Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for industrial energy costs in the UK
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Industrial energy costs - policy, implementation and considerations for further intervention**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Industrial support schemes, subsidies and cost relief - priorities for manufacturers and energy-intensive operators**
implementation of the Modern Industrial Strategy | early delivery of BICS and the British Industry Supercharger | eligibility, take-up, timing of relief and network charging compensation | adequacy of support and remaining price gap with international competitors | businesses outside current schemes, SMEs and supply chains | options for adjusting eligibility and levels of relief for different manufacturers | funding and distribution of support, and implications for other consumers | Cost Control Framework and policy costs on energy bills | carbon leakage and domestic resilience | commercial considerations for electrification | electricity and gas price differentials and investment requirements
Senior representative, manufacturing
Senior representative, energy-intensive industry
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, operator
Senior representative, electrification
Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism - implementation, industrial competitiveness and implications for trade**
Senior representative, international trade
Questions and comments from the floor

10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

10.50 Break

11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.05 **Network investment - priorities for development, funding and industrial electricity costs**
Senior representative, network investment

11.15 **Industrial electricity supply - connections, price certainty and on-site options**
connections reform, grid buildout and industrial electricity demand | connection costs, delays and competing demands for capacity | implications for industrial investment and electrification | network charging and costs of grid electricity | corporate PPAs development, barriers to take-up, contract duration, risk allocation and budget certainty | implications for generators and industrial users | on-site generation and storage | co-location with industrial demand, private wire and behind-the-meter arrangements | planning and capital requirements | implications for transmission and distribution charges | allocation and recovery of network costs between industrial and other consumers
Senior representative, grid
Senior representative, procurement
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, on-site generation

11.35 Questions and comments from the floor

11.55 **Electricity system operation - balancing costs, flexibility and considerations for reform**
Senior representative, operator

12.05 **Electricity market reform - wholesale pricing, system costs and implications for industrial users**
Reformed National Pricing delivery | generation siting and investment incentives | wholesale price formation, marginal pricing and influence of gas-fired generation | exposure to volatility | Contracts for Difference and other price-stabilisation mechanisms | balancing and constraint costs | extent and timing of potential savings for industrial users | industrial demand response and flexibility markets | commercial incentives, revenues and operational constraints | flexible tariffs and implications for industrial purchasing | interaction with network charging | investor certainty, security of supply, affordability and decarbonisation
Senior representative, wholesaler
Senior representative, industrial electricity user
Senior representative, consulting
Senior representative, technology

12.25 Questions and comments from the floor

12.45 **Regulatory priorities for business energy users - retail pricing, tariffs and market standards**
Jessica Skilbeck, Director, Retail Pricing and Systems, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor

13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum