

## **E.ON UK plc v GEMA on Energy Code Modification UNC116: Disclosures of interest**

### **Members' interest:**

Professor Waddams is a Director of the Centre for Competition Policy (CCP) connected to the University of East Anglia. The CCP is currently undertaking a small piece of funded work (under £10,000) for Energywatch on 'the pros and cons of prepayment meters'. It is intended that Professor Waddams will personally spend around 6 days on the project. The funds from this work will go to University of East Anglia, which then distributes the funds to the CCP. The total amount the CCP will receive after paying direct costs and other UEA expenses is around £6,000. As a Director of the CCP, Professor Waddams is a member of the committee which will distribute the remaining funds. Professor Waddams cannot receive the funds personally and they will be used for research purposes only. The amount of work is small in proportion to the CCP's budget (over £1 million). Professor Waddams' salary and the core expenses of the CCP are paid by the Economic and Social Research Council and are not dependent on this work.

The CC is satisfied that this will not affect Professor Waddams' ability to act impartially and independently as a member of the Group.

### **Staff interest:**

John Davies, Chief Economist at the CC, worked as a consultant for Coopers (1994-1998), London Economics (1998-1999) and Frontier Economics (1999-2003) in the energy sector. Mr Davies took part in discussions about original network codes in 1994, on behalf of the Gas Forum. Mr Davies completed subsequent work, through consultancy firms for energy companies in the UK and overseas. Of most relevance was work for BG Transco, National Grid, Scottish Power, British Energy, Ofgem, Eastern Electricity, London Electricity and Edf. Mr Davies published minor pieces such as 'bulletins' from Frontier Economics relating to the UK energy sector. Mr Davies has had no involvement since resigning from Frontier Economics in 2003.

Alex Marsden, Inquiry Secretary, went on secondment to Ofgem last year, for a 3 month period (mid July 2006 – mid October 2006). In this time Mr Marsden worked in the Industry Codes and Licensing group but was not specifically involved in code modifications.

The CC is satisfied that the impartiality of the inquiry will not be affected by any of the above interests.