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We simply cannot understand or accept the justification for this proposed increase which we consider to be exorbitant in the current recessionary environment, given the very difficult competitive climate that exists for business. In the current economic climate, the proposed PSO charge will be detrimental to business as it represents a very substantial increase in electricity costs (in the order of 10%).

Due to the fall off in demand for electricity in Ireland and the commissioning of both Aghada and Whitegate Generating Plants, how can the CER consistently justify subsidising Inefficient Power Generating Plants in Ireland?

In the current difficult economic climate, business is endeavouring to reduce cost, on the other hand the state sponsored institutions are endeavouring to increase cost at every available opportunity (e.g. CER, County Council Service Charges, and Airport Authorities etc).

No doubt our colleagues in the broader Lufthansa Group will be as equally annoyed with your proposal.

This proposed PSO increase is unrealistic – scrap it and provide electricity at a competitive and realistic cost.

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