

## Ofgem Electricity Price Control (ED3) END FUEL POVERTY COALITION RESPONSE 16th January 2025

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This consultation plays a vital role in reforming Britain's broken energy system. In 2025, we urge all policy makers to understand how their decisions can affect the affordability of energy bill, avoiding discriminatory pricing, delivering longer-term reforms that bring down the cost of energy and improving the energy efficiency of homes.

Some of our members have already responded individually to the consultation and the wider End Fuel Poverty Coalition membership wish to add their support to the views put forward by CSE as summarised below:

CSE supports ED3's approach to investing in network capacity ahead of need while considering long-term system costs. With the risks of under-investment now greater than over-investment, they advocate for a more proactive, directive "Plan and Deliver" approach to tackle connection delays. However, they stress that this should work alongside flexibility in network management. CSE also highlights fairness concerns, urging that DNOs should monitor and report on the distributional impacts of their services to ensure no one is left behind, especially vulnerable or non-fuel-poor households. They call for standardized, high-quality advice and improved delivery of social obligations to vulnerable customers.

We would be grateful if you could continue to keep the Coalition informed about developments in this consultation.

## **About the End Fuel Poverty Coalition**

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We believe that everybody has the right to a warm, dry home that they can afford to heat and power.

Members of the Coalition include: Action with Communities in Rural England, ACE
Research, Advice for Renters, AgeUK, All Birmingham's Children, Austerity Action Group,
Association of Green Councillors, Association of Local Energy Officers, Association for
Decentralised Energy, Asthma + Lung UK, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Beat the
Cold, Brighton & Hove City Council, Bruton Town Council, Camden Federation of Private

Tenants, Carers Trust, Child Poverty Action Group, Church Poverty Action, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, Chartered Institute of Housing, Community Action Northumberland, Centre for Sustainable Energy, Climate Action Network West Midlands, <u>Debt Justice</u>, Disability Poverty Campaign Group, <u>Disability Rights UK</u>, <u>E3G</u>, EBICO, Energy Advice Line, Energy Cities, Exeter Community Energy, Fair Energy Campaign, Epilepsy Action, Fair By Design, Foster Support, Friends of the Earth, Fuel Poverty Action, Fuel Poverty Research Network, Generation Rent, Good Law Project, Greenpeace, Groundwork, Hackney Foodbank, Heat Trust, Home Start Oxford, Independent Age, Independent Food Aid Network, Inner City Life, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Lambeth Pensioners Action Group, London Borough of Camden, London Borough of Lewisham, Marie Curie, Mencap, Mayor of London, MECC Trust, Moorland Climate Action, National Pensioners Convention, National Union of Students / Students Organising for Sustainability, NCB, National Energy Action, New Economics Foundation, National Federation of Women's Institutes, Northern Health Services Alliance, Oxford City Council, Positive Money Tower Hamlets, Plymouth Community Energy, Redcar & Cleveland Council, Repowering London, Retrofit Bruton, Right To Energy Coalition, Rossendale Valley Energy, Ryecroft Community Hub, Save the Children, Sense, Scope, Shaping Our Lives, Social Workers Union, South Dartmoor Community Energy, South East London Community Energy, Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations, South West London Law Centres, Stonewater Housing Association, Stop The Squeeze, Tamar Energy Community, Thinking Works, Uplift, UNISON, Warm & Well North Yorkshire, Warm & Well in Merton, Winter Warmth Network, Young Lives vs Cancer.

The Coalition is also part of the <u>Warm This Winter</u> campaign, the <u>End Child Poverty Coalition</u> and the <u>Renters Reform Coalition</u>. We work closely with <u>Energy Action Scotland</u>, <u>NEA Wales</u> and the <u>Fuel Poverty NI coalition</u>. The coordination for the <u>End Fuel Poverty Coalition</u> is provided by social enterprise <u>Campaign Collective</u>.

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