

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON FOR BUSINESS IN A LOW CARBON ECONOMY

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DECARBONISATION OF ELECTRICITY IS VITAL



- Significant decarbonisation across all sectors is required
- Climate Change Committee believe the electricity sector needs to reduce its emissions earlier, 90% by 2030
- Low CO₂ electricity will then make a major contribution to decarbonising other sectors such as Transport and Heat



RETIRING GENERATION WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED WITH LOW CARBON EMITTING PLANT



EDF Energy analysis, shows power stations currently in operation or under construction, Renewables peak contribution is limited due to intermittency

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- Many existing power stations will retire by 2030. Of current power stations there will only be 23GW remaining – the majority gas fired
- To safely meet future peak demand, investment of over £200bn will be required
- The impact of decisions taken now will last over 40 years – so it is important that they are taken with long term goals in mind



• A RANGE OF TECHNOLOGIES HAVE THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO THE DESIRED OUTCOMES



- A balanced fuel mix is required to provide further security
- Nuclear scores well on cost, carbon and security of supply criteria



• EXISTING CARBON PRICE SCHEME DOES NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PRICE CERTAINTY FOR INVESTMENT



- The Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) reflects the cost of carbon reductions
- However, prices are volatile and price certainty is limited
- The resulting price level is not sufficient to encourage capital investment
- In addition there is a short time horizon to the ETS and future emissions limits have not been set
- This limits its benefit to investments with life spans beyond 2020

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