

### **Renewable Energy Connection the Focus of UK Review**

A review of transmission access in the UK by regulator Ofgem and the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform is set to recommend changes that will enhance the delivery of renewable energy. The review will take into account the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as costs to consumers and the impact on supply security. The review will also consider the technical, commercial and regulatory framework in place in facilitating new transmission infrastructure. "Getting more green electricity connected to the grid is essential if we are to burn less fossil fuels," says Energy Minister Malcolm Wicks. "This review will help us to ensure that renewable generators can supply more low-carbon electricity as quickly as possible." Ofgem has already approved £5 billion investment in Britain's energy transmission networks over the next five years. "[This] will help link more renewables to the grid and continue the high performance and reliability of energy transmission," says Ofgem chief executive Alistair Buchanan. "However, extra infrastructure to connect renewables takes time to build and there may be steps we can take now to change existing arrangements which will allow more projects to get connected faster," he says. A final report on the issue and action needed is due to be published in May 2008.

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