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Dear Maurice,

Consultation Paper on WPDRS & Powersave Scheme 2010/11 (CER/10/142)

Viridian Power and Energy (VPE) shall not be submitting a formal response to the current consultation on the Winter Peak Demand Reduction Scheme and Powersave Scheme 2010/11. To the extent that the proposed changes to both schemes will affect the operation of these schemes and in light of our previous submissions on these issues, we do not wish to raise additional specific points at this stage.

In relation to the proposed change to oblige suppliers to provide customers with statements within 10 business days of receipt of such statements from Eirgrid, we consider this to be appropriate and reasonable. However, we would like to note that customers' issues in relation to the timing of receipt of such statements are a result of the timing of issuance of statements by both suppliers and Eirgrid. To the extent that these delays originate with the latter, the proposed change will not resolve this issue.

Concurrent with this consultation, we are aware of joint work being undertaken by the CER and NIAUR into demand side management. There is a published 'live' consultation paper detailing the work done to date; Demand Side Vision for 2020 (SEM/10/052). Our understanding is that it is a wide ranging review of demand side management policies and issues, and as such we consider it to be a more appropriate forum within which to raise issues in relation to both schemes. VPE will be responding to this consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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