

# POLICY STATEMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

ESB owns, develops and maintains the electricity distribution system used to supply electricity to customers nationally. ESB also owns the electricity transmission system, which it maintains and develops in accordance with EirGrid's policies and system reinforcement plans. ESB Networks manages the activities and processes associated with managing these electricity networks on behalf of ESB.

ESB Networks recognises that its activities have environmental impacts and that it has a responsibility to manage these impacts in a manner that prevents pollution and provides a high level of protection for the natural environment while also contributing to the sustainable development of our economy.

Our commitments are to:

- Conduct our activities and those undertaken on our behalf in an environmentally responsible manner and in compliance with all legal and other requirements and company policies and standards related to our environmental aspects.
- Develop and maintain an effective environmental management system.
- Protect the environment and prevent pollution by identifying, managing and regularly reviewing the environmental aspects and impacts associated with our business activities, services and processes.
- Review our environmental programme regularly to ensure continual improvement in environmental performance and to provide a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets.
- Act responsibly in our use of natural resources.
- Consider environmental matters in all planning and decision making.
- Make continuous efforts to maximise the energy efficiency of our networks, buildings and fleet.
- Minimise the production of all wastes as far as practicable, promptly recover all litter found at Networks locations and dispose of all residual wastes in a safe and responsible manner.
- Record and respond swiftly to all environmental incidents and complaints.
- Promote environmental and sustainability awareness among our staff, contractors and suppliers and embed these values in our investment and expenditure decisions.
- Provide the necessary training and support to staff on environmental matters relating to our business activities.
- Make this Policy Statement available to all our staff, contractors and interested stakeholders.

Signed:

Date:

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