

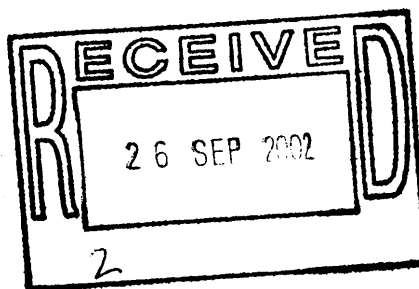


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Dear Mr Thorne

Electricity Act Schedule 9 statement consultation

The Confederation of UK Coal Producers (Coalpro) represents member companies who produce over 80% of UK coal output. The great majority of this production is sold to the electricity generation industry. Coalpro therefore takes a close interest in all developments affecting that industry.

There is only one matter raised in this consultation paper on which Coalpro wishes to comment. Coalpro is concerned that some statutory consultees have apparently argued that the Schedule 9 statement should be extended to emissions. Coalpro agrees with Ofgem and the clear consensus to emerge from the informal consultation that the major focus of Schedule 9 should continue to be **as** set out at para. 4.14 of this consultation paper. Broader issues such as air quality and greenhouse gas emissions are dealt with by other legislative and policy instruments and should not fall under Schedule 9.

Yours sincerely

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