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Dear James,

National Grid Transmission: proposed Statement of Works trial

We are pleased to be able to respond to your consultation on National Grid's proposals. Our responses to the three questions posed are below.

1. Do you understand NGET's proposal?

Yes.

2. What is your view on the usefulness of the proposal and its perceived benefits?

We do not think that this proposal will have material benefits for our customers as the number of Statement of Works we seek are low in number and we don't think are likely to be affected by this proposed change.

Whilst we acknowledge and welcome any proposal to take time and cost out of the process we think a more extensive review of how this interface is managed should form part of this work. The timescales that require DNOs to make connections offers within three months means that confirmed costs are not available back from National Grid Transmission in time for their inclusion in the DNO's connection offer. A more extensive review would potentially deliver much greater benefits for Distributed Generation developers if a more radical solution could be found.

3. Do you have any concerns with this proposal?

Whilst we wouldn't categorise it as a concern, we think further clarity from National Grid as to the circumstances where the DNO "knows it will have an impact" would be helpful ie what do we do about marginal cases.

As always, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Market Regulation