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Dear Mark

This response relates to the Notice under Charge Restriction Condition (CRC) 13 of the Electricity Distribution Licence with respect to the LCN Fund Governance Document and in particular version 4 of the Low Carbon Network Fund Governance Document.

As was the case for earlier versions, version 4 of the Governance Document has been shaped by very productive discussions between Ofgem and the Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) during meetings of the Environmental Issues Working Group.

The only change that is a cause for concern is the requirement for Ofgem to receive customer engagement plans two calendar months before initiating customer contact (paragraph 3.14). A period of two months for Ofgem to approve customer engagement plans, particularly when some first tier projects may only have a duration of a few months, seems very cumbersome. It is to be hoped that the working group discussions relating to a generic approved customer engagement plan, with specific approval only required for variation outside the generic plan, come to fruition ahead of the next governance review.

I have no further representations to make on behalf of Central Networks on the new content of version 4 of the Governance Document, and note that the document will come in to effect on 1st April 2011.

Yours sincerely

[by email]

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