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Dear Ms Rossington

RIIO-ED1: Electricity Distribution Networks Operators' (DNOs) business plans for the period 2015-23

The Snowdonia Society is a registered charity working to protect, enhance and celebrate Snowdonia, its wildlife and heritage. We have 1500 members drawn from people both living within and visiting Snowdonia. Our interest in the price control review process is primarily in relation to the allowance for the undergrounding of overhead lines in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). We are very pleased that Ofgem has chosen to retain this allowance for the RIIO-ED1 period.

We work with SP Energy Networks as the DNO for North Wales and attend the regular liaison meetings hosted by SP and the Snowdonia National Park Authority. We commend this consultation process which arises from the partnership Accord agreed between SP and the Park Authority in 2007.

The Snowdonia Society welcomes SP's intention to invest the OfGEM allowance of £7.2 million over the eight year RIIO-ED1 period in AONBs and the Snowdonia National Park in North Wales; this is equivalent to undergrounding approximately 85km of lines that are currently overhead. We have worked with SP to identify the preferred list of lines to be undergrounded and are confident that SP will deliver when the resources are available.

In summary, we commend SP Energy's Business Plan to you and will support and encourage SP to achieve their programme of undergrounding.

Your sincerely,

David Archer, Chair.

