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Dear colleague,

### **Half-day workshop on governance of the Second Tier of the Low Carbon Networks (LCN) Fund**

On 24 February 2010 Ofgem published Notice of the publication of the LCN Fund Governance Document v1 which covers governance arrangements for the First Tier of the LCN Fund and a consultation letter on aspects for the governance of the Second Tier of the LCN Fund.<sup>1</sup> This consultation included an invitation to attend a workshop in late March. We would like to thank all those who have already expressed an interest in attending such an event and extend the invite further to those who may not have seen our consultation document.

The workshop will be held on **Tuesday 30 March 2010** at Ofgem's offices at **9 Millbank**, central London. We anticipate the event will run from **9:00 to 13:00** with lunch and further discussion afterwards.

#### **Agenda**

The workshop will include an Ofgem presentation providing a high level overview of the LCN Fund, what the LCN Fund hopes to achieve and how we envisage it operating. There will also be a presentation from the Energy Networks Association (ENA) providing an overview of the DNOs' plans, including how they intend to facilitate collaboration with third parties on LCN projects and highlighting the opportunities for such collaboration. Following on from this there will be a Q&A session where attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions on the LCN Fund.

The second part of the workshop will comprise interactive sessions to discuss the four questions set out in the consultation<sup>2</sup> letter. These questions are repeated below;

1. The criteria we might use in screening projects for inclusion in the annual competition for Second Tier funding. This includes initial screening of summaries of the bid to reach a shortlist of bidders who would be invited to submit full proposals.
2. The evaluation criteria we might use in assessing which project proposals receive Second Tier Funding.

<sup>1</sup> LCN Governance Document v1 is available at:

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/NETWORKS/ELECDIST/LCNF/Documents1/LCN%20Fund%20Governance%20Document%20v1.pdf>

Notice under the licence and the consultation letter is available at:

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/NETWORKS/ELECDIST/LCNF/Documents1/LCNGovernanceTier1NoticeLtter.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> This was a notice under charge restriction condition 13 and consultation

3. The arrangements we should put in place regarding the treatment of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs);
4. The criteria we might use to allocate the Discretionary Reward.

Prior to the workshop, we plan to expand on each of these questions and highlight some of the issues we consider relevant to each of them. We hope to use breakout sessions at the workshop to gather further views and ideas on these issues and to inform our thinking. Further details will be circulated alongside a detailed agenda in the week prior to the Workshop.

### **Attendance**

If you are able to attend the workshop on this date then please could you confirm this to [lcfund@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:lcfund@ofgem.gov.uk) by **5pm** on **Wednesday 17 March 2010**.

It would also be helpful if, as part of your confirmation, you could indicate which of the discussion question(s) from above you would most be interested in contributing to.

Yours faithfully,

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