Nuclear Installations Inspectorate] are adequately equipped to review new build proposals through a process of Generic Design Assessment*
- *bringing forward legislation to ensure that the framework for funding decommissioning and waste management liabilities is clear and properly ensures that each nuclear operator meets its costs*
- *making use of the provisions of the Planning Bill to ensure that nuclear development projects are treated like other critical infrastructure projects and are dealt with effectively through the use of a National Policy Statement*
- *working to strengthen the EU Emissions Trading Scheme so that investors have confidence in a continuing carbon market when making decisions.*

*In addition, to give greater confidence to the public and to investors, we will work with the NII to explore ways of enhancing further the transparency and efficiency of the regulatory regime, without diminishing its effectiveness, in dealing with the challenges of new build."*

On the economics of nuclear power Government concludes that nuclear power is likely to be cost-competitive with other sources of electricity, "particularly where there is a price put on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions" and there is no offer of direct financial support for nuclear. However, having reiterated the importance of a "clear carbon price framework for all low-carbon technologies" and Government's view that this is best achieved through the EU and Internationally, the White Paper states that...

*"We will also keep open the option of further measures to reinforce the operation of the EU ETS in the UK should this be necessary to provide greater certainty for investors."*



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### The EC's Renewable Energy Directive and changes to the EU ETS

**Issue: Further detail on the EC's proposals for meeting 20% of the EU's energy requirements from renewable energy, including the detail on the sharing of the commitment between member states and changes to the EU ETS**

#### Titles:

**The "Climate action and renewable energy package": the European Commission's legislative proposal to achieve agreed EU objectives in the fight against climate change**

**& Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources**

Published: 23 January 2008

Timetable: the Directive is planned to come into effect in 2010

Link to EU Climate Action website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/climate\\_action.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/climate_action.htm)

Link to website giving links to key documents on the proposed renewables directive:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate\\_actions/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/index_en.htm)

Link to proposed modifications to the Emissions Trading Directive:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/emission/pdf/com\\_2008\\_16\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/emission/pdf/com_2008_16_en.pdf)

Link to proposed new directive:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate\\_actions/doc/2008\\_res\\_directive\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/doc/2008_res_directive_en.pdf)

The Commission has published a package of proposals to implement the decisions agreed by EU Heads of State and Government at the 2007 Spring European Council. The key elements of the proposals include a 20 per cent reduction in EU greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, increasing to 30 per cent when there is an international climate agreement; 20 per cent of total EU energy consumption to come from renewables by 2020; and measures to support the development of carbon capture and storage (CCS) including up to twelve CCS demonstration projects and further developments of the EU ETS.

The Commission's proposals for the UK include:

- a reduction in UK greenhouse gas emissions, from sectors not covered by the EU ETS, of 16% by 2020 from 2005 levels;

- 15% of UK energy consumption to come from renewable sources by 2020; and
- subject to production in a sustainable way, 10% of road transport fuels to come from renewable sources.

The key elements of the proposals for the EU ETS, which would be given effect via a Modification to the EU Emissions Trading Directive, are:

- extension to other gases and to all major emitters;
- establishment of a single EU-wide central cap on emissions covered by the EU ETS from 2012 to 2020 and beyond;
- year on year reductions in the number of allowances to be issued to deliver a reduction, of emissions covered by the ETS, of 21% from 2005 levels in 2020;
- the power sector will be required to secure 100% of its requirements from auctioning from the start of the new regime in 2013. Other industrial sectors, and aviation, will step up to full auctioning gradually (starting at 80% free allocations) but some sectors will still be able to access free allowances (where subject to competition from countries not subject to comparable carbon constraints). Any free allocations will be subject to harmonized EU wide rules;
- auctions will be open such that any EU operator will be able to buy allowances in any Member State;
- 90% of allocations to be auctioned will be allocated to Member States on the basis of verified 2005 emissions, the balance is to be redistributed from richer to poorer Member States;
- "at least" 20% of auction revenues from allocated allowances and all of the income from the 10% that are redistributed are to be used to fund certain specified activities that include carbon reduction and innovation in areas such as renewables, carbon capture and storage, reducing deforestation and R&D; and
- there is to be an EU wide New Entrants Reserve amounting to 5% of allocations.

