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Dear David,

**Timetables for Price Control Reviews**

EDF Energy welcomes the opportunity to comment on this Ofgem open letter on the timetables for Price Control Reviews.

We support the alignment of the three British electricity transmission price controls. We believe that it is appropriate under BETTA for GB wide transmission issues to be treated together. However, we acknowledge that some changes to the price controls may be required in the interim to ensure that the transmission price controls accommodate ongoing requirements for network investment, particularly in relation to renewables.

We also support the alignment of gas and electricity transmission price controls, given the ownership of both Gas and Electricity transmission activities in England and Wales by National Grid Transco. This would allow consideration of efficiency savings that may arise from any interaction between gas and electricity transmission activities.

We hope that you will find these comments helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Rupert Judson on 0207 752 2526 or myself.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Linford', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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