

# National Grid accepts RIIO-ED2 price control

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National Grid plc confirms that it has accepted all of the RIIO-ED2 price control arrangements proposed by Ofgem in its Final Determination, which covers our National Grid Electricity Distribution businesses for the period April 2023 to March 2028.

These price controls will further accelerate our delivery of smart, decarbonised electricity distribution networks in the UK, at the lowest cost to customers. They also form an important part of the group's wider financial framework, with up to £40bn of investment from 2021-26, as we continue the journey towards net zero, and a clean, fair and affordable energy future.

We look forward to providing more detail around our delivery of these price controls in the summer.

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### About National Grid Electricity Distribution

National Grid Electricity Distribution is the UK's largest electricity distribution business, and was formerly known as Western Power Distribution (WPD). National Grid acquired WPD in June 2021, and this was renamed National Grid

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