



GB Seven Year Statement 2009

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc, acting in its role as Great Britain System Operator (GBSO), is pleased to present this 2009 GB Seven Year Statement (GB SYS), which covers the years 2009/10 to 2015/16 inclusive.

This is the fifth GB SYS we have produced. Under the British Electricity Trading and Transmission Arrangements (BETTA), which were introduced on 1 April 2005, National Grid, in its role as GBSO, became required to produce a single Seven Year Statement covering the whole of the Great Britain (GB) transmission system (i.e. the GB SYS) on an annual basis. The two Scottish transmission licensees are required to assist National Grid in preparing each GB SYS pursuant to their licence obligations.

The form of this 2009 GB SYS has been approved by the Authority and its main purpose is to assist existing and prospective new users of the GB transmission system in assessing opportunities available to them for making new or additional use of the GB transmission system in the competitive electricity market.

The subject matter of this 2009 GB SYS largely reflects that of earlier Statements, which in turn was developed over a number of years taking into account readers' preferences made known through annual customer surveys. Accordingly, this GB SYS contains a wide range of technical and non-technical information relating to the GB transmission system.

I hope you find our 2009 GB SYS both interesting and informative. Given the challenges facing the electricity industry over the coming 7 years and for 2020 and beyond, I would particularly welcome any comments you may have on both the style and the content of the document so we can fully consider any improvements for the 2010 GB SYS. An electronic questionnaire is available on our website for this purpose [Customer Survey Online Form](#).

I look forward to receiving your views on the Statement, including suggestions on how it may be further improved.



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