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Dear Rachel

New Thames Valley Vision - Sucessfeul Delivery Reward Criteria

In the Decision Document dated 27th November 2011 the New Thames Valley Vision was successfully selected under the second tier of the Low Carbon Network fund. As a condition of this funding, Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution has been required to submit a report to Ofgem prior to signing contracts with partners to outline the development work undertaken and how the deliverables of the contract link through to the learning outcomes for the project.

We are happy to meet this condition and are re-coordinating our delivery plans to ensure we achieve maximum benefit from this additional element. As discussed, we recognise that the one month review period will delay our ability to meet two of our earlier Successful Delivery Reward Criteria.

Principally this delay is a result of deferring the placement of key work orders and the consequential effect of rearranging partner resources and manufacturing slots. As a result SDRC 9.1a will be delivered by May 2012 and 9.1b by July 2012. I trust that the re-assignment of these successful delivery reward criteria will not adversely affect the assessment of the project performance.

We look forward to delivering the New Thames Valley Vision and sharing our discoveries and learnings with wider industry.

Yours sincerely

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