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Dear Ms Fletcher

**Annual Stakeholder Report on Electricity Distribution**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the content of Ofgem's Annual Report and we welcome the move to create a more accessible document. As an Authority tasked with the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of Dartmoor, we have a strong interest in the allowance for undergrounding the network in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

It is understood that the allowance was given because of an identified customer willingness to pay (as demonstrated in the survey work carried out by Ofgem) and stakeholder endorsement. It would therefore seem beneficial to include a measure to monitor progress in the Annual Stakeholder Report, which is likely to be the only report that is readily available to both customers and stakeholders.

In addition, a readily available source of consistent comparative information provided for each National Park and AONB within each DNO area ie expenditure and length placed underground compared to allowance available and total length of line in each designated area, allows each DNO's performance to be monitored and successes acknowledged.

Yours sincerely

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The purposes of the Dartmoor National Park Authority are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park; and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities. In pursuing these purposes the Authority has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the local community.

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