

Hi

Responding as an NI EV owner of six years standing.

Firstly it is essential that an electric fuel payment system is brought in quickly, so a fit-for-purpose EV charging infrastructure can be begun to be rolled out. Current hardware is unreliable, poorly maintained, badly located and difficult to use. In particular the CCS infrastructure of only 4 chargers outside the greater Belfast Area is totally inadequate. The network is also regularly abused by people charging publicly rather than at home, just because it is free, thereby blocking units for those who need to use them.

EV drivers, like all drivers, naturally want a system where the cost of filling up is based on the volume of fuel provided - so option one is necessary to move forward. In addition, penalties would be expected for over-stay - but this is, as the document states, outside the scope of this consultation.

Option 1-Exemption for ULEVs within the UR Direction

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Yes - see above

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No - suppliers can already overcharge via connection charges etc. if they wish to. A viable business will need customers and therefore a reasonable price per kWh.

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Cost per unit fuel delivered is a fully transparent way to proceed and allows the driver to compare alternative suppliers.

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As I said - YES

Hope this is useful

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