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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RIIO-ED2 Draft Determinations – ENWL – Response to ENWL- Q6 – Support for Proposed Decarbonisation Advice Service**

Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership (CLEP) would like to confirm its support for Electricity North West Limited’s (ENWL’s) proposed Decarbonisation Advice Service, which complements our approach to supporting the achievement of net zero.

CLEP has a strong commitment to net zero and has identified twin priorities to support the achievement of this in Cumbria – clean energy generation and business decarbonisation. In order to deliver on our decarbonisation ambitions CLEP has produced a Business Decarbonisation 10-Point Plan, which outlines the support that we will provide to every business, from the most energy intensive industries through to micro-businesses, in every sector.

In order to support the delivery of these priorities, CLEP entered into a strategic partnership with ENWL, with ENWL supporting our Business Decarbonisation Summit held on 26 May, which outlined the collective activity that would be available to support Cumbria’s businesses to decarbonise, including ENWL’s Decarbonisation Advice Service.

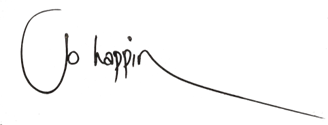
On the specifics of ENWL’s Decarbonisation Advice Service this is wholly complementary to CLEP’s activity and would extend the offer to businesses by providing a level of expertise and resource that CLEP could not provide on its own. Importantly, it also augments the offer provided by other non-DNO partners. This complementarity will be secured on an ongoing basis as ENWL will be a member of CLEP’s Business Decarbonisation Strategy Group, which will provide local strategic leadership and co-ordination of activity.

More generally, CLEP is working closely with ENWL to implement our recently published Clean Energy Strategy: <https://www.thecumbrialep.co.uk/resources/uploads/pages/net_zero/2208-CumbriaCleanEnergyStrategy.pdf> to meet Government’s target of 2050 and to support Cumbria’s aspiration to achieve this as soon as possible. CLEP has therefore been working with ENWL and partners to identify net zero funding to enable developmental work including the Cumbria EV Infrastructure Group, small value net zero facilitation projects and local area energy plan support.

In summary, the strategic association between CLEP and ENWL is important to delivering clean energy growth and business decarbonisation in Cumbria. The ENWL Decarbonisation Advice Service to date and going forward will be a key component in achieving this. The current energy crisis means that this advice service has never been more important and necessary to support Cumbrian businesses to reduce usage and thereby costs.

I hope that this letter is helpful. However, should you require any further clarification, please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully,



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