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Dear Daniel,

Market Stabilisation Charge licence condition Consultation response

Xoserve supported RECCo in the previous Market Stabilisation Charge period in 2022 – 2024 to provide the base level switching information to the MSC Scheme Administrator.

We do not comment on the efficacy of the scheme as other industry parties will be significantly better placed to comment whether it delivered the intended stability to Supplier business and consequently the consumer benefit

We do wish to highlight the inconsistent classification of domestic / non domestic premises by different Suppliers meaning that clarity on the scope of the Supply Meter Points to be considered within the scheme should be set out. We note that the effects of volatile gas prices might also incentivise non domestic premises to seek to obtain the protections of domestic contracts – so increasing the instances of non domestic premises moving to being a domestic premises at the time of securing supply from a new Supplier. We would welcome clarity from Ofgem on the scope of the scheme AND guidance that they can provide (or re-iterate) to Suppliers to ensure the correct classification of premises as domestic or non domestic. We acknowledge that since the introduction of the first period of the Market Stabilisation Charge that Ofgem have undertaken a number of consultations on this subject.

The form of clarity that Ofgem can provide would be:

- whether the scheme is intended to apply to Supply Points classified as domestic by the losing Supplier (i.e. the party that has needed to hedge the gas to support the price cap). We would welcome clarity on the extent to which the classification of the new Supplier should be considered in the scheme, AND
- whether the scheme applies in anyway to Suppliers that do not have a domestic supply licence or that do not include (materially) domestic premises in their Supply Portfolio



Whilst we acknowledge that the above matters relate to scheme implementation matters, we do think that this is important to establish Ofgem's intent as part of the scheme, and that time is afforded for these matters to be reflected in the Retail Energy Code.

Kind regards,

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