North West Leicestershire District Council wishes to comment in respect of your draft determination of the Western Power Distribution (WPD) Business Case (2023-28). The District Council is committed to achieving net zero carbon in its activities by 2030 and for the district to be zero carbon by 2050. The Council cannot achieve these aims by itself but needs to work with a wide range of partners such as WPD. The Council understands the need to minimise the cost implications of investment to WPD customers, particularly at the present time in a volatile energy market.  However, it is equally important to ensure that the longer term aim to achieve net zero carbon is not unduly inhibited by what will hopefully be short term concerns. The Council , therefore, asks Ofgem to reconsider its draft determination to ensure that this is the case.

Please will you acknowledge receipt of this response.

Thank you

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