



AEA response to the Government's consultations on reforms to the electricity market, 16 December 2010

Responding to the Government's consultations on reforms to the electricity market, Mark Johnson, Knowledge Leader – Emissions Trading at sustainability consultancy AEA, said:

“These consultations are a step in the right direction and should help to create a level playing field on which we can continue to work to realise the benefits of a low carbon economy in the UK.

There has been a considerable amount of uncertainty around the proposed reforms to the electricity market, and these consultations help to clarify how the policy reforms might be taken forward.

“Carbon pricing in particular has long been an important factor for operating and investment decisions in the UK power market, but uncertainties over future prices in a market that is determined by political decisions has created risks for investors and developers.

“We await the outcomes of these consultations with interest, and hope that the right decisions can be taken quickly to provide the incentives and reassurance needed for investment in the UK.”

Notes to editors

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