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Dear Tristan

### **Draft Centralised Strategic Network Plan Guidance**

Further to your consultation on the Draft Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP) Guidance published on 4 August 2025, this response is made on behalf of UK Power Networks' three distribution licence holding companies: Eastern Power Networks plc, London Power Networks plc, and South Eastern Power Networks plc. We are Great Britain's largest electricity Distribution Network Operator (DNO), dedicated to delivering a safe, secure and sustainable electricity supply to 8.5 million homes and businesses.

UK Power Networks remains a strong supporter of robust energy planning, as highlighted in our previous responses to Ofgem's consultations relating to Regional Energy Strategic Plan (RESP) and our active participation in ongoing development of transitional RESP (tRESP). We recognise the importance of policy frameworks like the CSNP and RESP in driving efficient, coordinated energy and whole system investment to help address the recommendations outlined in various National Infrastructure Commission reports on the UK's transmission and distribution networks and Clean Power 2030 (CP2030).

It is with this in mind that we highlight the intertwined nature of energy planning works as regional planning currently undertaken by Ofgem and DNOs for CP2030 and tRESP will feed directly into electricity transmission networks and their strategic planning. There is a strong need for policy cohesion and alignment across the sector, which will enable DNOs and other actors to understand how such plans will be consolidated and translated into capacity needs. This will ensure that our networks can efficiently and effectively accommodate these developments and that the necessary transmission infrastructure is in place to facilitate the forecast growth in electricity distribution networks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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