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Subject: Long Term Electricity Network Scenarios - Initial Thoughts and Workshop

Importance: High

Colin,

Brief thoughts :-

Firstly, we welcome Ofgems forward thinking.

Secondly, we have some concerns that Generation and potential mix is not covered/given sufficient importance. A lot is mentioned about demand.

Thirdly, we have some specific concerns on the interface with LA planning issues as these will play an important part in delivering the future solutions that we will be discussing.

Finally, In the overall plan for 2050 and review "way-markers" in the process we are worried that this is too simple and that the picture now is very different to the system in 2050. We currently have a very constrained system with NG as essential to national balancing. In contrast to a potential 2050 picture where regions balance locally with more local and domestic generation and where "spill" is managed onto the grid. If you plot a straight line you end up not investing now because we may not need additional grid capacity at 2050. The bit in the middle will be essential and we feel needs greater focus.

Many thanks

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