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Dear Cara,

Hydrogen Village Trial Detailed Design Studies Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Ofgem's consultation on the detailed design studies for the Hydrogen Village Trials. We are delighted that Ofgem and BEIS are minded to support Northern Gas Networks (NGN) proposal, who are the incumbent gas distribution network across a large parts of our area of operations, within which the proposed trial will be delivered.

We support the response that we understand NGN has submitted in reply to this consultation, particularly regarding the three specific questions that have been proposed. We do not consider that we can add further detail, other than to reinforce our support for the "minded to" position.

I note in paragraph 2.16 of your consultation that BEIS has highlighted electricity grid capacity and associated risks as a potential area that can be strengthened during the phase 2 detailed design study. I wanted to confirm, via this response, that Northern Powergrid are working collaboratively with NGN on assessing the grid capacity and any risks to the network or consumers that the Trial may present. We consider that the early engagement with NGN will best mitigate these risks and allow progress towards an optimal net zero solution for our consumers.

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'I. Miller'.

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