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# Redaction Explanatory Statement

National Grid Electricity Transmission  
Business Plan 2021-26



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## Redaction Explanatory Statement to accompany our published Business Plan

The version of the National Grid Electricity Transmission Business Plan published on our website on 9 December 2019 reflects in as much detail as possible, our final Business Plan that we submitted to Ofgem.

By publishing our Business Plan, we want to be as open and transparent as possible to help stimulate constructive engagement with our stakeholders on the content of our Business Plan. Given the nature of our business it has been necessary to redact certain confidential information from our published plan. This summary statement explains the reasons for our redactions.

### Commercially Confidential information

Certain information contained within our Business Plan is classified as “Commercially Confidential” to National Grid Electricity Transmission as it contains competitively sensitive information. This type of information identifies or could reveal the cost data of our assets or activities that we source from 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers on a competitive basis (e.g. goods and services in relation to the construction, operation and maintenance of our network). Publishing this data would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of National Grid Electricity Transmission and, as a consequence of this, would be prejudicial to the interests of consumers.

Chapter 1 of the Competition Act 1998 prohibits the exchange of competitively sensitive information, therefore publishing any of this type of information would be unlawful.

Information that has been redacted from our Business Plan on this basis has been removed in the following places:

Page No	Column / table No	Redaction reason
9	Column 1	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
23	Table 5.1	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
49	Table 7.5	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
50	Table 7.6	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
51	Table 7.7	Values can either lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit costs amounts or identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
52	Column 1	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
52	Table 7.8	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
53	Table 7.9	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
54	Table 7.12	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
55	Table 7.13	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
55	Table 7.15	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
58	Column 2	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
59	Table 7.18 & Column 1	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
64	Table 7.25	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
66	Column 1	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
67	Table 8.3 & Column 2	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
73	Table 8.9	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
75	Column 1	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
76	Table 8.13	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
77	Table 8.14	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
84-85	Table 8.21	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
93	Table 9.6	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
93	Table 9.7	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
94	Figure 9.9	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
98	Table 9.14	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
99	Table 9.15	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.

100	Table 9.16	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
101–102	Table 9.17	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
103	Table 9.18	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
105	Table 9.20	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
106	Figure 9.21	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.
132	Column 2	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
162	Column 2	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
163	Column 1	Values can lead to the identification of competitively sensitive unit cost amounts.
167	Column 2	Values identify an estimated cost for activity which may be subject to future procurement.

Information has also been redacted from our Business Plan on the basis that it relates to our future potential contractors and suppliers, which have not yet been subject to a procurement process. Publishing this information would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of National Grid Electricity Transmission.

Information that has been redacted from our Business Plan on this basis has been removed in the following place:

Page No	Column / table No	Redaction reason
197	Columns 1 & 2	Contains information on our future potential equipment constructors and suppliers, which have not yet been subject to a procurement process.

## Strictly Confidential information

Certain information contained within our Business Plan is classified as “Strictly Confidential Material” to National Grid Electricity Transmission as it is operationally sensitive information. This type of information identifies or relates to Critical National Infrastructure and/or sites, systems or processes that are used by National Grid Electricity Transmission for the safe, secure and reliable operation of the Electricity Transmission system. Publishing this information, which identifies or relates to system-critical sites, systems or processes (and proposed investments in relation to the relevant assets), would be prejudicial to the operational security of our Electricity Transmission system. Publication would prejudice the interests of consumers by potentially impacting the reliability of the service that consumers receive from us.

Information that has been redacted from our Business Plan on this basis has been removed in the following places:

Page No	Column / table No	Redaction reason
111	Column 1	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
113	Column 1	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
114	Column 1	Contains operationally sensitive system information.
114	Table 10.5	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
116	Table 10.7	Contains operationally sensitive investment and site information.
117	Column 1	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
117	Column 2	Contains operationally sensitive site and investment information.
118	Column 1	Contains operationally sensitive investment information.
120	Column 1	Contains operationally sensitive system information.