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Dear Forward Work Programme team,

Consultation on Ofgem's Forward Work Programme – 2025/26

We welcome this review of Ofgem's priorities for the forthcoming regulatory year. In particular, we support the refocusing and regrouping of several activities under an integrated Clean Power 2030 programme. Securing the necessary investment decisions for our electricity networks, in the near-term, is vital to enabling a Net Zero economy on the scale and at the pace required – so it is encouraging to see this work at the front and centre of Ofgem's 2025/26 programme.

We also welcome the focus on market reform, to optimise the deployment of demand-side response products. We believe the balancing markets are currently disincentivising their use – including creating barriers to maximising consumer benefits from the CLASS project – and so would encourage particular attention from Ofgem on the set up of the NESO's products and services and their interaction with the new Market Facilitator role for local flexibility markets. Please also refer to our response to the Market Facilitator Policy Framework Consultation, for detailed comment on this area.

If you would like to discuss any of the above items further, please contact Ben Mitchell (ben.mitchell@enwl.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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