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Q1. Do you agree with our proposal to exempt suppliers with fewer than 50,000 domestic customers from the USO?

Yes. This may be necessary for community energy schemes to proceed. This may depend on the much-delayed approval and final details of P441. We have a 1 MW PV farm in the pipeline, planning permission and community stakeholding in place, to supply consumers in our village, Humshaugh in Northumberland. We would like to supply about 100 properties, some in fuel poverty. Thus the 50,000 is way in excess of what would suit us, but larger community schemes or aggregations of such scheme (to reduce management costs) could be several thousand. We may have to become suppliers directly if the implementation of local trading under P441 is not attractive to the larger suppliers to support community energy schemes with customer management and billing.

Q2. Do you agree with our assessment of risks, and proposed mitigations?

Yes. Clearly there are risks and these need to be managed, but none are particularly difficult to mitigate.

Regards,

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