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Dear Hannah

Project TransmiT: approach to electricity transmission charging work

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response on the next steps for Project TransmiT. This response is provided on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET). NGET owns the electricity transmission system in England and Wales and is the National Electricity Transmission System Operator. NGET has fully engaged in the Project TransmiT process throughout its development, attending stakeholder events, reviewing and commenting on emerging thinking, undertaking analysis and participating in discussions with the industry.

There is significant value in focusing Project TransmiT on immediate developments to the Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) charges, which should facilitate timely implementation of material improvements. We suggest that any changes should avoid the introduction of additional complexity and seek to remove it from existing arrangements where possible.

In our response to Ofgem's Call for Evidence in January, we set out our view that the initial focus of Project TransmiT should be to deliver the high level principles and objectives for charging such that more detailed developments could be delivered through industry governance. In undertaking an SCR Ofgem will be able to set out these principles, and this therefore represents a suitable approach to providing the necessary clarity and vision for the industry to further develop the charging methodologies.

NGET remain committed to positively engaging in the process to ensure arrangements facilitate a timely move to a low carbon energy sector whilst continuing to provide safe, secure, high quality network services at value for money to existing and future consumers.

If you wish to discuss any of these issues or comments further, or have any other queries regarding this response, please contact either myself or Ivo Spreeuwenberg on 01926 655897.

Yours sincerely

[By e-mail]

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