RPZ - SPRU Response - Jim Watson.txt From: Jim Watson [W.J.Watson@sussex.ac.uk] Sent: 22 August 2003 09:56 To: Gareth Evans Cc: Catherine Mitchell; Nick Jenkins; Goran Strbac Subject: SPRU Response - Jim Watson

Dear Mr Evans

I am writing in response to the recent Ofgem discussion paper on Innovation and Registered Power Zones. I understand you are responsible for collecting responses to this paper.

Unfortunately, due to holidays, I have not had enough time to develop a formal response to the paper - either individually, or to co-ordinate a response with my colleagues in the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. However, I would like to take the opportunity to express my own broad support for this initiative. It is important that DNOs are given a direct incentive to develop their R,D&D activities in distributed generation, and that these activities are clearly linked to the commercialisation of new approaches to network operation and management. It is also welcome that the discussion paper proposes that the costs of conducting some of these activities will be allowed for in the DNO's price control. This is something I and others argued for in the Tyndall Centre's oral evidence to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee last year.

I would also like to register my interest in participating in the workshop that is planned for October or November. I would be very grateful if you could send me further details of this when they become available.

Thanks for your assistance.

Yours Sincerely Dr. Jim Watson SPRU, University of Sussex & Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research.

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