

**The Supply of Bulk Liquefied Petroleum Gas for Domestic Use
Variation of Market Investigation Reference**

On 5 July 2004 the OFT made a market investigation reference to the Competition Commission ("the CC") for an investigation into the supply of domestic bulk LPG ("the reference"). The terms of reference defined "LPG", "domestic", and "bulk".

After the reference was made the OFT received a number of representations from undertakings present in the market which is the subject of the reference ("the representations"). The representations took issue with the OFT's definition in the reference of "domestic" as meaning "supplied for use by households as well as for use by businesses whose consumption of LPG by volume is similar to that of households", on the basis that this definition of "domestic" was broader than that set out in the OFT's earlier document consulting on a possible reference.

Having considered the representations, and having consulted the CC and the undertakings present in the market which is the subject of the reference, the OFT is satisfied that it is appropriate to vary the reference. The OFT therefore, in exercise of its powers under section 135 of the Enterprise Act 2002, hereby varies the reference as follows:

- In paragraph 1 of the reference the words "domestic bulk LPG" are replaced by "bulk LPG for domestic use."
- In paragraph 3 of the reference the second bullet point, defining "domestic", is omitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Vickers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

John Vickers
Chairman
20 October 2004