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Dear James

Consultation on Electralink's proposed expansion regarding electricity-related activities

I am writing in response to the open letter issued on 3 December 2012.

We think that the four criteria set out in the letter for assessing the safeguards in place are appropriate. We also think that the material provided in Electralink's letter of 29 October 2012 addresses these points and satisfactorily answers the additional questions asked by Ofgem.

We note that Electralink has referred in particular to the obligations, performance requirements and safeguards set out in the Data Transfer Service Agreement which, amongst other things prevent it from shifting commercial risk onto DTS users. As the letter points out, users are not obliged to make use of the DTS for transferring data, which helps to ensure that the service is provided in an economic and efficient manner. We also note that the DTS Charging Principles define the costs that can be charged against the DTS so that it does not bear any costs incurred in respect of delivery of commercial services.

Given the safeguards referred to, we support the draft consent that Ofgem is minded to grant.

I hope that this is helpful but please contact me if you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely



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