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ANTICIPATED MERGER BETWEEN SSE RETAIL AND NPOWER

Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by innogy SE and SSE plc in relation to the anticipated merger between SSE plc's domestic retail energy supply, telecoms and energy-related services businesses ("**SSE Retail**") and innogy's Npower Group plc ("**Npower**"), and the acquisition of material influence by innogy SE over SSE Retail (together, the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 28 February 2018. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 26 April 2018.