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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE TO/C**

(Rule 14d-100)
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT
UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1) OF
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1934

#### NATIONAL GRID TRANSCO PLC

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

#### NATIONAL GRID TRANSCO PLC

(Name of Filing Persons (Offeror))

American Depositary Shares, each representing five ordinary shares of 10 pence each

(Title of Class of Securities)

#### American Depositary Shares (636274102)

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

#### **United Kingdom**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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**CALCULATION OF FILING FEE** 

	Transaction Valuation(1)	Amount of Filing Fee(1)
	Not applicable	Not applicable
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O		Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was tatement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.
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ý	Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary comments.	nunications made before commencement of a tender offer.
Check t	he appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to wh	nich the statement relates:
o	third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.	
ý	issue tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.	
0	going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.	
0	amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.	
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### **EXHIBITS**

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Letter to holders of options under National Grid Transco plc share option plans

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