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Dear Anna,

**JOHN MUIR TRUST RESPONSE TO OFGEM CONSULTATION – RIIO-ED1
ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS OPERATORS’ BUSINESS PLANS**

The John Muir Trust is the leading wild land conservation charity in the United Kingdom. The Trust seeks to ensure that wild land is protected and enhanced and that wild places are valued by and for everyone.

We are grateful for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. Although we have been unable to comment in detail on this occasion we have one observation which we hope Ofgem will be able to address.

The expressions of commitment by the DNOs to safeguarding the environment and mitigating the visual impacts of infrastructure are encouraging. However it is difficult to understand why there should be such a variation in the level of resource they are prepared to commit to this - less than 25% of the Ofgem allowance in one case. Ofgem may wish to examine this further before making a decision on which schemes to fast-track.

Yours sincerely

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By e mail