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Subject: FW: Utility Regulator Consultation on Power NI Price Control 2017

Importance: High

Dear Chris,

Following on from the correspondence below, we are finalising the decision paper and would be keen to meet with you to discuss the impacts of a change in scope of the price control on your members.

Samantha from our office will be in touch with you to help set this up – hopefully we can find a time that suits

Thanks very much

Nicola

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From: Sweeney, Nicola
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Dear Chris,

It was unfortunate you were unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday we had very useful debate with the attendees – we are still really keen that you submit a response to the consultation so that your views can be taken into consideration in the decision paper – especially Question 8 – as this is most relevant as we envisages things such as tariff transparency/duty to offer terms & reasonable deposits etc will be important to your members.

If you have any queries just let me know

Kind regards

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Dear All,

You may be aware that we recently published the consultation paper for the next Power NI Price Control on our website:

http://www.uregni.gov.uk/news/consultation_on_power_ni_supply_price_control_2017_spc17

The paper discusses the 'minded to' proposals for 2017 onwards. You will note that the UR is proposing that there should be an extension to the current control of two years – the reasons are detailed within the paper itself.

More importantly for you and the groups you represent, the paper proposes a reduction in scope to the coverage of the price control. This will mean that 0-50MWh market will no longer be subject to a price control. This will mean that no small business customers will be able to avail of the regulated tariff.

The main reason for this is that Power NI are no longer a dominant player in the small business market. There is now clear and identifiable competition in the small I&C market and as such the UR must treat all suppliers the same. A price control on Power NI alone is no longer justified as it is no longer dominant.

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In this context we are offering an open meeting with you on the 28th of June at 12pm at the UR offices this will cover:

- The reasons for the reduction in scope;
- Opportunity for you to voice your views/concerns;
- Increasing the awareness of the groups you represent in relation to options to switch and active engagement in the market etc; and
- Potential measures that you think could be put in place alongside de-scoping to increase transparency for small business customers e.g. database sharing amongst suppliers/tariff transparency through publication of tariff rates.

We would be keen for you or a representative from your organisation to come to this meeting so that you can take the opportunity to put forward your thoughts.

I will follow this email up with a meeting request.

Kindest regards

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