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Dear Mr Cope

## **CONSULTATION RESPONSE – THE FINDINGS OF OUR REVIEW OF THE ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS MARKET – CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED REMEDIES**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed remedies following your review of the electricity connections market. We support your work to ensure that the electricity connections market continues to develop and work more effectively for those wishing to connect.

### **Question 1: The proposed structure and content of the license condition**

In our opinion the license condition proposed gives clear direction on the requirements for DNOs in the competition in connections area. This will be useful as a required standard against which actions and progress can be measured.

### **Question 2: The minimum requirements proposed for inclusion in the CoP**

The minimum requirements for the CoP proposed cover key areas to support competition in connection. It is good to see the requirement for the inspection process and it being applied consistently to ICP and DNO connections included. Is the service expected / time period for DNO design approvals included elsewhere?

### **Question 3: What else should be included in the CoP**

Should the CoP also include a requirement for allowing access to the DNO network specification requirements that have to be met to ensure adoption?

We note your comment on Statutory Rights and would like to know how your discussions with central government progress. Is there anything that can be done in the CoP process proposed to require DNOs to use their Statutory Rights to support accredited ICPs in ways they may support their own connections businesses?

Yours sincerely



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