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Dear Lesley

Consultation on further proposed licence changes following the implementation of the Third Package and other miscellaneous changes - representation

I am writing on behalf of Western Power Distribution (East Midlands)plc, Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc, Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc and Western Power Distribution (South West) plc, with regard to the proposed modifications to SLC22.5(e) and SLC23.5(e) of the Distribution Licence.

We understand from a conversation with Abid Shiekh that the modification is intended to cover circumstances in which the Authority has directed the DNOs to raise an amendment proposal under paragraph 5(f) and for some reason this subsequently needs to be withdrawn.

Inserting the proposed wording does not achieve this aim and is confusing to the reader.

It would be clearer to simply amend 22.5(e)(ii) and 23.5(e)(ii) to :

"where they are raised by the licensee, only to be withdrawn without the Authority's prior consent, if they are raised in accordance with a direction from the Authority under paragraph (f)(i)''

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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