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Dear Mark

Re: Code Governance Review: Environment and Code Objectives

I am pleased to respond to your open letter of 16 June.

NGN welcomes Ofgem's decision not to extend the requirements on code panels to consider broader environmental objectives and we agree with Ofgem's rationale.

We recognise the importance of assessing GHG emissions in modification proposals and in our response to your 21 November 2008 open letter we suggested that the existing processes would be sufficient to ensure full consideration of emissions data without amending licences. Nevertheless, we are willing to accept the proposed licence change. We welcome the inclusion of the words "where relevant" as the majority of UNC mods have no GHG impact.

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

Yours sincerely

Alex Wiseman Regulation Director

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