To come into effect these proposals will need to be approved by both the Council of the EU and the European Parliament. The Commission is hoping for the modifications to the directive to be made in 2009.



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## BERR

### Issue/Title: SEVERN TIDAL POWER FEASIBILITY STUDY – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Published: 22 January  
Response due: n/a

Link:

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk:80/imagelibrary/detail.asp?MediaDetailsID=230870>

Link to BERR Press release (Severn tidal power study could unlock massive renewable potential):  
<http://www.wired-gov.net:80/wg/wg-wlabel-dti.nsf/wfArticle?ReadForm&unid=062DC97A9CEF9ADC802573D800400D4E>

Government has announced the Terms of Reference for a feasibility study into generating power using the tidal range in the Severn Estuary. The ToRs cover: cost/benefits and impacts; selection of a single preferred option; what Government could do to enable it to happen; and whether, and if so on what terms, Government could support a tidal power project on the Severn Estuary.

The study, which is expected to take two years and include public consultation and the production of a Strategic Environmental Assessment, will be carried out by a cross-Whitehall team led by BERR and, including representatives of the Welsh Assembly Government and the South West Regional Development Agency.

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### Issue/Title: Government announces appointments to New Consumer Councils

Published: 25 January  
Response due: n/a

Link:

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=347667&NewsAreaID=2>

Government has published a press release announcing appointees to the new consumer councils that are due to start work officially on 1 October 2008 and which replace a number of consumer bodies, including Energywatch.

### Issue/Title: UK has the most competitive energy market in the EU and G7

Published: 30 January  
Response due: n/a

Link:

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=348951&NewsAreaID=2>

BERR has issued a press release claiming the UK has the most competitive energy market in the EU and G7 based on a report from OXERA.

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## DEFRA

### Issue/Title: Summary of responses to the consultation on Carbon Emissions Reduction Target April 2008 to March 2011

#### CERT Order approved

Published: 10 January  
Response due: n/a  
CERT Order came into effect: 31 January

Link:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/cert2008-11/summary-responses.pdf>

DEFRA has published a summary of the responses to the CERT consultation conducted last year.

The CERT Order was approved by both Houses of Parliament in January and came into effect on 31 January.

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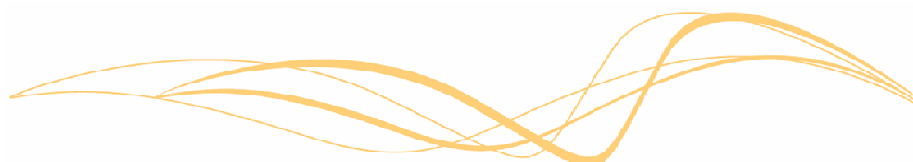
### Issue/Title: UK welcomes EU climate change proposals

Published: 23 January  
Response due: n/a

Link:

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=347148&NewsAreaID=2>

DEFRA press release welcoming the EC's package of climate change measures - see above for more details.



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### Workshop: Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC)

When: Friday 7th March (Café Royal, 68 Regent Street)

Purpose: stakeholder workshop to discuss Government's response to the Consultation on Implementation Proposals for the CRC due to be published at the end of February.

