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“During the current control period RIIO-GD1 from 2013 to 2021, asset management and demand-side responses (working with consumers to reduce demand rather than increase generation) are likely to be the most significant areas of innovation, with smart technology expected to play a key role.”

– Claudia Preedy - B2B analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- What have been the patterns in gas consumption by key end-use industries in recent years?
- What are the projections for annual gas demand by key end-use industries up to 2035?
- What are the drivers for capital investment in the gas supply and distribution industry?
- How do environmental legislation and regulations affect the industry?
- What are the key issues facing the gas supply sector?

Ofgem has adopted a new regulatory framework for the current price control period for gas distribution and transmission networks, known as the RIIO model. A key element of the RIIO approach is to give greater focus to incentives and innovation than the previous regulatory regime. This means new technologies and innovation play a more pivotal role in the efficient operation of the infrastructure network and in achieving operational cost savings. To stimulate investment Ofgem has introduced the Gas Network Innovation Competition, which allows gas network companies to compete annually for funding for the development and demonstration of new technologies.

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