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Dear Bob,

RE: Modification Proposals 0286 & 0286A - Extending Modification Panel Voting Rights to (a) Consumer Representative(s)

E.ON UK does **not support** implementation of either Modification Proposal 0286 or 286A. However, there are meritorious aspects of both Modification Proposals which could be consolidated into a single Modification Proposal, should either of these be not implemented. In particular:

- We support appointment of two voting consumer representatives to the Modification Panel - provided both do not purport to represent only (or predominantly) one interested party (e.g. domestic consumers in the case of Consumer Focus). The constitution should reflect the diversity of the gas market and in addition to Consumer Focus, could include for instance, a Generator consumer representative or a I&C consumer representative.
- We do not agree that any consumer representative should be appointed by Ofgem. A transparent process for seeking, selecting and appointing consumer representatives should be established. This will help ensure that a broad range of consumer representation can be achieved, without raising concerns about the extent of independence of that representative; which could be seen to be an issue if appointed only by Ofgem.

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- We agree that the Consumer Representative(s) should not have a vote on self-governance issues, including UNCC business.

Yours sincerely,

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