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National Grid appoints President of US Business and Managing Director of National Grid Ventures

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Badar Khan has been appointed President of the US Business, following the departure of Dean Seavers at the end of 2019. Badar has been acting as interim President since November 2019.

Commenting on the appointment, John Pettigrew, Group Chief Executive said, "Badar has proven to be a strong leader in his three years at National Grid. He's made a confident start running the US business and knows National Grid well. Badar has extensive experience in power, gas, energy-related services and renewable energy, and he has worked for a number of US companies in retail power markets. His considerable experience in customer facing roles will be essential in steering the US business now and in the future. I'm confident that he and his team will continue to grow the business and lead our people in their crucial work."

Badar Khan joined National Grid in April 2017 as Group Director Corporate Development and President, National Grid Ventures, which included responsibility for Group Strategy and National Grid Partners. Prior to National Grid, Badar worked at Centrica plc for 14 years in the US and UK, including four years as CEO of Direct Energy, its North American subsidiary.

Jon Butterworth has been appointed Managing Director of National Grid Ventures and a member of the Group Executive Committee, after fulfilling this role on an interim basis since November 2019.

Commenting on Jon Butterworth's appointment, John Pettigrew, Group Chief Executive, said, "Jon is a proven leader who has been a driving force behind the sustained success of our business for many years, serving in a wide range of senior leadership roles. Under his leadership, National Grid Ventures will continue to play a critical role in accelerating the development of a clean energy future for consumers across the UK, US and Europe."

Jon was previously Chief Operating Officer, Global Transmission, National Grid Ventures. He is also a non-executive director of South West Water.

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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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