

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find below the BEAMA response to your consultation on the application of MRP to Electric Vehicles.

BEAMA is the UK's electrical industry manufacturers association and operates the BEAMA EV Infrastructure project bringing together manufacturers of EV charging units and components. Our primary aim is to see the successful growth of a safe and interoperable EV charging network across the UK

BEAMA welcomes the proposed changes to MRP as outlined in annex 1 of your consultation letter Ref 180/12.

We believe EV charging service providers should be free to develop the pricing model they see fit and this may vary between provider, location, service option etc. Providers must be unencumbered by the MRP controls and be able to develop their business models to suit customer preferences and needs because this is an important element to the viability of the industry.

With regard to your specific questions, our response is as follows:

Question 1: Do stakeholders consider that uncertainty over the current MRP provisions is a barrier to the commercial growth of charge point infrastructure?

Yes

Question 2: Do stakeholders agree that charge point providers should be free to set prices for the electricity resold from charge points?

Yes

Question 3: Do stakeholders consider that the proposed amendment to the MRP direction would provide sufficient clarity?

Yes

Question 4: Could there be any unintended consequences to the above proposal, or proposed drafting?

It seems unlikely. As suggested, we believe the options available to users will be sufficient to drive an appropriate level of competition.

Question 5: Do stakeholders agree that the current MRP provisions should continue to apply to marine craft, including electric marine craft?

BEAMA do not have a view on this at this stage.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by the means below.

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