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Subject: Ofgem's 19<sup>th</sup> April open letter: [Update on reform to the electricity connections process following proposals from the ESO](#)

Dear Peter,

I am writing to you in my role as Chair of RenewableUK's Networks and Charging Workgroup (NCWG).

I note your deadline to respond to the open letter is the same as for DESNZ's second REMA consultation, and runs in parallel with a number of ongoing electricity regulation work packages.

On 1<sup>st</sup> May I chaired the NCWG: 22 industry experts from across the renewables sector, including developers, operators, equipment manufacturers and others. These include representatives from CPAG, from CDB, applicants to CMP434/435, members of Ofgem's TNUoS Task Force, contributors to the ENDF, and other industry groups supporting network integration of renewables across connections, charging and market. This is quite likely the most informed group who could provide the most useful insight into the subject matter. Not one party present had been able to prioritise reading this Ofgem letter, let alone had time to digest and provide a constructive response. This is not any question of importance nor of focus – close involvement in the various groups above gives lie to that. This is because of the volume of simultaneous critical electricity regulation work.

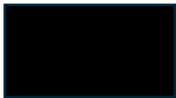
I respect the need to act at pace to tackle the connections queue. Nonetheless, it is important to facilitate useful input and mitigate against unintended consequences. There is a risk that the timescales for response here engender limited or rushed feedback, or that only a few of the very largest stakeholders (often traditional utility companies) are able to participate and shape your emerging thinking and the design of solutions.

Under the timescales provided, RenewableUK is unable to provide a response to your open letter.

I hope you can be mindful of the risks outlined here and that you will provide future opportunities to meaningfully contribute to connections reform as it progresses.

In keeping with the tone of this letter, and that I am writing this late into the evening of your chosen deadline, I note that I have been able to share with our group members the principles of this letter, but not the final wording.

Yours sincerely,



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