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Open letter on National Grid licence modification relating to critical national infrastructure costs

Dear Chris,

Following your publication of the open letter, I am writing in support of your proposals to insert, into National Grid's licence, an explicit funding mechanism for efficient and economic expenditure on security for critical national infrastructure.

We believe it is important to ensure regulatory consistency across all licensees for the funding of these costs and, as such, welcome these proposals.

We are a little surprised that it is proposed to implement these changes so close to the rollover year and the subsequent price control. Nonetheless, we agree that an explicit funding mechanism should be implemented for these costs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Ridsdale', written over a horizontal line.

Sam Ridsdale
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