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Dear Cemil Atlin,

Electricity Distribution Price Control Review

I am responding to Ofgem's consultation on the distribution price review on behalf of the British Hydropower Association (BHA). The BHA is the trade association for the UK hydropower industry. With over 100 members, the Association represents a wide range of interests: consulting engineers, manufacturers, designers, investment and operations and specialist service providers (e.g. legal firms). The BHA represents a wide range of generators from the small to the largest UK generator of renewable electricity.

The BHA welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation document. The interests of our members relate specifically to support for distributed generation. We would like to see a system in place that provided an incentive to Distribution Network Operators to connect distributed generators.

We would like to see greater incentives put in place to encourage generators, communities and individuals to install distributed generation. We note that in discussion on incentives, the paper refers to a revenue driver in terms of £/MW whereas most small and mini hydropower projects would be substantially below 1MW and would be in hundreds or even tens of kW and we are concerned that any system of distribution price control is simple to administer so that it does not act as a disincentive to small distributed generation units. We believe that the designation of areas as Registered Power Zones could help to encourage the development of distributed generation.

Yours sincerely,

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