Re: Consultation Response DCRP/17/02 SCR changes’

Dear Distribution Code Panel,

About Energy UK

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. Energy UK is the trade association for the GB energy industry with a membership of over 90 suppliers, generators, and stakeholders with a business interest in the production and supply of electricity and gas for domestic and business consumers. Our membership encompasses the truly diverse nature of the UK’s energy industry from established FTSE 100 companies’ right through to new, growing suppliers and generators, which now make up over half of our membership.

Our members turn renewable energy sources as well as nuclear, gas and coal into electricity for over 26 million homes and every business in Britain. Over 619,000 people in every corner of the country rely on the sector for their jobs with many of our members providing lifelong employment as well as quality apprenticeships and training for those starting their careers. The energy industry adds £83bn to the British economy, equivalent to 5% of GDP, and pays over £6bn in tax annually to HMT.

While Energy UK accepts the need for these changes to implement Ofgem’s CGR3 mandated changes, it highlights the need for a more fundamental review of the Distribution Code governance arrangements are long overdue.

In particular we believe that the openness and transparency seen in the BSC and CUSC governance arrangements and recently extended to the Grid Code via GC0086, which Energy UK was a co-proposer of, should be extended to the Distribution Code as soon as possible.

Energy UK would be happy to facilitate a meeting between its members and representatives of the Distribution Code Panel and Code Administrator to seek to take this important piece of work forward.

If you have any questions please contact me at kate.dooley@energy-uk.org.uk or 0207 747 2942.

Kind regards,

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