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Dear Frank Welsh,

Decision on Vital Energi Power Networks Limited's proposed Safety and Security of Supplies Enquiry Service Statement

This letter describes our decision to approve Vital Energi Power Networks Limited's (VEPNL) Safety and Security of Supplies Enquiry Service Statement ("Statement").

Standard licence condition ("SLC") 8 of the Licence requires that you have in force a statement approved by us that sets out details of the Safety and Security of Supplies Enquiry Service.

The purpose of this service is to enable any person to receive reports and offer information, guidance, or advice about any matter or incidence that:

- affects or is likely to affect the maintenance of the security, availability, and quality of service of the licensee's Distribution System
- arises from or in connection with the operation of, or otherwise relates to, the licensee's Distribution System and causes danger, or requires urgent attention, or is likely to cause danger or to require urgent attention.

VEPNL submitted a draft of its proposed Statement as part of its Distribution Licence application. We published a statutory consultation on our minded-to decision to grant VEPNL an electricity distribution licence on 11 November 2024. We have decided to approve the proposed Statement which is published alongside this letter.

Ongoing expectations

We expect that the Statement will be published on your website as soon as possible after our decision.

We also expect you to review the accuracy and effectiveness of your Enquiry Service on an ongoing basis and give notice to the Authority in accordance with SLC 8(7) of any changes that you consider are appropriate. In doing so, you should consider how other network operators fulfil their obligations and what stakeholders consider to be best practice.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter, please contact Dafydd Burton at Dafydd.Burton@ofgem.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

David McCrone Head of RIIO2 Price Control Operations Policy Networks

Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose