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Dear Ynon,

Voltages – proposed implementation date

EDF Energy is one of the UK's largest energy companies. We provide 50% of the UK's low carbon generation. Our interests include nuclear, coal and gas-fired electricity generation, renewables, combined heat and power plants, and energy supply to end users. We have over 5 million electricity and gas customer accounts in the UK, including both residential and business users.

We are happy for this letter to be published on the Ofgem website.

EDF Energy welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation, which we will do in due course. This letter is an early response on Question 2.2 at the request of Ofgem.

In Question 2.2 Ofgem asks: *"Should we approve the methodology, do you agree with our proposal to implement it in full from 1 April 2012? If not, why is phasing-in charges or delaying implementation appropriate?"*

A full implementation from 1 April 2012 will give distribution network users clear signals to ensure efficient use of the existing infrastructure and to contain the amount of new investment that customers ultimately have to pay for. Any attempt to phase the implementation will remove these clear signals and rewards, being unfair to those customers who would have to cross subsidise others.

We are keen to see network maintenance costs and the funding of new investment allocated fairly across different customers. It is important that appropriate rewards are available for network users who manage their demand or generation patterns to reduce the use of the network at peak times.

Therefore, EDF Energy supports the full implementation on the planned date of 1 April 2012.

I hope you find these comments useful, however if you wish to discuss this response further please contact either of my colleagues Simon Vicary on 02031262168, or Julia Haughey on 02031262167.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Delamare".

Paul Delamare
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