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National Grid plc

Ofgem's RIIO-2 Final Determination published

Ofgem has today published its Final Determination for the RIIO-2 framework covering our UK Electricity and Gas Transmission businesses for the period April 2021 to March 2026, as well as the Electricity System Operator.

We will now review in detail the full package contained within the Final Determination to see whether it delivers sufficient investment to maintain resilient and reliable networks, provides the flexibility required to enable the delivery of critical infrastructure to achieve the UK's net zero ambitions, and provides an appropriate overall financial package.

We expect Ofgem to publish its statutory consultation on the proposed licence modifications required to implement the Final Determination shortly. The consultation period will be followed by a period for Ofgem to consider responses, at the end of which Ofgem will publish its decision to modify the licences. Relevant parties have 20 working days from the day on which the decision to modify the licences is published to appeal any part of the proposed licence modifications to the Competition and Markets Authority. Given the current expected timeline, we anticipate that we will make any final decision on whether to accept or appeal the licence modifications implementing Ofgem's Final Determination to the CMA no earlier than late February 2021.

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