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Draft Forward Work Programme consultation

Dear Elena,

Electric Ireland welcomes the publication of the Utility Regulator's draft Forward Work Plan 2013-214.

The plan identifies and details key challenges and projects which Electric Ireland acknowledges as being both well-focussed and challenging in the context of a wide range of competing demands for resources.

As a general comment Electric Ireland believe that the work programme should include steps to progress the setting up of arrangements for customers to offer demand reduction as Demand Side Units but we do understand that this is not entirely within the control of the Regulator. However as there is an existing customer demand in this area, consistent also with the objectives of market directives, we would hope that the forward plan can accommodate and expedite implementation of support for Demand Side Units when other arrangements are in place.

Regards,

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