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National Grid plc

Completion of acquisition of Western Power Distribution

National Grid plc ("**National Grid**") is pleased to announce that it has today completed the acquisition of PPL WPD Investments Limited (together with its subsidiary undertakings, (the "**WPD Group**")), the holding company of Western Power Distribution, the UK's largest electricity distribution business, from PPL WPD Limited, a subsidiary of PPL Corporation (the "**WPD Acquisition**").

Following National Grid's voluntary notification of the WPD Acquisition to the Competition and Markets Authority ("**CMA**"), the CMA is undertaking its merger review which has not yet concluded. As a result, and as is customary in such circumstances, the CMA has issued an Initial Enforcement Order, requiring the WPD Group to continue to be run independently from National Grid and under its existing management until the CMA review has completed.

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