PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

AND

ENERGY NETWORKS ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2010
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1.1 The purpose of this Partnership Agreement is to promote effective co-operation and understanding between ENA and the EA when dealing with issues of mutual interest affecting both the electricity and gas networks in England and Wales.

1.2 The primary aim is to ensure environmental risks in the networks sector are well managed, and the Partnership Agreement will be used to promote co-operation and effective communication. This will be achieved through operational, tactical and strategic level liaison.

1.3 We will co-operate by using the resources and powers at our disposal in areas where we have a mutual interest to:

- ensure compliance with relevant legislation;
- prevent environmental pollution from premises or activities;
- reduce the environmental impacts and improve environmental performance.

1.4 We will:

- collaborate in environmental incident reporting, response, management and remediation;
- work to identify and reduce environmental risk across the electricity and gas distribution and transmission networks;
- exchange information that will facilitate the working relationship between the parties;
- explore the possibilities for collaborative research in areas of mutual interest;
- establish and maintain effective contacts at local, regional and national levels; and
produce sector specific guidance documents and monitor progress on the following key issues:

- Fluid-filled cables (via the Fluid-Filled Cable Liaison Group)
- Oil life cycle (use, reuse and storage)
- Flood risk management
- Work near watercourses
- Waste (generation, transfer and disposal):
  a) Producer responsibility
  b) Classification
  c) Hazardous waste
  d) Site Waste Management Plans
  e) Recycling of excavation spoil
- Climate change (system efficiency losses, CO₂, SF₆)
- Invasive plant species

1.5 Either party is at liberty to initiate a review of the key issues at any time.

FOR ENERGY NETWORKS ASSOCIATION

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Chief Executive

Date: 31 March 2010

FOR ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Paul Leinster
Chief Executive

Date: 24 March 2010
ANNEX 1

ENA Member Companies party to this Agreement

CE Electric UK
Central Networks
EDF Energy
Electricity North West Limited
Fulcrum
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Northern Ireland Electricity plc
Scottish and Southern Energy
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