

## **Submission to the consultation on addressing unfair price differentials**

I would like to bring to Ofgem's attention a proposal for requiring energy providers to include detailed information on bills indicating whether a customer is on the cheapest available tariff for their pattern of energy use, how much they might save by switching to a cheaper tariff, and how they might go about changing. I am not suggesting that providers should publicise competitors' tariffs, only their own where these are cheaper than what a customer is currently paying. Lack of information is one of the biggest barriers to customers saving money on energy.

This was the subject of a letter I wrote to Alistair Buchanan, Chief Executive of Ofgem, on 9<sup>th</sup> February. I have raised the idea with the Energy Retail Association, which is now looking into its viability. When I raised this matter at DECC Questions in Parliament, the Secretary of State greeted the suggestion positively and mentioned that Ofgem is already doing work in this area. Meanwhile, 51 of my colleagues have signed Early Day Motion 749 (Cheapest Tariff Information on Energy Bills) which I tabled on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

I hope this idea will be useful in the ongoing debate about unfair price differentials.

Yours faithfully,

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