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Consultation on proposed updated form of the Data and Communications Company's Charging Statement for Service Charges ('Charging Statement')

EDF Energy is one of the UK's largest energy companies with activities throughout the energy chain. Our interests include nuclear, coal and gas-fired electricity generation, renewables, and energy supply to end users. We have over five million electricity and gas customer accounts in the UK, including residential and business users.

EDF Energy has reviewed the updated form of the Charging Statement that Smart DCC Ltd ('DCC') submitted to the Authority on 24 December 2013 which is in the form that the DCC expects to use for the regulatory year starting on 1 April 2014. We agree and are comfortable with the format and content of the Charging Statement in terms of:

- Providing sufficient clarity on the charges that Service Users will face.
- Providing a coherent and easy to navigate format.
- Not finding any obvious errors.

In terms of future developments, we believe that the Charging Statement should contain: definitions of any acronyms contained within the statement to aid understanding by all parties.

Should you wish to discuss any of the issues raised in our response or have any queries, please contact Stefan Leedham on 07875 118024, or myself. I confirm that this letter may be published on Ofgem's website.

Yours sincerely,



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