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# UK Referendum on EU membership - National Grid Statement

On 23rd June 2016, the UK voted to leave the European Union.

The result of the EU referendum presents no immediate risk to how National Grid operates the UK energy system or to the country's security of supply. The company also continues to be fully committed to our ongoing investment projects with our European partners and stakeholders.

An exit from the European Union could cause significant uncertainty for the energy sector in the medium and long term, in particular with respect to the UK's membership of the internal energy market (IEM).

The IEM provides significant benefits to both UK and EU energy consumers, by way of harmonised rules facilitating energy transportation and increased interconnection, which allows efficient buying and selling of energy. This helps keep household bills down, and also brings significant benefits in terms of security of supply and integration of low-carbon energy. The IEM also provides a stable framework for UK and European energy companies in which investments can be made.

National Grid believes it is vital that the UK retains access to the IEM. Energy must now become a key priority area as the Government begins negotiations on how the UK's exit from the EU will be handled.

National Grid remains fully committed to its ongoing cooperation with energy transmission companies through the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) and Gas (ENTSO-G), other bodies on energy such as CORESO, Prisma, GIE and the European institutions. The company sees very strong value in this cooperation going forward, regardless of the UK's future relationship with the EU.

Document:
Study on the impact of Brexit on the Energy Sector from Vivid Economics (commissioned by National Grid, November 2015): http://www.vivideconomics.com/publications/the-impact-of-brexit-on-the-uk-energy-sector

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