Contact: [crc@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:crc@defra.gsi.gov.uk) by 4 February

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### THE EUROPEAN UNION - ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY RELATED PRESS RELEASES (TITLES & LINKS ONLY)

Brussels, 23 January 2008

**Boosting growth and jobs by meeting our climate change commitments**

Link:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/80&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Brussels, 23 January 2008

**Memo on the Renewable Energy and Climate Change Package**

Link:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/08/33&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Brussels, 23 January 2008 (Memo)

**Questions and Answers on the proposal for a directive on the geological storage of carbon dioxide**

Link:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/08/36&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Brussels, 23 January 2008 (Memo)

**Questions and Answers on the Commission's proposal to revise the EU Emissions Trading System**

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<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/08/35&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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Brussels, 23 January 2008 (Memo)

**Questions and Answers on the Commission's proposal for effort sharing**

Link:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/08/34&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Brussels, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008

**Introductory remarks at joint press conference on Climate Action and Renewable Energy Package**  
Neelie Kroes (European Commissioner for Competition Policy)

Link:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/08/35&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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**EREG (The European Regulators Group for Electricity and Gas) - industry related press releases (titles & links)**

**Making the 3<sup>rd</sup> energy package proposals more effective** (16 January 2008)

- Strengthening regulators at EU and national level is essential to create a climate of investment
- There are shortcomings in the Commission's 3<sup>rd</sup> package proposals but they can be overcome
- Commission's proposed EU Agency must be made more independent and efficient

Link:

[http://www.ergeg.org/portal/page/portal/EREGE\\_HOME/EREGE\\_ADMIN/PR-08-01\\_Making3rdpackageMoreEffective\\_16-01-2008.doc](http://www.ergeg.org/portal/page/portal/EREGE_HOME/EREGE_ADMIN/PR-08-01_Making3rdpackageMoreEffective_16-01-2008.doc)

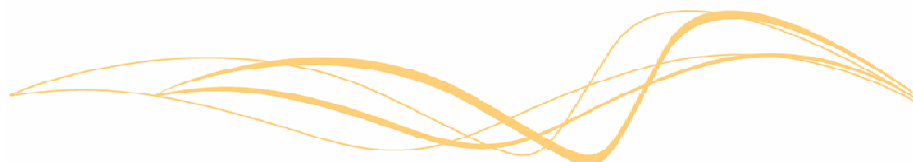
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### NFPA

**e-ROC Auction of Renewable Obligation Certificates**

Date: 8 January 2008

Nearly 65,000 (~3,000 co-fired) were purchased with an average price, excluding co-fired ROCs, of £49.95 –



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up from £49.27 in October. The average price of co-fired ROCs was £49.18 up slightly from the October price of £49.11.

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### GB SO

**Issue/Title: Annual Review of the Balancing Principles Statement (BPS) and Procurement Guidelines (PG)  
A Consultation by National Grid - January 2008**

Issued: 29 January  
Response due: 5pm, 25 February 2008

Link to consultation:  
<http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/749AC5CB-6B53-44D7-BC03-A560DCCF8C46/23023/LC16BPSConsultationjan08v10.pdf>

As part of the annual review of the BPS and PGs, National Grid is proposing “house-keeping” changes to the BPS; no changes are proposed to the PG. The consultation seeks views on the proposed changes and seeks views on whether other changes are required to these documents.

National Grid will submit its Consultation Report to the Authority 3 March 2008.

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### GB SO WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

**Slides from 10 January 2008 SO Incentive Industry Workshop**

The slides from the workshop can be found at:  
<http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/58127D21-DCE0-4C30-850C-8D5706ED4901/22634/InitialProposalsWorkshopslides100108.pdf>

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### National Grid Electricity Operational Forum

When: Wednesday 6 February (Ardencote Manor Hotel (near Warwick))

Purpose: operational and commercial issues associated with the operation of the transmission

system.

Contact (by 1 February):  
[operational.forum@uk.ngrid.com](mailto:operational.forum@uk.ngrid.com)

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### THE BSC AND CUSC

**BSC – joiners and leavers in January**

**Leavers....**

**Corona Energy retail 4 Limited** – currently registered as a Supplier

### Modification decisions

- **P214 (Issues relating to funds administration (P214))**

Decision: APPROVE  
Panel Recommendation: approve

Decision date: 24 January  
Implementation date: 6 November 2008

The modification makes a number of improvements to the funds administration arrangement that were identified as part of the BSC Review (published April 2007) and consideration of Issue 27.

