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Dear Madam


Consultation on Regulation of Independent Gas Transporter Charging

Homes for Scotland, formerly the Scottish House Builders Association is the representative body for the house building and residential development industry in Scotland. Its members are responsible for over 85% of all new houses and flats constructed in Scotland.

In that context my members have a direct and regular involvement with gas suppliers and transporters. Their experience leads them to fully support the introduction of a regulatory regime in relation to gas transporter charging. The present arrangements are difficult to manage and monitor and it seems unlikely that either the developer or the house purchaser are always being equitably treated.

Homes for Scotland would therefore advocate a system of regulation that would provide transparency and a charging and costing system that is both understandable and consistent in the basis of costing and charging that transporters use.

Yours sincerely


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