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## **National Grid plc**

### **Note on change to the definition of Underlying Earnings and Underlying EPS alternative performance measures**

Starting with 2023/24 Full Year results, we will report Underlying Earnings and Underlying EPS excluding deferred tax attributable to our UK Electricity Transmission and Distribution businesses as we believe it increases comparability to our UK peers, and better represents the underlying performance of the business.

In March 2023, as part of the Spring Budget the UK Government introduced a 'full expensing' tax regime for qualifying capital expenditure, which was originally expected to last for 3 years. On 22 November 2023, the UK Government announced it would make the 'full expensing' tax regime permanent.

Like most companies with large investment programmes, for National Grid, the full expensing regime will reduce cash tax payable in the UK. However, in our UK Electricity Transmission and UK Electricity Distribution businesses, our regulatory agreements provide a revenue allowance to fund cash tax payable. As a result, any reduction in cash tax payable is matched by a reduction in the regulated revenues that we collect. This results in a broadly neutral cash position, and no economic effect.

For IFRS purposes, whilst UK cash tax is reduced, an increase in deferred tax means the overall accounting tax charge is broadly unchanged. The increase in deferred tax reflects higher cash taxes expected to be payable in the future given the shifting of tax relief from the future into the current year because of full expensing. As this future cash tax becomes payable, our regulated revenues would also adjust to ensure a broadly neutral cash position and, hence, no adverse economic effect.

The introduction of "full expensing" would therefore lead to a reduction in reported underlying earnings (we collect lower revenues, but our IFRS tax charges remains broadly unchanged), even though there is no economic impact. Now that this tax change has been made permanent, we have changed our definition of Underlying Earnings and Underlying EPS to provide greater clarity and remove this accounting impact. Most of the deferred tax charge relates to capital allowances, with the remainder relating to pensions and other.

Deferred tax accounting charges attributable to the rest of the group will continue to be included within Underlying Earnings and Underlying EPS.

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