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Submitted to Standing charges: domestic retail options
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Case for change

1 Do you have any views on our case for change?

Please use this text box to tell us about any views you have on our case for change.:

Standing charges were increased as a direct result of the pandemic so that energy companies could keep turning over when few companies were operating and consuming kWh. They should now revert to where they were pre pandemic.

Considerations for moving operating costs from standing charges to unit rates

2 What are your views on the range (£20 to £100) of operating costs we are considering shifting from standing charges to unit rates? Should it be higher? Within this range, is there a value you would favour and why?

Please use this text box to tell us your views.:

Should be lower end.

3 What are your views on the trade-offs and impacts we have identified for consumers and suppliers? Should any of these take more or less significance in our assessment, and are there any important impacts we have not considered?

Please use this text box to tell us your views on the trade-offs and impacts we have identified for consumers and suppliers:

Only by charging by kWh consumption can companies hope to address their energy efficiency and energy conservation and achieve any real benefit from this. If they are to achieve net zero, they need to tackle their consumption and consequent emissions. Seeing now change in their bills as a result of standing charges firmly discourages such actions.

4 What are the changes required, if any, to the price cap to facilitate a reduction in the level of the operating costs charged through the standing charge?

Please use this text box to tell us what changes are required, if any.:

Standing charges should now revert to where they were pre pandemic. Focus of payments should lie in consumption.

Increasing consumer choice through tariff diversification

5 Could mandating suppliers to have at least one low or no standing charge tariff available to customers help promote competition in this area of the market?

Yes

Please use this text box to give us more details about your answer.:

But consumption kWh fees must remain reasonable with tariffs with low or no standing charges. UK ends to break away from the last price model.

6 How could we create flexibility in how costs are recovered between the unit rate and standing charge without reducing the protection provided by the cap?

Please use this text box to suggest ways we could create flexibility in cost recovery without reducing protection provided by the cap.:

Invest much more heavily in renewable energy and storage.

7 In exploring alternative approaches to price cap compliance, what, if any, safeguards would be needed to protect vulnerable consumers?

Please use this text box to give us your views on the safeguards needed to protect vulnerable customers.:

8 What are the key considerations we should take into account in developing options for smoothing spend for prepayment meter customers?

Please use this text box to suggest key considerations we should take into account in developing options for smoothing spend for prepayment meter customers.:

Ensure that vulnerable households cannot be cut off.

Network and policy cost allocation

9 Do you have any views on our considerations for the allocation of network and policy costs?

Please use this text box to give us your views.:

The network is a Government / National asset and such infrastructure should broadly be funded by the public purse.

Tell us any other views about this options paper

10 If you have any other views related to the topics in this options paper, please tell us about them.

Please use this text box to tell us about any other views that have not been covered.:

The is no case for maintaining standing charges as they were set for the pandemic, this many years after the event. It looks like extortion and is limiting company's ambitions and belief in addressing energy efficiency which is fundamental to acheiving the legal requirements of ten Climate Change Act (2008).

About you

11 What is your name?

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12 What is your email address?

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13 Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

14 If you're responding on behalf on an organisation, please tell us the name of the organisation.

Organisation:

CLS Energy (Consultancy) Ltd

15 If responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us what type of organisation you represent. If you are responding as an individual you can leave this blank.

Environmental group

If you answered 'other', please use this text box to tell us which organisation you represent. :

16 Tell us which sector you work in.

Electricity and gas

If you answered 'other', please use this text box to tell us which sector you work in. :

17 Do any of your responses contain confidential information?

No

If any of your responses contain confidential information, please use this text box to clearly explain which parts of your response you wish to be kept confidential. We will publish your name as part of the response unless you tell us not to. :

Feedback

18 How easy was the information to understand?

Easy

Please use this text box to tell about any other comments you may have.:

19 How easy was it using this platform (Citizen Space)?

Easy

Please use this text box to tell about any other comments you may have.: