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Dear Mark

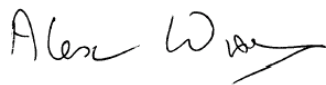
Re: Timing out of Authority decisions on mod proposals

I am responding to your open letter of 18 November 2008 specifically in regard to the UNC. We are not in apposition to comment on the issue relating to the BSC or CUSC.

NGN is comfortable with the additional flexibility requested in the letter to ensure that the Authority is not "timed out" on decisions. There is little to choose between your proposed Option A and option B but, on balance, option A is preferred as it is less bureaucratic. Consequently, NGN's view is that the Authority can vary the implementation timetable if that is required to make a decision, providing that any variation is consulted on.

Please note that this response can be regarded as non-confidential.

Yours sincerely



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