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Dear David

**Response to Notice under section 11A of the Electricity Act 1989: Proposal to new Licence Condition 9B**

We support Ofgem's proposal to introduce Licence Condition 9B into distribution licences. This is an important and necessary development for the industry.

Should the proposal to implement the licence condition succeed it will be important to establish a process that properly engages all relevant parties. We would be concerned if the DCUSA was developed by a DNO work group and where the involvement of other parties (suppliers as well as IDNOs) was restricted to commenting on the proposals and outputs of such group. As an IDNO we need to ensure that any DCUSA accommodates any specific requirements for IDNOs.

Also, if use of system and connection arrangements between distributors (DNO to DNO, or DNO to IDNO) are to be included in the DCUSA, careful consideration will be required as to the extent that such arrangements should be common to all parties and the extent to which such arrangements should be covered by separate bilateral agreements.

Yours sincerely,



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