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Dear Mr Cooke

Ofgem Consultation on The Regulatory Implications of Domestic-Scale Microgeneration

The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) is pleased to have the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the Regulatory Implications of Domestic-Scale Microgeneration.

The IEE's 120,000 members represent a wide range of expertise, from technical experts to business leaders, encompassing a wealth of professional experience and knowledge, independent of commercial interests. This response has been prepared on behalf of the IEE Trustees by the Environment & Energy Expert Group. Information on this group can be found at: <http://www.iee.org/Policy/Areas/>.

The IEE welcomes this consultation as a means of anticipating issues that may arise for users of microgeneration. We have no comments to make on the specific recommendations in the consultation, which we consider to be a good foundation for a thorough and strategic approach to regulating this new and potentially significant development in the electricity market. We would however like to make two general recommendations on what we believe should be the guiding principles of a regulatory strategy for microgeneration:

- Within the constraint of achieving safe operation, there ought to be as few regulatory barriers as possible;
- Arrangements should be made as simple as possible for customers, who are likely to include many private individuals with limited expertise and resources.

The IEE will be making a substantial response to the DTI's consultation on microgeneration. This submission will be published in due course, and we would be very happy to discuss our general views on this topic should you feel them to be of relevance to your evolving regulatory programme.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Graham Paterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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