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### New BSC Issues

**Issue 33 - Fuel Security Code (FSC) Guidance**

Raised on: 28 January  
Raised by: BSC Panel

Link:  
<http://www.elexon.co.uk/changeimplementation/ModificationProcess/groups/issues/issues.aspx?issueID=35>

Further to comments from consultees responding to the consultation on P221 (Amendments to the BSC to reflect the revised Fuel Security Code (FSC)), the BSC Panel has raised a new issue to look at issues arising from the FSC Guidance and a letter to ELEXON from BERR responding to queries raised in relation to the revised FSC.



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## BSC Miscellaneous

### Ofgem's Review of Oxera Cost benefit analysis /Zonal Losses Analysis for P198, P200, P203 and P204)

There has been further correspondence between Ofgem, and its consultants and Oxera, on the Oxera analysis of zonal losses. This can be found at (towards the bottom):

<http://www.elexon.co.uk/changeimplementation/ModificationProcess/ModificationDocumentation/modProposalView.aspx?propID=216>

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## CUSC Amendment Proposals - Decisions

### ▪ CAP158 (Provision of Interim Response Volume Information)

Decision: APPROVE  
Panel Recommendation: approve

Date of decision: 14 January 2008  
Implementation date: 28 January 2008

Link to decision:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/ElecCodes/CUSC/Amend/Documents1/CAP158%20D.pdf>

The change introduces an obligation on National Grid to use reasonable endeavours to publish the interim non-validated mandatory Frequency Response utilisation volume data by the end of the 3rd Business Day of the month.

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### CAP151 (Construction Agreements Works Register)

Decision: APPROVE  
Panel Recommendation: Approve

Date of decision: 25 January  
Implementation date: 8 February

Link:  
<http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/ronlyres/F77BBDEE-37CD-4788-999E-B2FAEFC11003/22961/CAP151D.pdf>

The change requires National Grid to establish and maintain a register of Transmission Reinforcement Works set out in Generators' and Interconnector Owners' Construction Agreements and/or BELLAs – up until the works are complete.

### ▪ CAP152 – CAP155 (Exhibit B, D, F and I Revisions)

Decision: APPROVE Working Group Alternative Amendments  
Panel Recommendation: Unanimous support for WGAA's

Date of decision: 31 January  
Implementation date: 14 February

Link:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/ElecCodes/CUSC/Amend/Documents1/CAP152-CAP155D.pdf>

The amendments clarify/improve the exhibits to the CUSC.

### ▪ CAP157 (Extension of Qualified Company Definition)

Decision: APPROVE WGAA  
Panel Recommendation: Approve WGAA

Date of decision: 31 January  
Implementation date: 14 February

Link:  
<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/ElecCodes/CUSC/Amend/Documents1/CAP157%20D.pdf>

The change extends the current provisions of the CUSC to allow affiliates of a User to provide security in the form of a performance bond to cover the User's Termination Amounts and Final Sums and codifies the minimum requirements that must be met by the performance bond provider.

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## IPA News

IPA changed names in December 2007 and are now called IPA Energy + Water Economics.

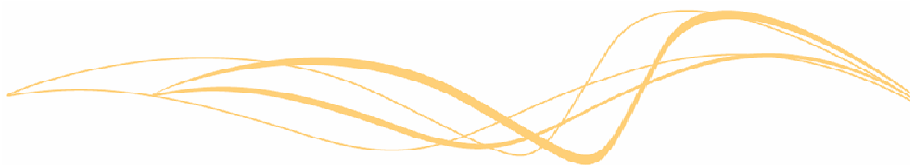


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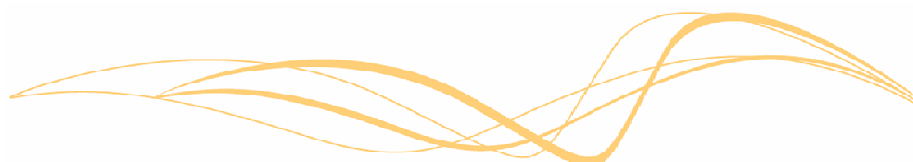
Please note that whilst considerable effort is made to keep this up to date some, possibly important, consultations and announcements will inevitably have been missed. Readers should also refer to the relevant documents to confirm response dates.

