

EPRG Spring Research Seminar 13-14 May 2010

Thursday 13 May -- Grace Howard Room, Downing College,

19:00 – 19:30 Reception

19:30 – 22:00 Dinner

Friday 14 May -- Gillespie Centre, Clare College

09:00 Registration and coffee

09:30 Welcome and introduction - **David Newbery**

09:40 – 10:50 SESSION 1 – ENERGY DEMAND

Chair: Ben Hobbs (*EPRG*)

Julian Allwood (*Univ. of Cambridge*) Energy and material efficiency

Michael Pollitt (*EPRG*) Economics of energy demand

10:50 – 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 – 12:30 SESSION 2 – UK POLICY AND POLITICS

Chair: Pierre Noel (*EPRG*)

David Newbery (*EPRG*) Carbon tax *versus* low-carbon obligation

Willy Rickett (*formerly DECC*) Reconciling politics and policy

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:10 SESSION 3 – ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION

Chair: David Reiner (*EPRG*)

Vladimir Parail (*EPRG*) Economics of interconnectors

Robert Hull (*Ofgem*) Tender auctions for offshore transmission in the UK

15:10 – 15:40 Tea

15:40 – 16:50 SESSION 4 – MANAGING UNCERTAINTY

Chair: William Nuttall (*EPRG*)

Rutger-Jan Lange (*EPRG*) Optimal support for renewable deployment

Ben Hobbs & Harry van der Weijde (*EPRG*) Transmission planning under uncertainty

16:55-17:00 Concluding word – **David Newbery**