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Consultation on proposed updated form of Smart DCC Ltd'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 welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consultation for the proposed updated form of Smart DCC Ltd's Charging Statement for Service Charges.

We are generally supportive of the form and additional information DCC is proposing to use for the regulatory year starting on 1 April 2017. We agree that it provides greater clarity on charges. However, we would prefer to see detailed in depth information regarding all changes to financial charges. EDF Energy agrees that the revised format is coherent and is in an easy to navigate format and is accurate in material aspects.

One additional area that the DCC could consider in redesigning the format of the charging statement is the need to separate core services costs from the additional areas of work DCC has been requested to carry out e.g. Centralised Registration Services, Enrolment & Adoption and Half-Hourly. The Charging Statement would then transparently reflect the true cost of providing the SMETS2 Smart Metering Implementation Charges.

Should you wish to discuss any of the issues raised in our response or have any queries, please contact my colleague, Ashley Pocock, on 07875 112854, or myself.

I confirm that this letter may be published on Ofgem's website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul Delamare'.

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