

## **Policy guidance for Managing Memberships of Lobbying Organisations**

### **Introduction**

This procedure sets out how National Grid manages its membership of lobbying Organisations (including business associations and think tanks.) This guidance applies equally across all National Grid territories and jurisdictions and is maintained on behalf of the business by Corporate Affairs.

### **Joining a lobbying membership Organisation**

- Prior to becoming a member, the relevant business unit will properly review the purpose of the lobbying entity we are considering joining and will ensure that it operates in a way that is consistent with RPA guidelines and National Grid's other Responsible Lobbying policies and procedures [as set out on the Transparency page of our website.] In addition, in the US all of our lobbying organisations must be registered as per the Lobbying Disclosure Act and must follow all federal law and regulations as pertains to lobbying.
- As part of this assessment, how joint activities will be managed and how the lobbying Organisations ongoing activities will be monitored should be properly considered.
- The decision to commit National Grid to joining a lobbying membership Organisation may only be taken by the relevant Corporate Affairs Director, acting consistently with this guidance and National Grid's Responsible lobbying principles.
- Should any issues be identified in relation to an Organisation that we are considering joining or are already a member of, that create a potential belief that the entity may not be acting in a way that is consistent with National Grid's responsible lobbying guidelines and other associated standards, that must be raised with the relevant internal Committee, as ultimately delegated by the Board Governance Structure.
- While the relevant escalation route might vary from territory to territory, the underlying RPA and Responsible Lobbying principles must be consistently applied and will inform how we appoint, monitor and potentially decide to leave a lobbying membership organization.
- If a membership lobbying Organisation does not meet, or ceases to meet our RPA and other relevant standards in ways that cannot be satisfactorily mitigated, we will end our relationship with them.