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FAO: Mark Cox

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Dear Mark,

Re - Open letter consultation: Potential Significant Code Reviews (SCRs)

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your open letter dated 12 August 2010.

ElectraLink welcomes the opportunity to comment on Ofgem's thinking with regard to the SCRs and appreciates the clarity provided within the letter and the supporting guidance. As an organisation at the heart of the industry, we are supportive of the key principles set out within both documents and understand the important role the regulator will play as initiator of these large scale reviews with potentially extensive consumer impact.

ElectraLink considers that the three SCR candidates selected by Ofgem are suitable to commence during 2010/2011. We note with particular interest the proposed 'Smart metering impact on wider industry processes' and see considerable benefit in this work being managed centrally by Ofgem across the Industry Codes with consumer impact high on the agenda.

We are committed to supporting the operation, governance and ongoing development of the industry through our thought leadership and sector leading code administration services provided to SPAA and DCUSA. We are actively examining the potential for an incremental approach to technical interoperability that supports smart metering deployments in both the short and longer-term market models and have already done a considerable amount of work to assess the impact of smart metering on industry processes. As a provider of both gas and electricity market interoperability data, we have a unique perspective on these matters and look forward to contributing to the proposed review.

In addition to the three SCR candidates identified, Ofgem is considering whether transmission charging arrangements should be reviewed through a SCR. We note that a consultation may be issued at a later date. ElectraLink is supportive of this proposal and would be interested in responding to such a consultation.

Please contact me directly by email to elizabeth.lawlor@electralink.co.uk should you require any additional information.

Yours Sincerely,

Elizabeth Lawlor
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