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Dear Mr Hull

### **Transmission Price Control Review (TPCR): Updated Proposals**

The Council for National Parks (CNP) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the updated proposals which were published at the end of September. We are grateful to you for meeting with us and other amenity groups in London in early September, and found the discussion to be very useful.

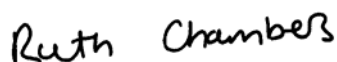
We were pleased to note that Ofgem is still considering its position on undergrounding. However, we disagree with your continuing view that a case has yet to be made for an undergrounding allowance. We fully support the detailed response submitted by the Friends of the Lake District which provides a clear and comprehensive analysis of the current weaknesses in your arguments in respect of your position on undergrounding.

We also disagree that the consents process is a sufficient mechanism for public expression of concern, especially when the main focus of public concern is with existing transmission networks and refurbishment of assets which do not fall within the consents process.

CNP considers that price control needs to enable transmission companies to meet their environmental duties effectively by taking action to minimise the net impacts of transmission network on designated and valued landscapes such as National Parks. An undergrounding allowance would assist with this.

CNP hopes that the above response is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require clarification of any of the above or any further information.

Yours sincerely



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