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Dear Sir / Madam

Low Carbon Networks Fund – electricity demand

I write with regards to the publication of the above letter which consults on the amendment of the Low Carbon Networks (LCN) Fund governance to allow DNOs to trial measures that shift or reduce electricity demand through LCN Fund projects.

Please find below my responses to the questions posed:

1. Do you agree that trialling electricity demand reduction or shifting through the LCN Fund could provide DNOs with valuable learning on their role in supporting the development of a low carbon economy?

Definitely yes, DNOs would benefit from trialling electricity demand reduction solutions. It would allow them to consider technologies which they may previously have not been aware of or have been unable to make use of.

2. Does the drafting proposed in annex 1 facilitate the trialling of electricity demand reduction or shifting through the LCN Fund?

The proposed changes will provide DNOs with the opportunity to test and trial credible technologies such as domestic voltage optimisation. Voltage optimisation is the quickest and most cost effective way of reducing the energy consumption of electrical appliances. Energy consumption can potentially be reduced by up to 12% per annum, playing a key role in reducing the demand on the Distribution Network.

Any amendment to the fund rules which allows DNO's to leverage benefit from the very latest innovative solutions, must be good news for the UK as a whole.

I trust you will consider the responses above when revising the next version of the Low Carbon Networks Fund Governance Document and look forward to the publishing of the new document in 2013.

Yours faithfully



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