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Transmission Access review – Enhanced Transmission Investment Incentives
Open Letter: Consultation on Short Term Measures
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Dear David,

We welcome the opportunity to comment on this Consultation. This response is provided on behalf of the RWE group of companies, including RWE npower, RWE Supply and Trading GmbH and npower renewables Ltd, a fully owned subsidiary of RWE Innogy.

In our view, the pre-construction works for the nominated projects should not be delayed and we therefore fully support the licence modifications that Ofgem is proposing to enable the licensees to recover the costs.

However, we wish to restate our position that there remains a key role for Ofgem in providing both ex ante and ex post regulatory scrutiny of these and any other nominated projects that are brought forward as part of the process envisaged for the remainder of this price control. We need to be sure that these costs are efficiently incurred, do not provide duplicate funding for allowances already made and expedite genuine “no regrets” future transmission investments.

We hope these views are helpful and if you wish to discuss any aspect of them in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

By email so unsigned

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