
Gas Customer Forum

GDPCR Initial Consultation Issues for Customers

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What is GDPCR ?

- GDPCR stands for Gas Distribution Price Control Review
- This is the first dedicated review of gas distribution prices in the 20 years since privatisation
- Gas transmission prices are being reviewed in the TPCR along with electricity transmission prices

GDPCR Outcomes

- One year extension of existing formula period to March 2008
- Five year formula from April 2008 to March 2013
- Cost Reporting Framework to capture comparative information between Networks.

Timescales

- Initial Consultation Dec 05
 - Replies by 3 Feb 2006
- Second Consultation Jul 06
- One Year Control
 - Initial Proposals Sep 06
 - Final Proposals Dec 06
- Main Review
 - Third Consultation Nov 06
 - Fourth Consultation Mar 07
 - Initial Proposals May 07
 - Final Proposals Dec 07
- Cost Reporting
 - Consultation Jul 07
 - Final Proposals Dec 07

Issues for Customers (1)

- Objectives and Framework
 - What services offered by GDNs are valued by customers?
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 - Are current funding arrangements satisfactory?
 - If not, should change be limited to refinements to the status quo or more substantial reform?
- Use of Impact Assessments
 - How should Ofgem incorporate impact assessments into the price control process?
- Incentives
 - Should rolling incentives be applied for capital, replacement and operating expenditure?

Issues for Customers (2)

- Scope of the Price Control
 - Which services provided by the GDNs should be considered excluded services?
- Standards of Service
- Quality of supply
- Fuel Poverty
- Network Extensions

Actions for Customers

- Comments on Initial Consultation by 3 Feb 2006
- Comments to:
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