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**ELECTRICITY PRICE REVIEW – PROCESS UPDATE**

Dear all

I write to update you on when we expect to release our first report for discussion. At this stage, it looks likely the report will be released in mid-September, rather than the end of August.

As indicated in my letter of 29 June, I will write to advise when it is released and how we will go about seeking your views, as required by the next stage of our review.

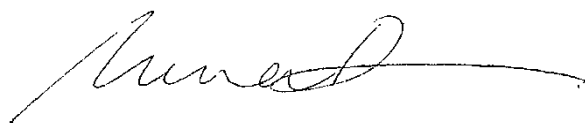
However, it may be helpful to know that we will very likely require written responses within six weeks of the date of publication, that is, by the end of October. This will enable us to start stakeholder engagement on possible improvements before Christmas.

Although our first report's focus is on fact-finding – solutions are for the second part of the review – we will nonetheless be encouraging those providing written responses to identify, although only briefly at this stage, possible solutions to problems. We think this would be helpful from both the review and stakeholder's point of view. For us, it means we have the benefit of some early ideas on improvements we can take into account when developing an options paper for discussion. For you, it is an opportunity to begin thinking earlier, rather than later, about solutions. Such an approach is also consistent with the Government's direction that we concentrate on improving the future, rather than merely identifying any deficiencies in the present.

We will also be open to holding discussions with interested groups – particularly associations that represent participants in the sector – after releasing our report, but before written responses.

I will continue to keep you informed.

Yours sincerely



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**Chair**