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Dear Lia

Smart Grids Evaluation Framework- A Smart Grids Forum Consultation Report

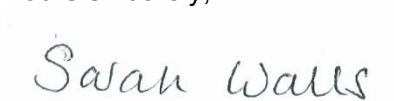
I refer to the above consultation and we welcome Ofgem's decision to consult on the work of the Forum amongst wider stakeholders.

Electricity North West believes that the full engagement of customers and stakeholders is a key factor in ensuring the efficient evolution of the Smart Grid solutions necessary to facilitate the various de-carbonisation initiatives in the UK.

We believe the forum process is an essential and well considered first step in this engagement and evaluation process and have chosen to be actively engaged in all of the various work stream groups with our CEO (Steve Johnson) both chairing one of the work streams and the Electricity Network Association Future Networks group.

We believe that the work ahead is challenging but attainable and it is therefore imperative that the industry and stakeholders continue to make progress. We hope this consultation will bring constructive feedback from wider stakeholders and we look forward to receiving feedback from Ofgem in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Walls".

Sarah Walls
Head of Economic Regulation