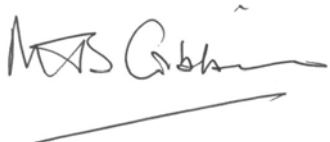
 <b>Regulatory Policy Committee</b>	<b>OPINION</b>	
<b>Impact Assessment (IA)</b>	Revision of fees for Section 37 Electricity Act 1989 applications	
<b>Lead Department/Agency</b>	Department of Energy and Climate Change	
<b>Stage</b>	Final	
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<b>OIOO Assessment</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	
<p><b>Overall comments on the robustness of the OIOO assessment.</b></p> <p>The IA says that the proposal relates to a change in fees and charges, with no evidence of the proposal resulting in change in the level of regulatory activity. The increase in fees is out of scope of 'One-in, One-out' in line with the OIOO methodology (paragraph 16 x).</p>		
<p><b>Overall quality of the analysis and evidence presented in the IA</b></p> <p><i>Costs and Benefits</i> The IA clearly explains that the number of applications for works to electric lines above ground will not be affected by the change in fee levels (paragraph 16). The consultation responses supported the proposal that fees should be revised in line with the Department seeking full-cost recovery for applications under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 (paragraph 10).</p> <p>The IA would benefit from a OIOO section to further explain how the proposal is out of scope.</p> <p>We note that this proposal to revise fees to business under the Electricity Act 1989 is linked to the proposal to amend electric lines thresholds within the Planning Act 2008. The IA would benefit from a clear cross reference to this other proposal, explaining any interactions between the two.</p>		
<b>Signed</b> 	<b>Michael Gibbons, Chairman</b>	