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Dear Rebecca

Consultation on proposed licence changes to facilitate open governance of the Common Connection Charging Methodology

Thank you for giving SSE the opportunity to comment on the proposed Licence amendments to facilitate open governance of the CCCM. We are supportive of Ofgem's objectives and agree that the Common Connection Charging Statement should not have open governance at this time.

The issues which Ofgem has set out in Appendix 1 of its consultation are appropriate and we do not believe that there is anything missing from this list. However, we are concerned that the obligation to comply with the CCCM will not apply to IDNOs or DNOs operating out-of-area.

Should the proposed amendments be made to the Licence, then we believe that they should apply to all DNOs equally, irrespective of whether they are operating within or out-with their Distribution Services Area. We feel that this will create a level playing field for all DNOs to compete on and should ultimately be to the benefit of customers through facilitating fairer competition in connections.

As currently drafted the proposal would seem to favour IDNO's, who do not need to comply with the CCCM, we therefore feel that Ofgem should explore this before issuing any Statutory Consultation on the amendments.

Until the above is resolved, we cannot comment further on Ofgem's timetable or amendments. However, the drafting appears to be consistent with Ofgem's intentions as set out in Appendix 1.

I hope that this is helpful and should Ofgem wish to discuss the issue raised in this response further, then please contact me on the telephone number above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gareth Shields', written over a white background.

Gareth Shields
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