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Thank you for giving organisations like ours the opportunity to comment on the work of Ofgem going forward.

We broadly support the direction of travel for Ofgem in 2013-14. In particular, we would like to comment on specific areas identified by Ofgem that matter to our members but also the wider community.

Promoting security of supply applies to both electric generation and gas availability. We would urge Ofgem to ensure as a matter of urgency that gas security of supply issues are addressed. EUA published in September 2012 our policy position on Gas Security of Supply which I would draw your attention to
<http://www.eua.org.uk/sites/default/files/Gas%20Security%20of%20Supply%20-%20Policy%20statement.pdf>

We also welcome the emphasis placed on promoting sustainability. One area we believe is understated is that concerning those currently off grid. Extending the gas network to fuel poor off-grid consumers ideally needs more attention and funding to deliver the many benefits connection brings. Our policy position on the issue of rural fuel poverty can be found at <http://www.eua.org.uk/sites/default/files/Rural%20Fuel%20Poverty%20-%20Policy%20statement.pdf>

We are more than happy to engage further with Ofgem on this issue and would be more than willing to help Ofgem deliver upon its ambitions in this area.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

