

# Notes on the authors

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**Sir Christopher Bellamy** (b. 1946) is President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal. After qualifying as a barrister, he mainly practised in the fields of competition law, EC law and public law. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1986. From 1992 to 1999 he was a judge of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities. He is also authorised to sit as a High Court judge, a judge of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, and a Recorder of the Crown Court.

**Alistair Buchanan** took up his current position as Chief Executive of Ofgem in October 2003. He began his career as a Chartered Accountant at KPMG. Since then, his working career has been in the financial sector, but closely aligned to utilities. An award-winning analyst, he started at Smith New Court (now Merrill Lynch) where he was one of the central analysts to the privatisations of the electricity industry in the early 1990s, and again in the mid-1990s. From 1995 to 2000, he had a break from UK utilities, and was first Head of Research at BZW, and then moved to New York to run the American Utilities research team for Salomon Smith Barney. On returning to London with DLJ, he looked at European utilities, notably the German companies, which have come to be so important in the UK power scene. Before joining Ofgem he was Head of Utilities Research at ABN Amro and with ABN Rothschild worked with Electricité de France on the early stages of privatisation.

**Nigel Cornwall** (Cornwall Energy Associates) has had an independent energy consultancy business since 1994. He has worked on energy trading and transmission issues in the UK, having project managed the establishment of National Grid Company (NGC) as a civil servant. Over recent years, his work has focused on the England and Wales pool review and New Electricity Trading Arrangements (NETA) implementation, and he was one of the main negotiators for suppliers during the NETA development process. Since then, he has worked with a range of clients in the UK, including Ofgem, Energywatch, ConocoPhillips, Gaz de France and the Adam Smith Institute. He also maintains his links with overseas clients, and regularly collaborates with the Boston Consulting

Group (BCG). He specialises in issues connected with market design, including the role of transmission and system operations in deregulated markets and the associated legal, regulatory, commercial and governance framework. He takes a strong interest in competition issues, working with a variety of smaller players both in the gas and electricity markets. Besides various technical reports on aspects of energy sector operation, he is also a regular contributor to the industry trade press. The Cornwall Energy Associates website is at [www.cornwallenergy.com](http://www.cornwallenergy.com).

**John Fingleton** is Chief Executive of the Office of Fair Trading. Previously he was Chairperson of the Irish Competition Authority. He was appointed for a five-year term in May 2000 and reappointed in May 2005. He studied economics at Trinity College Dublin and Nuffield College Oxford, and then returned to teach economics at Trinity College from 1991 to 2000. He has held visiting positions at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (1995) and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago (1998–2000). His academic research focused on microeconomic theory and competition policy. His publications have covered industrial organisation theory, competition and regulatory policy in Ireland, competition policy in transition economies, the Dublin taxi market, and other topics. Before joining the Authority, he engaged in a variety of consultancy work in Ireland and abroad including expert evidence in several Irish High Court cases. He is a member of Ireland's National Competitiveness Council, Vice Chair of the International Competition Network Steering Committee and Chair of the Association of Competition Economics. He also sits on the boards of several journals that specialise in competition policy.

**Philip Fletcher** was appointed Director General of Water Services on 1 August 2000. From 1 April 2006 he became the Chairman of the successor body, the Water Services Regulation Authority. His previous career was based mainly in central government public service, with an emphasis on financial issues. Ofwat is responsible for the economic regulation of the water industry. Its duties are prescribed by statute, and include the setting of price limits to enable a well-managed company to deliver the required services in a sustainable and efficient way. It has a number of other responsibilities designed to protect the interests of consumers, wherever appropriate through the promotion of competition in the industry.

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**Colin Robinson** was educated at the University of Manchester, and then worked for eleven years as a business economist, mainly in the oil industry, before being appointed in 1968 to the Chair of Economics at the University of Surrey, where he founded the Department of Economics and is now Emeritus Professor. His research is principally in the energy industries and the regulated utilities. He is the author of 23 books and monographs and over 150 journal papers. He is a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, of the Society of Business Economists and of the Institute of Energy. He was named British Institute of Energy Economics 'Economist of the Year' in 1992 and in 1998 received from the International Association for Energy Economics its 'Outstanding

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**Thomas Sharpe QC** taught competition law and regulation at Oxford and was also executive director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies before going to the Bar in 1987, taking silk in 2004. He specialises in cases where law and economics meet and recent interesting cases include acting for Safeway in two Competition Commission references, for the Competition Commission in successfully defending its report on termination charges in judicial review proceedings brought by three of the mobile telephone operators, and acting for electricity generators against Ofgem's attempts to introduce variable transmission losses and the market abuse licence condition. He frequently defends alleged cartellists and abusers of dominant positions in EC Commission and Office of Fair Trading proceedings. He is a member of the editorial or advisory boards of the *European Competition Journal*, *Concurrences*, and the Centre for Competition Policy, University of East Anglia.

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**Tom Winsor** joined White & Case’s London office as a partner in 2004. From 1999–2004, he was UK Rail Regulator and International Rail Regulator, a time of considerable turbulence for the British railway industry. In his period of office, he carried out two major reviews of the financial framework of the British railway industry. He also carried out major reforms of the infrastructure provider’s principal instrument of accountability to the public interest, and of the contractual matrix between Network Rail and the passenger and freight train operators. He also sat in arbitration in major legal disputes in the railway industry. As Rail Regulator, he was also the national competition authority for the British railway industry. He was a member of the group of nine economic regulators of the UK, and the senior member of the convention of European rail regulatory authorities. His practice at White & Case embraces infrastructure projects in the UK, Europe and Asia, and includes the development of work advising clients in regulatory dynamics, competition cases, price reviews, investment protection measures and connected matters. White & Case is a global law firm of 1900 lawyers with 38 offices in 25 countries.

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