Appendix Six

The following describes the proposed timeline for development of the Asset Health Framework. The dates and activities are as per the joint proposal shared with Ofgem on the 3rd of December 2012, and the slide pack circulated prior to the meeting on the 30rd November 2012, and therefore accommodates all GDNs views.

Asset Health Timeline

By 31 March 2013

We will have a consistent health assessment for all <7bar below ground assets with:

- Agreed and documented factors that influence health by asset group and highlighted data gaps for GDNs to close.
- Agreed and documented the minimum requirements for data (including quality) against each asset category.
- Agreed criticality matrix that is comparable across categories (this will include safety probability).

By 31 March 2013 we will also set out a timeline for completion of each asset category driven by materiality.

By 31 March 2014

For material assets (defined as those with significant criticality or investment needs) we will have:

- Agreed mechanisms/models to score health from the agreed factors.
- Agreed deterioration rates (actual or modeled).
- A consistent way of determining the criticality and probability.

By 31 March 2013 we will also set out a timeline to address any remaining asset categories.

It must also be stressed that as the process is iterative we will commit to providing an update at each stage, the first being as part of the end of March 2013 and then throughout the process following consultation with Ofgem and their consultants.

Finally we will also endeavour to bring forward any asset categories that can be completed without compromising the delivery of the material assets.