

From the Chairman of the Distribution Code Review Panel

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Dear Mr Polley

Electricity Distribution Licence Proposals

The DCRP working group managing the consultation into the inclusion of IDNOs in the Distribution Code governance process has considered the proposals for amendment of the Electricity Licence. As this group is working on this specific issue it has considered what, if any, modifications to the licence might be necessary to fully accomplish the inclusion of IDNOs and therefore limited its response to only this issue.

The WG has only just started its work and in the time available has not yet formed a fully unanimous view of all issues, including the cost sharing mechanisms needed. Certainly a majority of the WG currently seem to favour the clarity and certainty over funding that will be brought by a specific requirement to this effect on the face of the licence, although it is acknowledged that some members believe that this is implicit at this level.

Taking the above into account, it is our view as Chairmen of the DCRP and of the DCRP WG respectively that it is appropriate for Condition 21 of the proposed licence drafting to be amended by the inclusion the additional 21.15 as shown below:

21.15 In order to meet its obligations under this section the licensee agrees to fund the costs associated with the management of the Distribution Code and its Qualifying Standards in accordance with the cost sharing mechanism as approved by the Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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