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Dear David

GB Consultation on Changes to the Grid Codes

Ofgem considers that it is generally appropriate to seek views on possible additional implications of change proposals to the Grid Codes should these be applied on a GB wide basis (as opposed to on an England and Wales only basis for NGC's Grid Code and on a Scotland only basis for the Scottish Grid Code) following the Second Reading in the House of Lords of the Energy Bill on 11 December 2003.

In the recent Ofgem/DTI consultation on the GB Grid Code¹, Ofgem sets out the procedures that it proposes to follow in future for seeking views on the GB wide impact of changes to the existing Grid Codes. In this consultation on the GB Grid Code, Ofgem also seeks views on the GB wide impact of proposed changes to the existing Grid Codes that have been submitted to the Authority or are currently the subject of consultation or development by a transmission licensee. I have attached the relevant extracts from the GB Grid Code consultation as an appendix to this letter.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to panel members and to any other parties who you consider may have an interest. A copy of this letter will also be published on Ofgem's website.

¹ 'The Grid Code under BETTA - Ofgem/DTI conclusions and second consultation on the text of a GB Grid Code and conclusions on change management between the STC and each of the GB CUSC, GB BSC and GB Grid Code' published 7 May 2004
(http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/7028_9904a.pdf).

Responses that identify additional implications in relation to a GB wide application for any of the proposed Grid Code changes described in paragraphs 5.15 to 5.21 in the appendix to this letter should be sent to:

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Please e-mail responses to BETTA.consultationresponse@ofgem.gov.uk marked 'Response to third GB Grid Code consultation'. Interested parties are requested to submit responses by 18 June 2004. All responses, except those marked confidential will be published on the Ofgem website and held electronically in the Ofgem Research and Information Centre. Respondents are requested to confine any confidential material in their responses to appendices. Ofgem prefers to receive responses in an electronic form so they can easily be placed on the Ofgem website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number if you have any queries in relation to the issues raised in this letter or alternatively contact Bridget Morgan on 020 7901 7080.

Yours sincerely

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose by the Authority