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Dear Sarah,

Re: Monitoring suppliers' social initiatives – proposed reporting framework

I attach Scottish and Southern Energy's response to the above consultation.

Scottish & Southern Energy welcome the industry agreement to collectively increase expenditure targeted towards alleviating fuel poverty. We believe that public concern about fuel poverty means that the implementation of this agreement will continue to come under significant scrutiny. As we stated in our previous letter to you, we believe there is a greater requirement than usual for transparency, consistency and credibility in the way in which the industry is measured against this target.

We are concerned that the framework as proposed will not do enough to ensure both transparency and credibility of suppliers' efforts. Once again, we repeat our firmly held belief that in order for a 'social tariff' to justify the name, the tariff should be the cheapest tariff a supplier has on offer. We discuss this in detail in our response.

Finally, if you have any queries or wish more detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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