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Dear Gary,

Electricity distribution rebates to suppliers

ScottishPower welcomes this opportunity to respond to the Ofgem consultation on electricity rebates to suppliers.

The main concern that we would like to highlight is the fact that from a Suppliers perspective it is difficult to validate the rebate invoices received from the Distributor, as we are not advised of the amount by which a Distributor has exceeded the capped level. Currently Suppliers have to accept the rebates as they arrive but it would perhaps be better if they were advised by Ofgem of what Distributors owe in advance. A mechanism by which Suppliers are able to verify the amount of rebates received from Distributors would provide a check and balance within the system.

If you would like to discuss this issue further or raise any other issues concerning rebates to suppliers please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy McCalman Regulation Analyst