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Dear Latterial

Distributor Provision of MPAS Services - Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed modifications to the standard distribution licence conditions to reflect the extension of the requirement to offer MPAS services, to any licensed distributor.

We support the principle that consumers and suppliers served by new licensed distributors should be afforded the same level of regulatory protection as those served by existing distributors.

Therefore we agree that newly licensed distributors should provide an MPAS service in compliance with existing standard industry protocols.

We also agree that as a common requirement on all licensees, the body of Standard Condition 37 within Section C should be moved into Standard Condition 14 within Section B, so maintaining a single standard distribution licence.

We note Ofgem's comments regarding the provision of an MPAS of last resort by ex-PES distributors and their right to recoup the associated costs.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely

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