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Dear Roger

**Connections Assessment and Design (A&D) fees levied by Electricity Distribution Network Operators**

I am writing in response to your letter regarding connections assessment and design (A&D) levied by DNOs.

As requested we have submitted a modification to our connection charging statement to ensure that it is consistent with Ofgem's interpretation of Section 16 of the Electricity Act.

We agree with Ofgem's view that it is reasonable to charge for a service that directly benefits an individual customer or developer. If this service is only chargeable when connections actually go ahead, the costs of speculative enquiries are passed on to all customers generally.

We support an amendment to the Electricity Act to provide an explicit right to charge A&D fees on a standalone basis

Yours sincerely



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