

FOREWORD

The 2011 National Electricity Transmission System Seven Year Statement (NETS SYS) has been published by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET), acting in its role as National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO) and in accordance with System Operator Standard Licence condition C11 of National Grid's Transmission Licence. The 2011 NETS SYS covers the period from 2010/11 to 2017/18 inclusive.

A key characteristic of the NETS SYS is that all of the analysis and data associated with the document is based around the *contracted* background over the study period. It is therefore prudent to bear in mind when studying the analysis that the position is likely to change and that this document should not be treated as a forecast or scenario of the future, it is intended to show users the contracted position as at the data freeze date.

The NETS SYS contains a wide range of technical and non technical information relating to the NETS, however the principle purpose of the document is to assist existing and prospective new users in assessing opportunities available to them for making new or additional use of the NETS in the competitive electricity market.

To aid users to recognise opportunities, the NETS SYS includes demand forecasts, various contracted generation capacity breakdowns, plant margins and boundary transfer analysis along with high level information on likely connection timescales in each geographical area. The document also gives an overview of some of the key commercial factors associated with obtaining access to the NETS.

I hope you find our 2011 NETS SYS both interesting and informative. Given the challenges facing the electricity industry over the coming seven years and for 2020 and beyond, I would particularly welcome any comments you may have on both the style and the content of the document so we can fully consider any improvements for the 2012 NETS SYS. An electronic questionnaire can be accessed by a link from the Seven Year Statement area of our website for this purpose:

<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/SYS/current/>

I look forward to receiving your views on the Statement, including suggestions on how it may be further improved.



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