

Stuart,

I am the Energy Strategy manager for Pfizer responsible for the purchasing of energy and managing site budgets across Europe.

And have been made aware of a highly alarming cost increase of the natural gas transmission tariff due in April 2013

Pfizer I am sure like many companies in Ireland who manufacturer and therefore use large volumes of energy are already struggling with the current energy costs.

Costs of energy if they continue to escalate will drive the business to low cost countries and even back to the US where energy costs are extremely low.

In summary the effect of this increase especially mid year means the following:

1. The adverse impact on cost competitiveness.
2. Difficulty in managing budgeted energy spend when mid year tariff changes are implemented at such short notice.

I am frustrated with the inequity of energy users in the Daily Metered market segment and the domestic market who have not benefited from lower capacity bookings made by Suppliers now being asked to pay a tariff increase as a result of the reduction in capacity bookings in the DM segment and in the power generation sector.

As natural gas users in Ireland have not benefited as a result of the reduction in gas capacity bookings, we urge the CER to find an alternative method of addressing the under-recovery of revenue on the part of Bord Gáis. Ideally, the alternative approach would recover the revenue shortfall from Shippers to the Daily Metered sector and the power generation sector, without any impact on Transmission tariffs and on end user prices

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