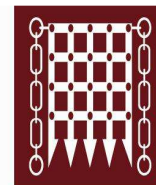


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Priorities for gas network development in the UK - next steps for decarbonising gas assets and implementing the RIIO-2 price control framework

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Whitty, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Energy Costs
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for gas network development in the UK - upgrading assets, operator duties, market frameworks, and working towards decarbonisation**
Dr Alexandra Howe, Head of Gas Security, Networks and Markets, Energy Security, BEIS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Assessing delivery of RIIO2 so far and balancing the needs of networks and consumers - adjusting to new return rates, reducing household costs, and delivery of low-carbon programmes**
Dr Tony Ballance, Chief Regulatory Officer, Cadent Gas
Senior representative, consumers
Senior representative, environment
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Whitty, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Energy Costs
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Modernising gas network infrastructure and the scope for improving grid management**
Next steps for upgrading assets and ensuring that networks are fit for purpose - improving long-term reliability, security of supply, and overcoming delivery challenges
Chris Barron, Business Development Manager, Costain
Preparing the transmission grid for the integration of low-carbon gas supplies, and the scope for efficiency gains through greater System Operator responsibilities
Antony Green, Project Director, Hydrogen Transportation, National Grid
Accelerating the integration of low-carbon gas supplies across the gas system and supporting grid flexibility and capacity expansion
Guy Buckenham, Head, Generation Policy and Regulation, EDF Energy
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Dovetailing the low-carbon gas grid transition with wider energy-intensive sectors - opportunities and challenges for commercialising hydrogen, and utilisation across heat, heavy industry, and local grids**
Dr Thomas Koller, Programme Lead, Gas Goes Green, Energy Networks Association
Martyn Tulloch, Head of Energy Systems Integration, Net Zero Technology Centre
Senior representative, heat
Senior representative, innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Delivering regulatory reform for operational and low-carbon improvements for UK gas networks**
Michael Wagner, Deputy Director, Gas Networks Price Controls, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum