

Consultation regarding transfer objections under deemed contracts for non-domestic customers

Dear Joanne,

I represent the CIPS Energy Committee and we would like to express an opinion on the above consultation.

The committee feels that objections should not be permitted in any circumstances. Indeed, **especially** where a customer is being supplied under a deemed contract. In circumstances such as deemed contracts it would probably be the customers wish to terminate and move supplier as soon as possible. We feel that certain suppliers would/may misuse the "right to object" clause to retain the customer on a potentially 'unfair' contract and charge higher than average rates.

We believe that **all** contracts should be on the same basis whether deemed or not and that the supplier should not have a right to object when a customer attempts to move to another supplier in both gas and electricity markets.

Regards

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