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Colleague,

**Decision to issue a Direction under 4.3.14 of the Electricity Transmission Standard Licence Conditions to Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET) at Blackhillock**

Ofgem received a notification from SHET on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 regarding a leakage event of 34kg of Sulphur Hexafluoride gas (SF<sub>6</sub>) at its Blackhillock substation, which occurred on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The claim was submitted under Part C of Special Condition 4.3 Insulation and Interruption Gas emissions output delivery incentive (IIG Incentive).

On 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022, we published a consultation to seek views on our minded-to decision to approve an Insulation and Interruption Gas Exceptional Event Claim for the leakage event at Blackhillock. The consultation subsequently closed on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022. We received one response, which was in support of the minded-to position. As we did not receive any additional feedback as part of the consultation, the Authority considers SHET to have submitted sufficient evidence to support the claim that the leak event meets the definition of an IIG Exceptional Event and that the leakage event was beyond the reasonable control of the licensee.

The Authority hereby issues a Direction to SHET under section 4.3.14 of the Electricity Transmission Special Licence Conditions, to adjust the value of the ALE<sub>t</sub> term by excluding 33.92kg of SF<sub>6</sub> (798.53 tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub>) for the purpose of calculating the Insulation and Interruption Gas emissions output delivery incentive revenue adjustment in the year 2021-22.

The reason for the proposed direction is that the Authority considers SHET to have submitted sufficient evidence to support the claim that the leak event meets the definition of an IIG Exceptional Event. Additionally, the Authority is of the view that SHET successfully met the criteria for a claim under Special Conditions 4.3.12 and 4.3.13.

The effect of this direction is a reduction of the ALE<sub>t</sub> term for SHET for the 2021/22 reporting period by 798.53 tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub>.

Yours sincerely,

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**Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority**  
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