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## **Regulating energy networks for the future: RPI-X@20 Emerging Thinking**

The Campaign for National Parks (CNP) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. CNP is the national charity that campaigns to protect and promote National Parks for the benefit and quiet enjoyment of all.

### **Chapter 2: An outcomes-led framework**

CNP welcomes the proposal that energy companies should be encouraged to help to facilitate the delivery of a sustainable energy sector. The table in Appendix 5 explains how this will be done and lists certain requirements, to which CNP would like to see the following added:

- New transmission and distribution lines to avoid nationally designated areas such as National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Commitment to full exploration of undergrounding in exceptionally constrained areas such as National Parks

### **Proposition 3 – desired outcomes**

Proposition 3 lists a number of important outputs, to which we suggest adding ‘network-related environmental obligations’. The environmental impact of network-related infrastructure should be reflected in this proposition. This is recognised in other aspects of Ofgem’s work, for example the allowance in DPCR5 for network undergrounding in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which has led to a number of significant landscape enhancements.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require clarification of any of the above.

Yours sincerely



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