

Response received by Email

Joint Office of Gas Transporters Future Status Update

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Organisation:

Citizens Advice

Abstract:

1. The letter states that the "JO needs to be capable of anticipating and responding to developments with more agility than in the past and so a new approach is required". The inference is that creating the new limited company will address this issue as well as facilitating changes needed to meet Net Zero. But it is unclear how the change achieves this. Further explanation should be provided regarding the changes which are intended to be made to the JO as a new limited company, including any associated timescales, costs, targets etc, and the benefits that being a new limited company bring to this.
2. The letter states also that there have been "stakeholder requests for expanded JO services such as centralised legal text provision". Clarity should be provided on whether this is something that is planned to take place as a result of the new limited company. Any other future JO services or changes which are planned should also be set out.
3. The letter does not make clear why the current arrangements restrict the ability to alter the JOs capabilities/services and therefore how the new limited company improves this. A detailed rationale that sets this out would help justify the change.

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