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Dear Olivia,

**Voltage rule and High Cost Cap consultation**

In response to your consultation on which of the voltage rule and the High Cost Cap for distributed generation should take precedence we have the following comments.

We support Ofgem's view that the voltage rule should take precedence over the High Cost Cap as this results in consistent treatment of charges for demand and generation projects. This equality of treatment aligns with other Ofgem decisions for RIIO-ED1 such as the cessation of the Distributed Generation Incentive.

Whilst we have not seen the instances where the High Cost Cap has come into play we welcome the clarity that a decision on this matter will bring. Consistency of treatment of across DNOs is important so that customer receive uniform treatment. To that end we will be happy to submit a modification to the Common Connection Charging Methodology once Ofgem has reached its decision.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Brian Hoy**  
Head of Market Regulation