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Dear Hannah,

Project TransmiT: update on connections issues and consultation on timely connections reporting obligation

Thank you for the Project TransmiT update and the opportunity to provide our views on the proposed licence reporting requirements in respect of timescales for connections to the electricity transmission network. This response is provided on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET). NGET own 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 and is supportive of Ofgem ensuring the existing framework and any future changes to the framework better facilitate timely connections.

Timely connections to the electricity transmission network is an issue that has significantly improved since the implementation of Connect and Manage (C&M), which allowed customers to connect to the electricity transmission system without the need to wait for the completion of wider transmission reinforcements. Connection contracts signed since August 2010 have provided customer connection dates on average seven years earlier than the previous regime would have offered, meaning customers are now offered a date generally in line with their requirements.

Although C&M has been successful in advancing customer connection dates, NGET recognise that timely connections remains an important issue and support the introduction of an incentive mechanism to drive further improvements.

We are supportive of the reporting obligation proposed and agree that the transmission licence is the right place for this obligation. We agree that the proposed information will enable Ofgem to monitor connection timescales and to inform ongoing considerations as to whether further changes are required to the C&M framework.

We believe that the most efficient way to deliver the proposed reporting would be to extend our existing reporting obligations and publications. The extension of one of our existing

reports to include information in respect of offers made in the previous six months and the factors affecting the connection timescales will help centralise connection information for Ofgem, customers and other industry stakeholders.

Connection timescales, opportunities and the progress of C&M are extensively reported in the Transmission Networks Quarterly Connections Update (TNQCU) [\[link\]](#) and in the Quarterly report on the C&M regime [\[link\]](#). These reports already incorporate customer requirements, Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) obligations and existing Ofgem information requests. We would welcome Ofgem's input into the development and co-ordination of these reporting requirements.

NGET remain committed to positively engaging in the TransmiT process to ensure arrangements facilitate timely connections to the electricity transmission system and a move to a low carbon energy sector whilst continuing to provide safe, secure, and economic network services 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 John Perkins on 01926 656337.

Yours sincerely,



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