



To the Residents of Sark

## Electricity Price Control

I would like to update you on progress I have made on judging a reasonable electricity price for Sark since I last wrote on 20<sup>th</sup> March. I have continued to exchange views with Sark Electricity Limited (SEL) over the matters of contention between us. I have concluded my analysis of SEL's, and its parent Sark Electricity Holding's, accounts for 2008-2017 and received a report from WSP, the consulting engineers, on the value of the system used by SEL to provide power. However, this report is yet to take SEL's views into consideration and be finalised.

In the meantime, my discussions with SEL are continuing in the hope that we may find some common ground on the areas of disagreement in the hope of avoiding lengthy and expensive court action.

SEL is still recovering its legal costs from 2018 through the electricity tariff. It is normal practice for regulated utility companies to do this however it is my duty to ensure that only reasonable costs are passed through to customers. I have informed SEL that I do not consider that legal costs relating to the potential sale of the company should be borne by customers.

Anthony White

Commissioner

19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019