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Dear Regulatory Finance team,

Response to Energy Networks ring fence review.

EDF is the largest low carbon energy generator, as well as the only nuclear generator in the UK. EDF operates low carbon nuclear power stations and has a large and growing portfolio of renewables, including onshore and offshore wind, solar and energy storage. EDF has a large customer base and will be integral to Britain achieving net zero by building a smarter energy future that will support delivery of net zero carbon emissions, including through digital innovations and new customer offerings that encourage the transition to low carbon electric transport and heating.

We welcome the opportunity to respond to this consultation on the Energy Networks ring fence review. We agree that it is sensible to keep the energy networks ringfence and similar provisions under review, and we support Ofgem undertaking this work. Well-resourced and protected network companies will be critical to delivering the rapid expansion of electricity networks needed for Net Zero.

Our overall comments are:

- We broadly agree with the issues set out in the document.
- We encourage Ofgem to explore further both the interventionist approach outlined and the more targeted approach by looking at improvements to the existing ringfence provisions (options 2 and 3).

We look forward to seeing the next stage of Ofgem's review.

Yours sincerely,



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