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To: Rachel Fletcher
Cc: Andy Tickle (E-mail); Chapman Jane
Subject: Re Electricity Undergrounding for Visual Amenity Scheme

Dear Ms Fletcher

I understand that Ofgem is intending to produce a more customer friendly annual report on electricity distribution, but without any details of the allowance for undergrounding of overhead lines.

I feel this is regrettable, since one of our main problems with the scheme throughout the DPCR4 pricing period has been the lack of a consistent approach between the three main DNOs which cover the Peak District National Park (ie UU/Electricity NW; YEDL/CE Electric UK; and Central Networks/E.on) and their respective priorities as regards the undergrounding initiative.

In view of the fact that electricity customers' willingness to pay for improved environmental protection in AONBs and National Parks was one of the main reasons for the UVA scheme and the DNO's acceptance of it, I believe it is important for Ofgem to provide customers and stakeholders with such comparative information, where it is relevant to them, on an annual basis, especially when available in a non-technical report. In this way it should be possible for those of us working in the National Parks and AONBs and involved in the scheme, to have some means of measuring relative performance by our respective DNOs.

I trust you will feel able to provide this information in your annual stakeholder and customer report in future.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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