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Dear David

**Transmission Access Review: Enhanced transmission owner incentives: Consultation on Short Term Measures**

EDF Energy supports Ofgem and the three licensees for their continuing efforts in assessing the transmission investment to meet the 2020 emission reduction targets.

We continue to believe that it is essential that increased investment in transmission should be initiated as soon as is practicable to facilitate the connection of new generation and reduce operational costs. We therefore support the proposed licence modifications which will provide additional provisions to enable recovery of certain pre-construction costs associated with the transmission reinforcement works for the financial year from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010. We expect to support the early release of the full expenditure to finance the actual investments when we are consulted on this; no time should be wasted in commencing the works and any associated planning processes.

We welcome the commitment being provided by the short-term measures to provide the funding for pre-construction costs in 2009/10 for specific projects. We support the recent work conducted by the Electricity Networks Strategy Group (ENSG) and believe that pre-construction works will enable the TOs to test some of the investment strategies detailed in the ENSG report. If appropriate, the ENSG report should be used as a framework for actual transmission works required to 2020. We hope that these positive steps are replicated going forward to ensure the TOs are able to conduct further pre-construction works and commence actual transmission re-enforcements. This will ensure the GB transmission system is capable of delivering the UK's 2020 targets on time.

We would be happy to discuss any of the above points with you in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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