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Welcome to your news update from National Grid, one of the world's largest publically owned utilities.

John Dawson Investor Relations Director

As we approach our year end results presentation for 2014/15, we would like to provide you with a schedule of our planned activities, including opportunities to meet management and the IR team, and highlight recent events since our last newsletter. We hope to see you in the coming months, and as always, please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way.

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BAML Utilities Conference,

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11 June

Oddo Securities SRI Conference,

Paris

1 July

LSE's FTSE 100 Conference for Private Client PMs, London

Financial calendar

1 April – 20 May

Close period

21 May

Full year results 2014/15

4 June

Ordinary shares go ex-dividend

5 June

Record date for final dividend

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1. Investor Relations year end results schedule and calendar

National Grid will be announcing year end results for 2014/15 on Thursday, 21 May at 7:00 AM. There will be a live webcast that can be accesses by clicking here: National Grid 2014/15 Results Webcast (registration required the first time you access). A replay will be available at the same link shortly after the presentation is complete.

Later on Thursday, John Dawson, Investor Relations Director, will be hosting a conference call and Q&A at 2:00 PM GMT. The call can be accessed at +44 (0) 808 109 0700 (UK) and: +1 866 966 5335 (US). Please quote password 'National Grid' to enter the call.

Following the results announcement, National Grid's investor relations and management teams will be conducting investor meetings across Europe and North America in late May and June. If you would like to express interest in a meeting, please contact Richard Foster at +44 (0)20 7004 3169. We will also be attending the conferences below and hope to see you there.

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Cities planned as part of roadshows in May and June:

Europe: Dublin, Edinburgh, Geneva, London, Zurich

North America: Boston, Chicago, Montreal, Greater New York City, Philadelphia, Toronto

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Other Activities

2. National Grid and Statnett sign agreement to proceed with UK-Norway interconnector

National Grid has signed an agreement to proceed with the NSN Link interconnector between Great Britain and Norway. The project will be jointly developed on a 50:50 basis with Norwegian transmission owner Statnett and is expected to be operational early in the next decade.

National Grid expects to make a capital investment of around €1bn in the project, subject to agreeing appropriate construction and procurement contracts. NSN Link will be governed by a "cap and floor" regulatory regime with revenues in part derived from capacity rents principally related to electricity price differentials between countries.

In addition to having the potential to provide attractive growth, returns and long-term earnings benefits, interconnectors have the capability to add additional flexibility in managing the GB energy market and benefit UK consumers by providing access to lower cost and lower carbon generation.

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3. National Grid releases Summer Outlook Report 2015

On 13 April 2015, National Grid released its Summer Outlook report for 2015. This presents the company's views of the UK gas and electricity systems for the coming summer. The supplies of both gas and electricity look to be adequate for the summer period and National Grid's networks are in good shape to meet the operational challenges of the coming months. To read the full report, please click <u>HERE</u>.

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4. National Grid publishes the RIIO baseline data book based on Ofgem's financial model iteration of November 2014

On 4 March 2015, National Grid published its annual RIIO baseline data book based on Ofgem's financial model iteration of November 2014. The data contained in this report reflects Ofgem's best view and includes 2013/14 actual spend figures, Ofgem's view of outputs delivered and updated values for RPI and the allowed cost of debt. To view the data book, please click <u>HERE</u>.

Along with the data book National Grid published supplemental appendices that can be viewed HERE.

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