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**Response to the Consultation on market facilitator policy framework**

Dear Joseph

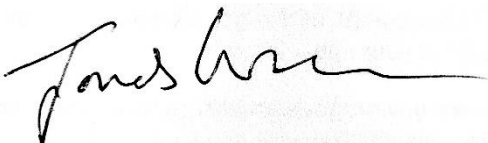
Decarbonising Great Britain's energy networks is a huge undertaking, and it is urgent. Innovation is critical to reaching this goal. The Ofgem Strategic Innovation Fund brings together the networks, the partners, the ideas and the people, to drive the innovation and transformation needed to accelerate the delivery of net zero. The Ofgem Strategic Innovation Fund is delivered in partnership between Ofgem and Innovate UK, drawing on Innovate the UK's established expertise in managing innovation programmes, convening partners, and fostering entrepreneurship.

The Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) has a number of flexibility innovation projects in delivery with energy networks and would like to respond specifically to Question 3 of the consultation relating to enduring roles and responsibilities:

- Under section 3.19 there is general reference to Elexon horizon scanning including for innovation. We would encourage specific reference to the Strategic Innovation Fund under section 3.19 in relation to this activity
- Under section 3.38 we would suggest an additional bullet point in relation to Ofgem's roles and responsibilities:
  - Together with Innovate UK as its SIF delivery partner, to actively push insights from SIF flexibility projects into Elexon's delivery plan

We look forward to working with Elexon during 2025 as it starts work on its two-year delivery plan for 2026-27.

Your sincerely



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