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Dear Colleague,

Workshop invitation 8 October 2010 - Governance options for gas and electricity distribution connection charging methodologies

In March this year we published our Code Governance Review Final Proposals¹ document that set out, amongst other things, our view that distribution connection charging methodologies for both gas and electricity should have open governance arrangements.

Following this we published a document summarising responses² to our earlier consultation on a common electricity distribution connection charging methodology. This was published alongside our decisions on the changes proposed by the Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) to bring their connection charging methodologies into line with the common methodology. In our summary document we set out our thoughts on the future development of the governance arrangements for the common electricity distribution connection charging methodology. We also set out our view that DNOs should bring forward proposals setting out the approach they intend to take to introduce such common governance arrangements.

To start discussions on this and encourage parties to bring forward proposals on common governance arrangements for **gas and electricity** connection charging methodologies, we are holding a stakeholder workshop. The workshop will include presentations from representatives of the DNOs and the Gas Distribution Network operators. It will also be an opportunity for interested parties to hear Ofgem's views on how these arrangements should be progressed and to put forward their own opinions. The workshop will take place at:

9.30am, Friday 8 October 2010, at Ofgem, 9 Millbank, London, SW10 3GE.

¹ http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Licensing/IndCodes/CGR/Documents1/CGR Finalproposals 310310.pdf

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As numbers are limited, if you wish to attend the workshop, please contact Roberta Fernie (Roberta.fernie@ofgem.gov.uk) before Tuesday 5 October 2010.

Yours sincerely,

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