Consultation response received via email

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your consultation on proposal to defer introduction of the new questions for Social Obligation Reporting.

EDF welcomes Ofgem seeking to reduce the burden on suppliers in light of the additional demands placed on us due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore, we support the proposal to defer the introduction of these planned new questions and categories. While we welcome the intent of the proposal, it is disappointing that this has been made so late. Well prepared and responsible suppliers will already have put effort and cost into preparation and therefore the positive impact that may be felt from the deferral would have been greater if the decision had been taken earlier.

In regard to the proposal to allow a nil return for questions which were due to be removed, EDF supports this approach but would urge Ofgem to avoid introducing any inconsistency in supplier returns by requiring all suppliers to submit a nil return, rather than giving suppliers the choice.

Kind Regards

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