National Grid welcomes Budget commitments on EV charging and CCS

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Natalie Shyer, UK Executive Director for National Grid, said: “We welcome today’s Budget which makes key commitments on the areas of electric vehicle charging and carbon capture and storage.”

“It’s great to see that these areas have been recognised as key drivers to the mass take-up of electric vehicles. We look forward to working with Government on their policies on charging infrastructure along with the strategic road network.”

“By investing today in the electricity infrastructure that will support the charging hubs of tomorrow, the government can help fuel the take-up of EVs, cutting carbon and improving air quality for all the benefit of the environment and health of the country.”

“We welcome also the funding commitment for carbon capture and storage in multiple locations, which is crucial to the decarbonisation of Britain’s industrial heartland, ensuring the technology and capabilities progress in the development of carbon transport and storage infrastructure that will drive future growth of places like the Humber and help to preserve and create thousands of jobs.”

Notes to Editors:
National Grid is a proud 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 networks in England and Wales, with dual duty 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 540 substations.
- We own and operate a gas Natural Transmission System in Great Britain, with due-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,581 kilometres (4,781 miles) of high-pressure line, and 90 above-ground installations.
- As Great Britain’s System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transmitted safely and efficiently, from where it is generated or supplied to where it is consumed. From 1 April 2019, Electric 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 really deliver benefits for consumers as we transition to a more decentralized, decarbonised electricity system.
- Other UK activities relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses, including transmission, gas metering activities and a fossil-fuel gas (LNG) importation terminal, all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Ventures is responsible for the management, set-up and disposal of surplus assets in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

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