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Dear Mr Elliot

Consultation on a proposed licence modification to set objectives for the Master Registration Agreement

I am writing on behalf of Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc, Western Power Distribution (South West) plc, Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc and Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc in response to the above consultation of 14th November 2014.

WPD agree with the proposed changes to the Electricity Distribution Licence, inserting the new objectives into SLC23, The Master Registration Agreement. We have outlined our responses to the questions in the consultation below.

Question 1: Do you agree with the drafting of the proposed objectives in Appendix 1?

Yes we agree with drafting.

Question 2: Do you agree with the proposed changes to the decision-making, reporting and appeal provisions?

Yes we agree with the proposed changes.

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed deletions of SLCs 23.3(f) and 23.4, given that these matters will be covered by the new objectives?

Yes we agree that the areas covered by the sections to be deleted are adequately covered by the new objectives.

Question 4: Do you think it is necessary to have a specific objective (SLC 23.3A(f)) covering the MRA interactions with the Green Deal? If so, do you agree with the proposed drafting of SLC 23.3A(f)? If not, how could these interactions be accounted for under the other proposed objectives?

We do not consider a green deal objective to be entirely necessary. We cannot identify any potential Green Deal related changes that would not also be covered by one or more of the other new objectives. However we have no substantive objections to there being a specific Green Deal objective and have no issues with the proposed drafting.

Question 5: Do you have any other suggestions for the drafting?

No.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of our response please contact ...
(grsmith@westernpower.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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