

Dear Cheryl

Thank you for consulting the Campaign for National Parks on the initial proposals for the enhanced transmission investment incentives, as part of the Transmission Access Review. We would like to focus our comments on the funding of pre-construction costs.

Paragraph 3.12 of the consultation document states that Ofgem proposes to fund pre-construction costs for all projects raised by the Transmission Owners (TOs) and construction costs in relation to specific projects identified on the basis of need case and TO readiness. One of the projects highlighted in table 2.2 is 'North Wales', which includes a number of schemes that are within or near to the Snowdonia National Park. We would therefore urge that a condition of any funding of pre-construction costs of this project must include a rigorous assessment of any adverse impacts on nationally designated areas such as National Parks. This would be compatible with Ofgem's statutory duty to have to regard to National Park purposes as it carries out its work (section 11A of the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act).

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge the safe receipt of this response. Thank you.

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