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Our Ref: **Response to consultation on interim user commitment arrangements for non-generation network users.**

Dear Vanja,

National Grid welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation. We understand the importance of certainty for users developing new projects and the need to develop a clear and appropriate framework for non-generation users with respect to user commitment.

Interim arrangements

As stated in the consultation, NGET advocate Option 2 as our preferred approach, with the extension of interim arrangements to 2015 allowing an enduring solution to be found.

Enduring arrangements

On 31st October we issued an open letter to the industry seeking views on the development of user commitment for non-generation users. The letter outlines a number of areas of uncertainty which may impinge upon possible user commitment developments. We are seeking industry views by 15th December and these responses will inform National Grid's decision on the most appropriate way to progress.

We also recognise the interaction between this review and the Integrated Transmission Planning and Regulation (ITPR) project and the need to provide an explanation of the specific areas that overlap these two processes. In our open letter we highlighted some of these areas that impact on development in this area and that we also expect the ITPR consultation to consider.

For any further information please contact Steven Thompson (steven.thompson@nationalgrid.com).

Yours sincerely,

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