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Dear Colleague

**Half-day workshop on the electricity distribution charging boundary between higher (EDCM) and lower (CDCM) voltages**

On 15 June 2010, Ofgem published an impact assessment consultation document on the charging boundary between EHV and HV/LV customers ([click here to download a copy](#)). The document sets out options for determining the charging boundary, factors for evaluating the options and an assessment of the potential impacts based on the initial evidence provided by DNOs. We included an invitation to attend a workshop in late June to encourage discussion and to ensure affected parties understand the options, impacts and potential next steps. The financial impacts could be very significant for a minority of existing customers.

This workshop will follow a workshop by the Distribution Network Operators<sup>1</sup> on the EDCM on the same day, at the same venue. **The event will run from 14:30 to 17:30 on 28 June, at Ropemaker Street, London. EC2Y 9HT** ([click here for directions](#)).

*Agenda*

The workshop will provide an overview of the boundary issue, possible options and next steps, followed by interactive discussion and Q&A sessions<sup>2</sup>. The draft areas for discussion are as follows:

- The criteria for determining the boundary.
- Attendees' views on which of the options are potentially discriminatory, and whether such discrimination can be objectively justified.
- Discussion of views on the illustrative boundary charging impacts.
- A discussion on attendees' preferred options, with reasons.

We will set out the specific questions for discussion at the workshop. In the meantime, we welcome any suggestions around workshop content and queries about the arrangements for the workshop. It would be helpful if you could indicate which of the discussion areas/questions you would most be interested in contributing to.

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<sup>1</sup> Details at <http://2010.energynetworks.org/standards-of-performance>

<sup>2</sup> Details can be found in the agenda in box 'Associated documents' at <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Networks/ElecDist/Policy/DistChrgs/Pages/DistChrgs.aspx>.

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Please confirm your interest to attend the boundary workshop to Craig Handford ([craig.handford@engage-consulting.co.uk](mailto:craig.handford@engage-consulting.co.uk)). For any other enquiries about the workshop, please contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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