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Cc: Simon Brooke  
(by email only)

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Dear Colleague

### **Authority decision on the form of Use of System Charging Statement**

Electricity North West Limited (ENW) is required by standard licence condition (SLC) 4A(1) (Charges for Use of System) to prepare a use of system (UoS) statement, in a form approved by the Authority, which sets out the basis on which charges will be made for UoS.

ENW requested approval of a change to the form of its charging statement on 16 February 2009.

ENW has chosen to update its charging statement in line with the ongoing work of the Independent Distribution Network Operator (IDNO) Working Group to develop a common SLC 4A template for distribution licensees.

The Authority considers that the revised UoS charging statement is more transparent and in line with the requirement of SLC 4A to which the statement is pursuant. In adopting the proposals resulting from the conclusions of the IDNO working group, ENW's statement both aids clarity and strives to achieve commonality across distribution licensees.

It should be noted that the processes and legal tests in relation to modifications and the Competition Act 1998 investigation are separate and distinct. Therefore, in taking this decision, Ofgem does not limit or prejudice any findings which the Authority may make in relation to the current investigation of ENW under the Competition Act 1998.

The Authority has reviewed the revised statement and approves the form of your use of system charging statement.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter please contact Karron Baker at [Karron.Baker@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:Karron.Baker@ofgem.gov.uk) or on 0207 901 7350.

Yours faithfully,

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Director, Electricity Distribution  
Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose by the Authority