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# The OGA's role in the energy transition

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## Objective

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To support fully the UK's transition to a low carbon economy.

When undertaking its functions and within its remit, where applicable the OGA will have regard to minimising carbon emissions from the UK offshore oil and gas sector. The OGA will also use its skills and expertise to work with government, industry and other relevant stakeholders as appropriate to support wider energy transition initiatives.

To engage fully with the energy transition to support MER UK by creating further efficiencies, and contribute to the industry's continued licence to operate.

## The OGA will:

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- a) approve and issue carbon dioxide storage permits and maintain the carbon storage public register
- b) where appropriate, identify opportunities for the development of carbon dioxide storage, including the use of carbon dioxide enhanced oil recovery
- c) support infrastructure re-use and recycling opportunities, including having regard to the development and use of facilities for the storage of carbon dioxide and work with government on its commitments
- d) ensure consistency of the OGA's offshore flaring and venting regime with MER UK and wider government policy, including emissions targets, by eliminating any unnecessary or wasteful flaring and venting of gas
- e) enhance understanding of offshore energy integration, including electrification, hydrogen and regulatory opportunities
- f) support a diverse range of supply chain options building on existing skills and activities
- g) work collaboratively with government and industry to support its wider objectives, including carbon emission reduction commitments, and continue to contribute skills and expertise

## The OGA will not:

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- h) conduct activities in relation to the energy transition that run counter to its statutory duties in respect of MER UK

## When taking decisions, the OGA will consider:

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- i) the principal objective of MER UK and its statutory functions and duties
- j) where applicable, how offshore oil and gas developments can benefit from and support the energy transition, including opportunities for integration and improvements in energy efficiency at the field development stage and through the asset stewardship process
- k) as appropriate, re-use and recycling opportunities, in particular with regard to carbon capture usage and storage projects, as part of the cessation of production and decommissioning processes

