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Dear Rachel

Consultation on IDNO and DNO out of area use of system charges: reduction of the 3 month notice period for amending charges under SLC 14(20)

I am writing in response to Ofgem's consultation on notice periods for IDNO/out-of-area DNO use of system charges.

It is WPD's view that where possible DNOs and IDNOs should operate to the same licence requirements. However in this instance we agree that a 3 month notice period for IDNO/DNO out-of-area charges under the current licence obligation in SLC 14(20) is not compatible with IDNOs' licence obligations under BA2 (or special condition G1).

Therefore we believe that it would be appropriate for Ofgem to extend the existing "2 month" consents to an enduring basis as outlined in the consultation.

Yours sincerely

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