

Received by email from Thomas Chappell

Dear Ofgem-

In response to your consultation on competition in DNOs, my observation is that there is great variety of approach by different DNOs.

For example:

SSE for example accept relatively low cost radio-based comms links for remote generator substations whereas Scottish Power will insist on having a vastly more expensive fixed line solutions.

NPG have a policy not to offer overhead line connection solutions and will always assume cabling in the public highway, whereas ENWL will offer overhead line solutions. I have a recent example of this.

My experience (as a wind farm developer / operator) is that some exploit their monopolistic positions more than others. I don't understand why the licence obligation to provide economic and efficient connections can result in such different approaches.

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