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Dear Ms Fletcher

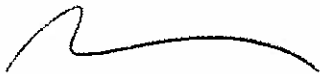
Annual stakeholder report on electricity distribution

I write on behalf of the Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership in response to your consultation on your proposal to produce a more “customer friendly” annual report on electricity distribution. The partnership welcomes your initiative and supports the proposal.

However, I wish to take the opportunity to encourage Ofgem to include information on undergrounding and the associated allowance. It is essential to include measures to monitor progress as, with all due respect, it is likely to be the only report read by both customers and stakeholders. It is suggested the information be articulated as comparative figures for each National Park and AONB within each DNO area i.e. expenditure and lengths placed underground compared to allowance available and total length of line in each designated area. Customers and stakeholders would thus have a ready comparison between protected landscapes, and between DNOs.

I hope you find these comments useful and Ofgem is able to provide information as described above in an annual stakeholder report.

Yours sincerely



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