

Commission for Energy Regulation,  
The Exchange,  
Belgard Square North,  
Cookstown,  
Dublin 24.

27 June 2017

Re. Public Consultation on PSO Levy

Dear Sir/Madam,

I read a report fairly recently which stated you are proposing very high percentage increases in the PSO levy and I understood from that you were going to engage in a Public Consultation process. However I haven't read anything about this since, nor did I see any notice published by you on it, so I'm not sure what the scene is, but whether my understanding was right or wrong I would ask you to have a positive reaction to my following comments.

I feel it is very inequitable that the PSO Levy is a flat rate charge as it is a disproportionate charge on the small consumer. The following illustrates this-

The electricity bill for this house here for the two months to mid June was €217, and in this the PSO Levy/VAT was €13.39 ie 6.6% of the other charges.

On the other hand a person trying to conserve spending on electricity this time of year still pays the same amount of levy ie €13.39 but this amounts to a massive 35% of the €38.28 standard minimum low usage charge that the small consumer is also burdened with - hitting them on the double!

I hope that you will see your way to changing the levy from flat rate to a prorated usage rate to stop the very unfair result in the present charge approach as illustrated above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Hayes', written over the typed name.

Michael Hayes