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## Newsletter – October 2008



EcoCentroGen is delighted to announce that Ofgem has granted it an Electricity Distribution Licence with immediate effect.

This excellent news comes after a lengthy and thorough application process and which has included changes to both the Ofgem team and the Licence structure along the way. EcoCentroGen now joins only 4 other companies in the UK known as Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) who hold these licences.

The Licence means that EcoCentroGen is licensed to operate Public Electricity Distribution Networks which in turn allows third party access to those networks and freedom of choice of electricity supplier for customers.

The use of 'private wire' distribution is considered a risk for Developers and Land Owners in view of the recent Citiworks case where the European Court ruled unfavourably on employing private wire networks to effectively capture electricity customers by preventing their access to alternative power suppliers. (See our June Newsletter for more detailed information).

Gary Margerrison, EcoCentroGen's Commercial Director commented *"The Electricity Distribution Licence underpins our strategy of investing in low carbon energy solutions without penalising customers. We believe in retaining electricity customers through value and quality of service rather than by using a private wire monopoly to support our investment."*

In addition to electricity networks, EcoCentroGen offer a range of other consultancy services which add value for Landowners and Developers.

- Energy Strategies developed in support of planning applications to ensure that consent is based on a solution which is both technically and commercially viable.
- ESCo Solutions, where the benefit of long term revenue is preferred, the ESCo is set up and licence to the Developer, using a proven, fully compliant legal and commercial framework.

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