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Dear Jakub,

Modifications to the Smart Meter Communication Licence for transition to ex ante cost control and other changes required for Licence closure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our views on Ofgem's proposed modifications to the Smart Meter Communications Licence, as well as the associated changes required in preparation for licence closure.

We welcome the consultation as an opportunity to engage with the proposed updates and to provide feedback on the regulatory and operational framework under which the Data Communications Company (DCC) is expected to operate during the final phase of its licence term.

We support the proposed changes as set out in the documents accompanying the consultation, particularly the proposal to amend the dates for the submission of the price control information by the DCC for the final Regulatory year 26/27 to a period not longer than three months following the transfer date. We recognise the risk that there might be insufficient time for Ofgem to conclude its assessments in the final regulatory year if the submission date is not brought forward.

We are also supportive of the proposal to amend the Baseline Margin Adjustment and External Contract Gain Share mechanisms to account for the licence transfer date. We believe these adjustments are sensible and appropriate. We consider it equitable that the DCC is able to earn any Baseline Margin to which it would be entitled under the existing licence.

Finally, we support the housekeeping changes proposed to the Smart Meter Communications Licence. These minor but important revisions will help to maintain accuracy and clarity as the licence approaches its closure phase.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this consultation process and remain committed to engaging with you as these changes progress.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Sweet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Sweet
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