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Distribution & Residual Charging Team
Ofgem

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Last Mile Electricity response to Ofgem Consultation: Notice Period Options for Network Charges for the Start of ED3

Dear Ofgem,

Last Mile Electricity ("LME") welcomes the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. LME is an Independent Distribution Network Operator (IDNO) connections across mainland Great Britain.

LME is a member of the Independent Network Association (INA). We fully support the INA's response to this consultation.

To confirm we support the following proposals in the consultation:

- For Year 1 of ED3, we **support Option 4**, which is a notice period of 2 months, preferred by DNOs as final charges would be set based on the regulator's Final Determinations and therefore the most accurate view of allowed revenues. In our view, this approach provides the greatest tariff accuracy, minimises the risk of large future corrections and should contribute to greater stability in charges over the course of the price control.
- For Year 2 of ED3, **we support Ofgem's proposal to reduce the notice period from 15 months to 14 months**, enabling tariffs to be informed by Final Determinations while representing only a modest departure from existing arrangements.

More broadly, we consider that customers are generally better served by charges that are based on the best available information and reflect the final regulatory settlement, that results in less year-on-year volatility of charges, rather than by earlier publication of charges that subsequently require material correction and volatility.

Sincerely,

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