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Message

Greetings IRC,

I write to comment on the Draft Distribution and Supply licence for DOMLEC.

In my view it is a fine document, but fails to address one issue which the ES Act itself is not sufficiently explicit on. This is the procedure by which tariffs charged to end-consumers can be periodically reviewed by the IRC, AND FURTHER, negotiated on and approved by the IRC. After an initial rate approval, there needs to be ways in which this rate can be reviewed every so often and if change is required, such change can be ordered.

Of course, there must be the usual provisions which would allow DOMLEC to appeal IRC decisions in this regard.

However, as it stands right now DOMLEC can maintain a rate, which may become an overly high rate due to changing circumstances, but there is nothing to compel them to apply for a rate change as set out in the ACT.

The ES ACT is clear that tariffs must be a priority for the IRC, and I would therefore suggest that the licence contain some clear and express provisions for the IRC to exercise more direct powers with respect to tariffs, as outlined above (in Part IX, I would imagine).

Thank you.