

## Response ID ANON-NWYC-1QTH-Y

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.:

Having read through 'some' of the case for change discussion paper we, the Trustees of a small Village Hall that has invested in a PV Array with a battery storage facility, that due to the power generation in the 'lighter' months of the year, has allowed us to provide electricity free of charge to our Users with no increase in our basic Hire Charges.

We all agree that your basic proposal that daily standing charges should be drastically reduced by allowing the supplied kWh rate to be increased. We would also like to see a statement that where 'better' rates are advertised by other Providers, we, the Users, can, by giving 3 months notice to our current Provider, change Contracts to another Provider without being subject to closure of contract charges.

Our supply contract with EDF was based on a daily standing charge of 25p a day and electricity at 35p per kWh. Our contract finishes on the 1st October and the 'best' new contract we can obtain with EDF is 28.7p per kWh and a 60p daily standing charge. A 25p per day increase which equates to an additional £91 a year. Based on our current annual usage and the new pricing regime we estimate our electricity bill will rise by @£80 a year.

What really annoys us is that through our generation facility we export significant amounts of power through a Feed In Tariff agreement with EDF. But we supply them with electricity and they pay us @ 9p per kWh for it AND then sell on to Customers at @30p per kWh.

WE average around £350 a year income from the FIT and this just about covers our PV Array System Maintenance Contract. Effectively we don't profit from it.

It's not fair, the Electricity Providers are getting cheap electricity from people like us and then selling it on at a major mark up to their Customers.

Please, make them pay a reasonable rate for the electricity we supply to them AND make them reduce their daily standing charge back to where it was. PLEASE.

Is the current system in place so that they can make huge profits and pay their Execs. huge bonuses? It feels like it.

### 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.:

We agree with the proposal, but in our circumstances with the PV Array and Battery Storage System we have installed we believe that the range of operating costs being put on unit rates should be much higher.

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:

We recognise the trade-offs identified and believe that you have fully recognised the impacts and trade-offs necessary.

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.:

As a very small Village Hall we believe any changes to the price cap to facilitate a reduction in the daily standing charge would be acceptable.

### 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.:

We totally support mandating Suppliers to have one low, or preferably no, standing charge to allow competition and CUSTOMER CHOICE.

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.:

We had no suggestions!

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.:

We had no suggestions.

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.:

We had no suggestions

## 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.:

Nationalisation of the Industry would provide better controls and management than the current multi-national Supplier maximises profits scenario.

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.:

Please base any recommendations on achieving the best deal for the General Public.

## About you

11 What is your name?

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:  
Polruan Village Hall

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.

Charity

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 only

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?

Hard

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

Ever section was, no doubt of necessity, very detailed. So as a small Village Charity we have just expressed our opinions and concerns.

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

Very easy

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