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Dear Gareth,

Long Term Development Statements for Electricity Distribution Networks – Consultation on the Form of Statement

GTC owns and operates a licensed electricity distribution business, The Electricity Network Company Limited (ENC). Long term developments have the potential to become a valuable tool in assessing the possible connections to the distribution systems of DNOs. We also believe that such statements should, if they contain the right relevant information, be a valuable tool for DNOs in assessing and designing connections. To do this they must contain the relevant information to facilitate assessment of the network so that potential opportunities can be identified. An effective, accessible long term development statement could reduce DNO costs because parties will be better able to make their own assessment.

The key points we make about the development statements are as follows:

- Such statement should be available, free of charge, and downloadable from the DNO website. Parties downloading the statement should not require access to specialist software.
- Whilst we are ambivalent as to whether parties should have to register on a DNO's website in order to gain access, we question why this would be required.
- We would welcome the development of a common form of statement across all DNOs. We also believe that this would be more efficient for DNOs in developing a model form
- We believe that the long term development statement should be updated when and where significant changes to the network are implemented. We also question whether long term development statements should detail the programme for the replacement of primary plant.

If you wish to discuss any of our points further please contact me

Yours

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