

Dear Robert,

I'm a member of OFGEM's Environmental Advisory Group, and wondered if it would be too late to submit a short response to the TPCR consultation, next week.

In the meantime, the main point we would make is that, just as Ofgem has considered adjusting transmission pricing to reflect the environmental costs and benefits of carbon and visual amenity we would argue for the same recognition to be given to conservation interests, especially for sites that have international protection under the Birds and Habitats Directives. These Directives provide much more powerful legal protection for conservation interests than any corresponding protection afforded to visual amenity and landscape, a fact which presumably reflects the value society attaches to wildlife conservation interests.

I hope these views can be taken into account. I will expand on these points if there is an opportunity.

Best wishes,

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