

Regulatory Announcement

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INVITATION TO COMMENT

**Anticipated acquisition by Npower Ltd of the electricity and gas businesses of Telecom Plus plc**

The Office of Fair Trading is considering whether arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation under the merger provisions of the Enterprise Act 2002. Should it be found to be a relevant merger situation, the OFT will further consider whether the creation of that situation may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services that warrants reference to the Competition Commission for investigation and report.

Affected Sector: Electricity and Gas

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