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Dear Frances

Ref: Charging arrangements for embedded generation

I am writing on behalf of the Major Energy Users' Council (MEUC) which is an independent consumer led body representing the interests of a large number of industrial, commercial, retail and public sector organisations for which the use of electricity is a significant factor in their operations' costs and whose total consumption is approximately 25% of the non-domestic UK demand.

We share your concerns regarding the ever escalating cost of Transmission, however we do not believe something as important as charging arrangements for embedded generation should be made in haste because of potential CUSC proposals nor as a knee jerk response to diesel farms bidding into the capacity market.

The electricity industry has for many years benefited from the contribution provided by CHP generation, triad avoidance and demand side reduction and any changes should be the result of a considered, in depth approach to which all sides of the industry can contribute including consumers.

Yours truly,