

RenewableUK's Chief Executive to Champion Wind, Wave and Tidal Energy



Hugh McNeal has been appointed as RenewableUK's chief executive. He will take up his new post in April 2016. He is currently director of Change at the Department of Energy and Climate Change, improving the Department's efficiency and delivering financial savings.

Mr McNeal has worked as a civil servant for a substantial part of his career. His roles have included chief executive of the Office for Renewable Energy Deployment at DECC, and deputy director of Low Carbon Business at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

He takes over as Chief Executive from Maria McCaffery MBE, who has headed the organisation since June 2006. During that time, she has overseen a significant expansion

in the deployment of onshore and offshore wind, as well as the development of wave and tidal energy.

According to RenewableUK's Chairman Julian Brown, Maria's achievements as CEO have been extraordinary. When she took on the role, 1% of the UK's electricity was generated by wind. By 2015, that had increased to 11%.

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