

NIE Energy Supply Price Control 2011 - 2013

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NIEL is concerned that the proposal indicates a move to incentivise NIE to sell more energy. We strongly oppose any such switch which could result in increased usage of electricity and decrease incentives to NIE to encourage customers to improve their energy efficiency. This would undermine the ability of Northern Ireland to meet climate change targets, decrease the priority given to reducing energy use and run counter to efforts to encourage all citizens to decrease their energy use in an effort to decrease their personal energy costs as well as decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

We urge you to modify these proposals to ensure that all incentives promote the reduction of energy usage.

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