Emission Reduction Activities Here and Across the Pond

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Background to National Grid Transco

- One of the world's largest utilities focused on delivering energy safely, reliably and efficiently
- Operations in Britain,
 North East US, Midwest US, Australia and Zambia
- Focused on gas and electricity transmission and distribution
- Telecoms infrastructure in US and UK



Climate Change Policy & Action in Context

As one of the world's largest utilities, we believe that a responsible approach to doing business is fundamental to what we do. We strive to act substantially as a business, in our social role, and in how we interact with the environment.



Corporate Governance

- Executive
 - > Executive management is responsible for all aspects of CR
- Board
 - Board has overall responsibility for ensuring that management discharges its responsibilities
- Board's Risk and Responsibility Committee
 - Provides review on behalf of the Board
- Internal audit
 - Mechanism by which the R&R Committee gets its assurance
- External verification
 - Provides independent assurance that we are managing the right risks well



Corporate Governance

- Risk and Responsibility Committee
- Members are Non-Executive Directors
- CEO and Group CR Director attend
- Meets every three months
- Review performance and management response to issues & incidents

Terms of reference

- Occupational and public safety
- Occupational health
- Environment
- Equality and diversity
- Human rights
- Business ethics
- Role of the Group in society



Our "Framework for Responsible Business"

Human Rights





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Safety





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Climate Change





Climate Change

- 2003/2004 10.6 million tons CO₂ equivalent
 - Methane leakage and venting represented 49.5%
 - Electricity Transmission Losses represented 27.0%
 - Gas Transmission Losses (excluding methane) represented 14.0%
 - SF₆ represented 5.0%
 - Energy Use represented 3.0%
 - Transport (including air travel) represented 1.5%



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Examples of what we are doing

- Replacing old cast iron gas pipes with plastic
- Replacement of first generation SF6 equipment
- Improved maintenance of switchgear to reduce SF₆ losses
- > Reduce transmission losses
- These changes also improve the bottom line





US Approach and Targets for SF6 Reduction

- In United States
 - Niagara Mohawk signed onto voluntary MOU with United States EPA in 2000
 - National Grid USA joined voluntary MOU in 2003 adding several operating companies to the agreement
 - National Grid continues to participate in Department Of Energy Energy Information System Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases
 - Niagara Mohawk achieved a reduction from 13% emissions in 1999 to 7% emissions in 2003
 - National Grid USA has set a target to reduce from 15.5% emissions in 2000 to 8.3% emissions by 2008
 - Mainly to be achieved by replacing first-generation SF6 equipment and improved maintenance practices



UK Approach and Targets for SF6 Reduction

- In United Kingdom
 - NGT approach to Environmental Reduction Targets complies with European Community (EC) Draft Regulation of Fluorinated Gases
 - Calls for use of Best Available Technology in controlling SF6 leaks
 - > Overall objective is to make significant contribution towards the EC's reduction target for greenhouse gas emissions under Kyoto Protocol
 - CIGRE identifies achievable 1% but challenges users to meet 2.6% by 2010
 - > NGT is currently 3.5% and targets 2% by 2010
 - Repair of small endemic leaks on current equipment -- new equipment 0.5% leak rate or better for life



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