

# The Electricity Policy Forum

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# Electricity Policy Research Group

- Research Director: David Newbery
- Staff Researchers: 7
- PhD Students: 4
- Associate Researchers: 18
- Three Research Projects:
  - CMI Electricity Project, SUPERGEN (EPSRC), SESSA (EU)
- Education Activities: MPhils and PhDs
- Membership Division: Electricity Policy Forum

# Electricity Policy Forum: Context

- Rising public and political awareness
  - justify commitment public funds to energy
- Ongoing liberalisation in ESI
  - risks high but so too are potential rewards for those willing to embrace risks
- Diversity of approaches
  - need to understand specific drivers of change and appreciate differences (not one-size fits all)

# The Challenge for Industry Players

- **Evolving policy**
  - Environmental regulations
  - Competition policy issues
  - R+D support policies
- **Liberalisation**
  - increasing competition
  - characteristics vary by country
- **Regionalisation**
  - lack effective framework for coordination
  - technical problems integrating systems designed to be stand-alone
- **International experience**
  - Valuable lessons from and for US and developing countries

# Research: a key part of the solution

- **Complex policy problems require research**
- **Who is doing it?**
  - private sector R&D intensity in ESI falling
  - public sector funding of University based research projects rising
- **But**
  - research necessarily highly technical
  - private sector skills to analyse findings have diminished
  - resources and skills in Universities to communicate findings limited due to limitations of funding model

# Electricity Policy Forum (1)

- **Objectives**

- Provide intellectual leadership of critical dialogue going to centre of policy debate
- Facilitate access to research findings and policy implications for member organisations
- Fund high quality dissemination and thought leadership capacity

- **Foundations**

- outstanding research resulting from established EPRG staff researchers and associate network
- existing network of relationships with regulators, policy makers and industry
- focus on ESI

# Electricity Policy Forum (2)

- **Events**

- Spring and Winter Research Seminars
  - invitation only
  - understand drivers for change
  - participate in and inform policy debate
  - leverage committed public funds
- Special interest Research Workshops

- **Ongoing support**

- Non-technical summaries of working papers
  - exclusive to members for 6 months
- Corporate members
  - two tailored visits per year by researchers and EPF staff for confidential discussions

# Membership

- **Institutional Membership** **£2,000 pa**
  - two tickets to EPF events
  - EPRG newsletter
  - Early access to non-technical synopses of working papers
  - Access to Members' intranet
- **Corporate Membership** **£15,000 pa**
  - two tailored briefings per year
  - Annual Members' dinner
  - Opportunity to shape EPRG research programme



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