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FAO Ofgem Future Charging and Access Team,

**Gazprom Energy Response to the Ofgem Consultation on DNOs request for directions to temporarily disapply the current DUoS charges notification periods**

Thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to the consultation letter on the DNOs request for directions to temporarily disapply the current DUoS charges notification periods.

We have concerns with this request from the DNOs and **do not support** its implementation. Reducing the requirement to provide notice of DUoS charges from the current 15 months will increase uncertainty for supplies and, ultimately, their consumers.

The current arrangements allow suppliers to process relevant pricing information in a timely manner, ensuring transparency and certainty well in advance. This in turn greatly benefits customers, in particular those on pricing contracts that are materially reliant on the timely disclosure of distribution charges.

Whilst we acknowledge the difficulties the DNOs reference with regards to the new charging control framework and the possible disruption before the final determinations are published, we believe the benefit of advanced notice of charges outweighs the risk of possible under/over-recovery over the succeeding years.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to this Consultation Letter. Should you have any questions in relation to our response please do not hesitate to contact Alex Mann, our Senior Regulatory Advisor, [alexander.mann@gazprom-energy.com](mailto:alexander.mann@gazprom-energy.com), in the first instance.

Kind regards,

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