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Dear Mike,

**Participation in Transco's Uniform Network Code (UNC) workgroups**

I refer to Ofgem's attendance as an observer at the UNC Development Forum, the Exit Reform Development Forum and the UNC Legal Drafting Workshops.

As you will appreciate, Ofgem has attended and is attending these forums as an observer. As has been the experience to date, the Ofgem representative may occasionally be asked to comment on matters under discussion. As such, we thought this would be an appropriate time to restate the principles of Ofgem's participation in these groups, particularly given that the Authority will be asked to consider any network code modification proposals developed as a result of this and potentially, in the future, the UNC.

Therefore, it is important to be clear that:

- ◆ Ofgem is attending as a non voting observer;
- ◆ Ofgem's attendance is not binding on the Authority and cannot fetter the Authority's discretion in respect of the proposed disposal by Transco of one or more of its DN's or any related matter, including without limitation any code modifications which may be raised now or in the future; and
- ◆ there can be no expectation on the part of NGT, Transco, potential purchasers, shippers, suppliers and/or any other interested party as to what the Authority's decision in this regard may be; and
- ◆ any comments made by Ofgem representations are done to assist debate and are not binding on Ofgem or the Authority.

I would be grateful if you could ensure that relevant members of Transco staff are aware of the conditions of Ofgem's attendance. If you have any questions on this matter, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Jessica Hunt  
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