

# SOUTH WEST PROTECTED LANDSCAPES

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## **RE: Open letter consultation on the way forward for the next electricity distribution price control review – RIIO-ED1**

Thank you for the opportunity to input to the next electricity distribution price control (ED1) is due to start on 1 April 2015. This response is directed at the question in your open letter referring to “***Which of the DPCR5 outputs and incentives do you consider to be fit for purpose, or require minimal amendment, for RIIO-ED1?*** “

The Protected Landscapes of the south west (12 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and 2 National Parks) cover some 38% of the region – Much of the region falls within the Western Power Distribution network.

As a network of Protected landscapes we have been working closely with Western Power Distribution on undergrounding overhead lines since May 2009. Under DPCR5 we have jointly identified and progressed 8 undergrounding schemes with a spend value of over £1.5 million.

It is the view of the 12 AONBs and 2 NPAs that:

- We have developed a very effective working relationship with Western Power,
- The schemes approved will provide significant environmental benefits, have public support and demonstrate industry willingness to have due regard for AONB and National Park designation.

As a Forum we would be in favour of DPCR5 outputs and incentives remaining unchanged for RIIO-ED1.

**Yours Sincerely**

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Blackdown Hills AONB, Cornwall AONB, Cotswolds AONB, Cranborne Chase & West Wilts Downs AONB, Dartmoor NP, Dorset AONB, East Devon AONB, Exmoor NP, Isles of Scilly AONB, Mendip Hills AONB, North Devon Coast AONB, North Wessex Downs AONB, Quantock Hills AONB, South Devon AONB, Tamar Valley AONB.