		Issued	Response Due
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<b>Conservative Party</b>	<b>Title: Power to the People The decentralised energy revolution</b>  Link (see "power to the people" under related files): <a href="http://www.conservatives.com/tile.do?def=news.story.page&amp;obj_id=141056">http://www.conservatives.com/tile.do?def=news.story.page&amp;obj_id=141056</a>	6 December	<b>Not specified</b>
<b>Ofgem</b>	<b>Title: Proposed revised guidance on impact assessments</b>  Link: <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/About%20us/BetterReg/IA/Documents1/Consultation%20on%20proposed%20revised%20IA%20guidance%2020%20December%202007%20-%20FINAL.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/About%20us/BetterReg/IA/Documents1/Consultation%20on%20proposed%20revised%20IA%20guidance%2020%20December%202007%20-%20FINAL.pdf</a>	20 December	<b>20 February</b>
<b>DEFRA</b>	<b>Title: Government consults on how Emissions Trading auctions will be implemented</b>  Link to consultation: <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/euets-phase2auction/consultation.pdf">http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/euets-phase2auction/consultation.pdf</a> Link to PR: <a href="http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=340883&amp;NewsAreaID=2">http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=340883&amp;NewsAreaID=2</a> Link to consultation page on DEFRA website: <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/euets-phase2auction/index.htm">http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/euets-phase2auction/index.htm</a>	21 December	<b>14 March</b>
<b>National Grid</b>	<b>TNUoS Generation Zoning Criteria</b>  Link: <a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/E2E28BBA-D4BF-41AA-8C59-6BAEF9E9F1B6/22383/ZoningPreConsultationFINAL.pdf">http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/E2E28BBA-D4BF-41AA-8C59-6BAEF9E9F1B6/22383/ZoningPreConsultationFINAL.pdf</a>	24 December	<b>4 February</b>
<b>New in January ...</b> <b>(this does not include all the details of licence notices/modifications/ applications/revocations/licences granted or EU press releases or code issues)</b>			



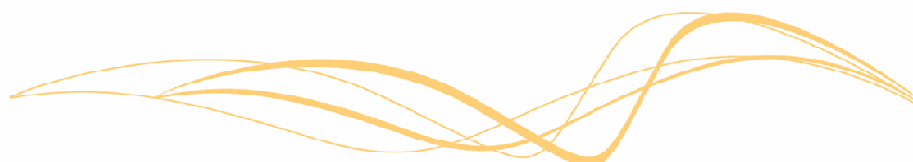
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<b>BERR/HMG</b>	<p><b>Title: The Energy Bill</b></p> <p>Link to the draft Bill:  <a href="http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmbills/053/2008053.pdf">http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmbills/053/2008053.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to the Explanatory Notes:  <a href="http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmbills/053/en/2008053en.pdf">http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmbills/053/en/2008053en.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to press release (entitled <b>UK Government invites new Nuclear Power into the energy mix</b>):  <a href="http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=343892&amp;NewsAreaID=2">http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=343892&amp;NewsAreaID=2</a></p>	10 January	Published (first reading): 10 January Second reading HoC: 22 January Committee Stage: 5 February
<b>BERR/HMG</b>	<p><b>Titles: Renewables Obligation Consultation: Government Response</b></p> <p>Link to Government response:  <a href="http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file43545.pdf">http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file43545.pdf</a></p>	10 January	<b>n/a</b>
<b>BERR/HMG</b>	<p><b>Title: A White Paper on Nuclear Power &amp; The future of nuclear power: analysis of consultation responses</b></p> <p>Link to white paper:  <a href="http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file43006.pdf">http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file43006.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to analysis of responses:  <a href="http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file43206.pdf">http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file43206.pdf</a></p>	10 January	<b>n/a</b>
<b>DEFRA</b>	<p><b>Title: Summary of responses to the consultation on Carbon Emissions Reduction Target April 2008 to March 2011</b></p> <p><b>CERT Order approved</b></p> <p><b>Link:</b>  <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/cert2008-11/summary-responses.pdf">http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/cert2008-11/summary-responses.pdf</a></p>	10 January	CERT Order came into effect: 31 January
<b>Ofgem</b>	<p><b>Title: 2006-07 Electricity Distribution Quality of Service Data</b></p> <p><b>Link:</b>  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/ElecDist/QualofServ/QoSIncent/Documents1/2006-07%20Electricity%20Distribution%20Quality%20of%20Service%20Data.xls">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/ElecDist/QualofServ/QoSIncent/Documents1/2006-07%20Electricity%20Distribution%20Quality%20of%20Service%20Data.xls</a></p>	14 January	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Ofgem</b>	<p><b>Title: Proposed Corporate Strategy and Plan 2008-2013 - 01/08b</b></p> <p>Link to Strategy and Plan:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/About%20us/CorpPlan/Documents1/Proposed%20Corporate%20Strategy%200108b.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/About%20us/CorpPlan/Documents1/Proposed%20Corporate%20Strategy%200108b.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to cover letter:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/About%20us/CorpPlan/Documents1/Cover%20letter%2014%20January.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/About%20us/CorpPlan/Documents1/Cover%20letter%2014%20January.pdf</a></p>	14 January	<b>22 February</b>



