

# Policy on Management and Protection of Nature

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The Board of Directors of Avangrid, Inc. (“Avangrid”) oversees the management of Avangrid and its business with a view to enhance the long-term value of Avangrid. Avangrid is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Iberdrola, S.A. and a member of the group of companies controlled by Iberdrola, S.A. (the “Iberdrola Group”). The Board of Directors of Avangrid (the “Board of Directors”) has approved this *Policy on Management and Protection of Nature* (this “Policy”) to assist in exercising its responsibilities to Avangrid and its stakeholders. This Policy is subject to periodic review and modification by the Board of Directors from time to time. This Policy and Avangrid’s certificate of incorporation, by-laws, corporate governance guidelines and other policies pertaining to corporate governance and regulatory compliance, risk, sustainable development, and social responsibility (collectively, the “Governance and Sustainability System”) form the framework of governance of Avangrid and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Avangrid Group”). Avangrid’s Governance and Sustainability System is inspired by and based on a commitment to ethical principles, transparency and leadership in the application of best practices in good governance and is designed to be a working structure for principled actions, effective decision-making and appropriate monitoring of both compliance and performance. This Policy aligns with and further develops the principles contained in the *Policy on Management and Protection of Nature*, the *Purpose and Values of the Iberdrola Group*, and the *Ethical and Basic Principles of Governance and Sustainability of the Iberdrola Group* approved by the Board of Directors of Iberdrola, S.A. from time to time. This Policy is further developed as regards climate action and biodiversity through the *Climate Action Policy* and the *Biodiversity Policy*, respectively, adopted by the Board of Directors from time to time.

## 1. Purpose

Avangrid is committed to sustainable development and respect for nature and the environment and these important values guide our strategy and actions. Developing a sustainable energy model supported by lower emissions, greater energy efficiency and protection of the environment is essential for sustainable development. Avangrid, as a leading energy company, recognizes the importance of the protection of nature, the prevention of pollution, and the company’s responsibility to take action to protect the environment. In order to achieve its commitment to nature and the environment and to promote environmental sustainability and respect for nature, Avangrid is working on three priority lines of action: climate action; protection of biodiversity; and circular economy. The Board of Directors has adopted this Policy to set forth a framework for these actions and its based on compliance with applicable environmental regulations and best practices.

## 2. Main Principles of Conduct

To achieve Avangrid’s goals on the protection of nature and the environment and promotion of environmental sustainability, the Avangrid Group shall:

- a) comply with applicable environmental laws, regulations and standards, attempt to anticipate compliance with new environmental requirements and implement industry best practices on environmental protection;
- b) develop a sustainable model that is respectful of nature, biodiversity and historical and artistic heritage;
- c) assess, on an ongoing basis, the impact of environmental conditions on the Avangrid Group facilities;
- d) review and update, as needed, the mechanisms used by the Avangrid Group to reduce environmental risks and the environmental impacts of the Avangrid Group activities. The Avangrid Group will take actions aimed

to prevent environmental incidents and to mitigate, or when required, to remediate, adverse environmental impacts, applying the principle of mitigation hierarchy (avoid, minimize, restore and compensate as a last resort) in all activities;

- e) contribute to a sustainable energy model and focus on innovation and the pursuit of efficiencies to ensure that environmental protection is compatible with meeting energy needs and sustainable growth;
- f) improve the circularity of its activities and those of its supply chain, integrating the life cycle and circular economy approach to the management thereof, including the eco-design of infrastructures, and analysis of technology life cycle, as well as promotion of the use of recycled materials;
- g) use natural resources (i.e., land, energy sources, water and raw materials) responsibly and sustainably. Whenever possible, the Avangrid Group will use renewable resources and actively promote and encourage responsible and sustainable use of natural resources by Avangrid stakeholders;
- h) manage hazardous and non-hazardous waste responsibly;
- i) make rational and sustainable use of water, managing the risks relating to water scarcity, improving water quality through reducing discharges and managing effluents, and ensuring that water used is returned to the environment in the desired condition;
- j) consider potential environmental impacts as part of the investment decision-making processes, planning and execution activities including promoting the incorporation of environmental considerations in cost-benefit analyses;
- k) establish and maintain an environmental management system that focuses on the reduction of environmental risks, improvements in the management of resources, and optimization of investments. Avangrid's environmental management system may, among other things, address:
  - (i) efforts to identify, assess and reduce adverse environmental impacts of the activities of the Avangrid Group,
  - (ii) environmental training for employees,
  - (iii) environmental objectives and criteria to monitor accomplishment of the objectives,
  - (iv) environmental programs designed to reduce environmental risks and impacts, and
  - (v) monitoring and assessment of environmental performance;
- l) identify and work to incorporate into the activities of the Avangrid Group best available techniques and practices for energy generation and delivery from an environmental standpoint;
- m) foster, participate and undertake research, development and innovation activities that address environmental challenges and best environmental practices;
- n) conserve, protect and promote the development and growth of natural heritage;
- o) establish mechanisms and indicators to measure environmental performance that produce meaningful information that can be used effectively in business decision-making processes;
- p) encourage the supply chain, contractors and others doing business with the Avangrid Group to adopt policies consistent with those adopted by Avangrid. The Avangrid Group shall consider environmental performance when selecting supply chain members, contractors and other service providers;

- q) in accordance with the Stakeholder Engagement Policy, establish a constructive dialogue with governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, local communities and other Stakeholders on environmental protection matters to:
  - (i) understand each party's concerns and environmental objectives,
  - (ii) work jointly to address environmental challenges, and
  - (iii) contribute to the development of effective environmental public policies that are also economically efficient;
- r) report transparently on environmental risks, environmental performance and environmental protection-related actions.

### **3. Implementation and Monitoring**

For the implementation and monitoring of the provisions of this Policy, the Board of Directors is assisted by the Sustainability Division (or such divisions as assumes the powers thereof at any time), which shall establish a procedure for regular monitoring and reporting to the governance bodies and which shall act in coordination with the appropriate corporate areas at the Iberdrola Group, in accordance with the Iberdrola Group's procedures for such purposes.