

Industry update from Ofgem – up to date as of 30 January 2018

Ofgem Reorganisation

Ofgem will be putting in place a new streamlined organisational structure in April so it can better focus on protecting consumers ahead of our move to the new Government hub building at Canary Wharf. The new structure will be streamlined into three divisions:

- Consumers and Markets
- System Operation and Networks
- Corporate and Scheme Services

We expect to publish more details on this in March.

More information can be found at the following URL:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/ofgem-reorganisation>

Network Innovation Competition - Project Direction for Robotic Roadworks and Excavation System

On 17 January 2018 we published our project direction for Southern Gas Networks Network Innovation Competition project – Robotic Roadworks and Excavation System. The project seeks to develop advanced robotics to automate and improve the utility excavation process. The Direction sets the conditions of funding for the project.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/network-innovation-competition-project-direction-robotic-roadworks-and-excavation-system>

Network Innovation Competition - Project Direction for H21

On 12 January 2018 we published our project direction for Northern Gas Networks Network Innovation Competition project – H21. The project seeks to provide safety evidence on whether the GB gas distribution networks are suitable to transport 100% hydrogen. The Direction sets the conditions of funding for the project.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/network-innovation-competition-project-direction-h21>

Gas Network Innovation Competition Funding Direction 2017

On 22 January 2018 we published our Gas Network Innovation Competition Funding Direction setting out the amounts for the System Operator to include in its allowed revenues for 2018/19 and the amounts it will transfer to the companies implementing successful projects. We reissued this direction on 23 January 2018 to correct an error in Table 5 of the Funding Direction Schedule.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/gas-network-innovation-competition-funding-direction-2017>

Ofgem response to CMA launch of market study on heat networks

On 24 January 2018 we published our response to the CMA launch of its market study on heat networks. We welcomed the study and, drawing on available evidence, we felt it was likely that a significant expansion of heat networks will be part of the solution to energy decarbonisation and therefore a need to protect consumers of heat networks is important.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/ofgem-response-cma-launch-market-study-heat-networks>

Electricity/Gas Initial Screening Process Pro Forma Version 2.0

On 30 January 2018 we published the screening pro forma to be completed and submitted to networks.innovation@ofgem.gov.uk before the initial screening process (ISP). The deadline for the 2018 competition is 29 March 2018.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/electricitygas-initial-screening-process-pro-forma-version-20>

RIIO-2 Framework Review Workshops

We ran a series of workshops on various aspects of the RIIO-2 framework review in London between 18 October 2017 and 24 January 2018. On 26 January 2018 we published the presentation material from all seven workshops on our website.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/riio-2-framework-review-workshops>