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JOHN NEILSON TO MOVE ON

John Neilson, Managing Director of Corporate Affairs, will leave Ofgem at the end of the month to become Director of the Science and Engineering Base Group at the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). He will be leading the team advising on the £3 billion Science Budget and on the Government's relationships with the Research Councils.

Ofgem Chief Executive, Alistair Buchanan, said: "As a member of the senior management team and our Authority, John has made an important contribution to Ofgem's development and work during the past five years.

"In particular, John has played a key role in helping to promote consumer choice and protect consumers' interests through his work in the retail market to establish effective competition and oversee Ofgem's enforcement work. We wish him well in his new role."

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Notes to editors:

1. The post of Managing Director of Corporate Affairs will be advertised shortly. This recruitment will be conducted according to the procedures of the Civil Service Commissioners.
2. Ofgem is the Office of the Gas and Electricity Markets, which supports the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, the regulator of the gas and electricity industries in Great Britain. Ofgem's aim is to bring choice and value to all gas and electricity customers by promoting competition and regulating monopolies. The Authority's powers are provided for under the Gas Act 1986, the Electricity Act 1989 and the Utilities Act 2000.

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