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Dear Hannah,

Consultation on the issue of timely connection to the electricity transmission network

Wales & West Utilities Limited (WWU) is a licensed Gas Distribution Network (GDN) providing Gas Transportation services for all major shippers in the UK. We cover ¹/₆th of the UK land mass and deliver to over 2.4 million supply points. WWU is one of only two Licence Operators that focus solely on Gas Distribution in the UK.

Our interest in this consultation relates to concerns that parties may consider that any principles agreed in the context of this consultation can be carried over to entry connections to Gas Distribution Networks.

We are currently responding to Ofgem's consultation on RIIO GD1 which covers gas entry connections and we consider that this is the appropriate process to discuss these issues.

Our view is that it would not be appropriate at some future date to seek to apply any principles established for generator connections to the electricity transmission system to entry connections to the gas distribution network without a full and open consultation in the context of the gas distribution business.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Edwards

Head of Commercial and Regulation

Wales & West Utilities

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