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Dear Mark

## AEP response to Codes Governance Review Initial Proposals - illustrative licence modification drafting

We note the opportunity to comment on the illustrative licence modification drafting in support of the Ofgem code governance review initial proposals. This consultation response has been compiled following discussions at our Electricity Networks, Electricity and Gas and Electricity Trading Committees.

It is unfortunate, however, that Ofgem has published this illustrative licence drafting without reference to, or consideration of, the many views and concerns identified by industry and despite the wide engagement by industry on the various code governance proposals.

I include our previous submissions for your reference, in order that our members' views may be given serious consideration, prior to what should lead to the redrafting of the proposed licence changes and a further round of consultation. We look forward to receipt of your response to the several issues raised for clarification.

If you have any enquiries regarding this response please feel free to contact Barbara Vest, Head of Electricity Trading on 07736 107 020

Yours faithfully

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(By Email)