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Dear Robert,

Transmission Price Control Review (TPCR): Updated Proposals

We refer to the above updated proposals published at the end of September and our discussion when we met you with the other amenity and like-minded groups in London in early September, which we found to be very useful.

We note that the Updated Proposals synthesise the views that we, among other organisations, submitted as part of the TPCR but disagree with your continuing view that a case has yet to be made for an undergrounding allowance (either analogous to the DPCR arrangements or a targeted fund, possibly related to innovation/R&D opportunities). We also disagree fundamentally that the consents process is a sufficient mechanism for public expression of concern (see para. 1.63), especially when the main focus of public concern is with existing transmission networks and refurbishment of assets. More optimistically, we do note that you will continue to consider your position on this key environmental issue.

As with Friends of the Lake District (FLD), Friends of the Peak District (FPD) also represents the Campaign to Protect Rural England through the Peak District, including High Peak and parts of NE Derbyshire. Given the very clear and full analysis of the current weaknesses in Ofgem's arguments in respect of (not) undergrounding by FLD in their response to the Updated Proposals (also on behalf of the national CPRE organisation), we have nothing further to add. We support their analysis and comments wholeheartedly.

We look forward to seeing your Final Proposals in due course,

Yours sincerely

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