

With reference to your new proposals I have looked at your proposals for automatic renewal contracts. These contracts are without question inherently unfair and your proposals do not go far enough.

Ofgem should take it's responsibilities seriously and not panda further to the big six 'cartel' of energy suppliers.

I am particularly concerned that under **Implementation** in your paper entitled Proposals for non-domestic automatic rollovers and contract renewals para 2.22 on page 14 is a follows

2.22. We propose these changes would take effect from 31 August 2014. For contracts entered into before 31 August 2014, the proposal for a maximum termination notice period of 30 days would apply when a micro-business consumer enters into a new contract, or when the contract is extended in any way.

This should be reworded to allow **existing** victims of automatic renewal to terminate their existing contracts at any time upon 30 days notice. The current proposals offer nothing at all for companies who find themselves on tariffs at least 35% above the market price. Why should business consumers continue to be ripped off for a second longer than necessary.

These new rules were supposed to in place for winter 2013/14 and have been deliberately extended by the energy supply companies to get another winters worth of over priced energy out of their customers. The proposed changes do not go far enough are still biased towards unfair contracts imposed by the large energy supply companies.

The time frame for implementation should be brought forward to 30th April 2014.