



National Grid Gas Transmission Publish 'Enabling The Gas Market Plan'

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For the first time, National Grid Gas Transmission has set out how it will work with industry to progress market development in the transition to a sustainable energy system, while continuing to deliver consumer value.

'Enabling the Gas Market Plan' (GMaP) has been produced with engagement and direction from a broad range of stakeholders, including the Office of Gas and Electricity Market (Ofgem) and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) all interested in how the GB gas market could develop in a proactive and coordinated way over the next ten years.

The key areas of market change to be explored over the coming year are Gas Quality, Hydrogen and Balancing.

The areas highlighted for additional focus are influenced by positive stakeholder engagement, via the Future of Gas Steering Group. By working on these topics, it is hoped knowledge sharing and discussion will be enabled within industry around the vital role markets will play in achieving the ambition of Net-Zero by 2050.

The GMaP will be an annual publication, which will reflect the changing gas industry landscape giving it the flexibility to consider the evolution of new technologies or policy drivers.

Chris Logue from National Grid and Chair of the Future of Gas Steering Group said: "The Enabling the Gas Market Plan document sets out three important focus areas for the industry to work on during the 2020. By working collaboratively on these areas with the industry there is a real opportunity to proactively enable markets to meet the challenges of the energy transition, whilst still maximising consumer value."

National Grid Gas Transmission will host an open industry event, the second Future of Gas Forum in February 2020, where the outputs of the first GMaP will be discussed, providing an avenue for further stakeholder engagement.

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Notes for editors

The 'Enabling the Gas Market Plan' (GMAP) document can be found [here](#) on the Future of Gas website.

Notes to Editors:

National Grid is pivotal to the energy systems in the UK and the north eastern United States. We aim to serve customers well and efficiently, supporting the communities in which we operate and making possible the energy systems of the future.

National Grid in the UK:

- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
- As Great Britain's System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transported safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is consumed. From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) is a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other parts of the National Grid Group. This will provide the right environment to deliver a balanced and impartial ESO that can realise real benefits for consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.
- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors, gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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