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## Consumer Consortium & Community Events

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### Consumer Consortium

A key part of the Thames Valley Vision Low Carbon Network Fund bid is the engagement of industrial & commercial (I&C) and SME customers. As part of this endeavour SSE have set about organising a programme of events where we (as a DNO) have spoken directly to the largest customers in Bracknell to get 'sign on' for our project. All energy suppliers were also invited and the response so far has been fantastic with companies such as Dell, BMW, BT, Waitrose/ John Lewis, Cable & Wireless, Boehringer Ingelheim, Syngenta all showing interest in our bid.

The companies listed above have all been briefed on our 'smarter grid' project and are keen to be a part of it, many have sent a letter of intent as an early indication of their interest. (Please see appendix 2 for an example).

Our vision in the Thames Valley is to leave a legacy regardless of our success in the LCNF and we agree with Ofgem's philosophy that DNO's should again be speaking to customers. With these points in mind it was decided that we should start our programme of events pre bid submission. This is exactly what we did and it has now been provisionally agreed that the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce will run the event as a part of their programme of events on a quarterly basis. This is an arena for the Large I&C's in Bracknell and the Thames Valley to discuss ideas with us as the DNO and progress a smart grid vision.

SSE will set about developing new commercial agreements with the TVV Consumer Consortium and will be exploring DSR/ ADR solutions with many of the members.

Please see appendix 1 for a collage of pictures from the first Consumer Consortium meeting that took place in Bracknell on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

### Community Events

As part of the TVV we also want to get engaged with the community to give the younger generation of energy users a greater connection to where there energy comes from, and how we distribute it to them. On the 24<sup>th</sup> August the team went to a local activity centre in Bracknell, this visit was well received in the community and gave the centre a unique learning experience. (pictures can be seen in appendix 3 of this document).

## Appendix 1







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Dear Mr Stannard

**RE: LETTER OF INTENT - Thames Valley Vision LCNF Bid ('The Project')**

This letter of intent relates specifically to SSE's 'Thames Valley Vision' Low Carbon Network Fund Bid. We understand that an integral part of this bid is the engagement of third parties that will assist in gaining knowledge, learning and experience that can be disseminated across the UK energy industry.

Further to discussions we have held with you over the project mentioned above (the "Project"), we hereby confirm that we intend to work with you to agree terms on which we can engage with you on the Project. Of course, the exact nature of our involvement will depend on the outcome of those negotiations.

We wish you the best of luck in your bid, and look forward to working with SSE on this exciting and innovative project.

Yours sincerely

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### Appendix 3