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Ofgem	<p><b>Title: Offshore Electricity Transmission - Regulatory Policy Update</b></p> <p>Link:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/Offshore/ConsultationDecisionsResponses/Documents1/Offshore%20Electricity%20Transmission%20-%20Regulatory%20Policy%20Update.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/Offshore/ConsultationDecisionsResponses/Documents1/Offshore%20Electricity%20Transmission%20-%20Regulatory%20Policy%20Update.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to supplementary appendices:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/Offshore/ConsultationDecisionsResponses/Documents1/Offshore%20Electricity%20Transmission%20-%20Supplementary%20Appendices.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/Offshore/ConsultationDecisionsResponses/Documents1/Offshore%20Electricity%20Transmission%20-%20Supplementary%20Appendices.pdf</a></p>	14 January	25 February
Ofgem	<p><b>Titles: Direction to Modify Scottish Power's Transmission Licence - B5 Boundary Direction to Modify Scottish Power's Transmission Licence - Sloy</b></p> <p>Link to B5 Boundary notice:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/Decisions/Documents1/B5_Boundary_Direction_Final.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/Decisions/Documents1/B5_Boundary_Direction_Final.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to Sloy notice:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/Decisions/Documents1/Sloy_Direction_Final.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/Work/Notices/Decisions/Documents1/Sloy_Direction_Final.pdf</a></p>	15 January	Effective 16 January
Ofgem	<p><b>Title: Market is sound - Ofgem assures Chancellor</b></p> <p>Link:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Media/PressRel/Documents1/Ofgem%202.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Media/PressRel/Documents1/Ofgem%202.pdf</a></p>	16 January	n/a
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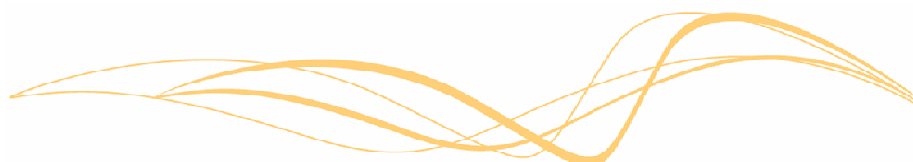
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<b>EU</b>	<p><b>The "Climate action and renewable energy package": the European Commission's legislative proposal to achieve agreed EU objectives in the fight against climate change &amp; Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources</b></p> <p>Link to EU Climate Action website:  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/climate_action.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/climate_action.htm</a>            Link to website giving links to key documents on the proposed renewables directive:  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/index_en.htm</a>            Link to proposed modifications to the Emissions Trading Directive:  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/emission/pdf/com_2008_16_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/emission/pdf/com_2008_16_en.pdf</a>            Link to proposed new directive:  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/doc/2008_res_directive_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/doc/2008_res_directive_en.pdf</a></p>	23 January	the Directive is planned to come into effect in 2010
<b>DEFRA</b>	<p><b>UK welcomes EU climate change proposals</b></p> <p>Link:  <a href="http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=347148&amp;NewsAreaID=2">http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=347148&amp;NewsAreaID=2</a></p>	23 January	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Ofgem</b>	<p><b>Title: Section 11A modification of standard licence condition C13 (Adjustments to use of system charges (small generators))</b></p> <p>Link:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/ElecTransPolicy/TADG/Documents1/Modification_of_Transmission_SLC_C13.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/ElecTransPolicy/TADG/Documents1/Modification_of_Transmission_SLC_C13.pdf</a></p>	24 January	<b>Effective from 24 January</b>



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<p><b>Ofgem</b></p>	<p><b>Title: Debt and disconnection best practice review</b></p> <p>Link:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/SocAction/Publications/Documents1/Debt%20and%20disconnection%20best%20practice%20review.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/SocAction/Publications/Documents1/Debt%20and%20disconnection%20best%20practice%20review.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to supporting documents:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/SocAction/Publications/Documents1/Accent%20debt%20disconnection%20final%20report.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/SocAction/Publications/Documents1/Accent%20debt%20disconnection%20final%20report.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/SocAction/Publications/Documents1/Ofgem%20audit%20final%20summary%20report%20-%20Clear%20Consultants.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/SocAction/Publications/Documents1/Ofgem%20audit%20final%20summary%20report%20-%20Clear%20Consultants.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to press release:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Media/PressRel/Documents1/Ofgem%203.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Media/PressRel/Documents1/Ofgem%203.pdf</a></p>	<p>25 January</p>	<p>n/a</p>
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<p><b>BERR</b></p>	<p><b>Title: UK has the most competitive energy market in the EU and G7</b></p> <p>Link:  <a href="http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=348951&amp;NewsAreaID=2">http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=348951&amp;NewsAreaID=2</a></p>	<p>30 January</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Ofgem</b></p>	<p><b>Title: Transmission Access Review – Interim Report to the Secretary of State</b></p> <p>Published: 31 January Response due: 28 February</p> <p>Link:  <a href="http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/ElecTransPolicy/tar/Documents1/080131_TAR%20Interim%20Report_Consultation_FINAL.pdf">http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/Trans/ElecTransPolicy/tar/Documents1/080131_TAR%20Interim%20Report_Consultation_FINAL.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to page giving National Grid consultation on GB SQSS (published 9 January/response due 22 February):  <a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gb/sqsscode/reviews/">http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gb/sqsscode/reviews/</a></p>	<p>31 January</p>	<p><b>28 February</b></p>



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### SUMMARY OF JANUARY 2008 NEW BSC AND CUSC MODS AND DECISIONS

<b>BSC Mod decisions – APPROVE</b>		Approved on:	Implement on:
<b>P214</b>	<b>Issues relating to funds administration</b>  Decision: APPROVE Panel Recommendation: approve	24 January	6 November 2008
<b>CAP decisions (approve)</b>		Approved on:	Implement on:
<b>CAP 158</b>	<b>Provision of Interim Response Volume Information</b>  Decision: APPROVE Panel Recommendation: approve	14 January	28 January
<b>CAP151</b>	<b>Construction Agreements Works Register</b>  Decision: APPROVE Panel Recommendation: Approve	25 January	8 February
<b>CAP152 – CAP155</b>	<b>Exhibit B, D, F and I Revisions</b>  Decision: APPROVE Working Group Alternative Amendments Panel Recommendation: Unanimous support for WGAAAs	31 January	14 February
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