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Dear Company Secretary,

### **Authority Decision on SP Transmission Sulphur Hexafluoride Exceptional Event**

I refer to SP Transmission plc's two sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) exceptional event claims submitted to the Authority on the 1 August 2014. The Authority's decision on both of these claims is set out in the tables below.

<b>Claim 1 – Whitehouse</b>	
<b>Details of claim provided by Licensee</b>	
Type of claim	SF <sub>6</sub> Leakage (Special Condition 3E)
Licensee	Scottish Power Transmission plc
Start date of event	18/07/2012
End date of event	September 2013
Event	Leakage from gas insulated switchgear from July 2012 until September 2013
Nature/cause of event	Incorrect installation of switchgear followed by abnormal configuration in Edinburgh area that prevented timely repair
Substation(s) affected	Whitehouse
Total SF <sub>6</sub> leakage associated with event (kg)	113.7
<b>Authority's Decision</b>	
The Authority is unable to direct that this event is an Exceptional Event under Special Condition 3E of SP Transmission plc's Electricity transmission licence as notification to the Authority from the licensee was outside the required notice period of 14 days from occurrence.	

<b>Claim 2 - Eccles</b>	
<b>Details of claim provided by Licensee</b>	
Type of claim	SF <sub>6</sub> Leakage (Special Condition 3E)
Licensee	Scottish Power Transmission plc
Start date of event	20/01/14
End date of event	20/01/14
Event	Catastrophic failure of gas system on a circuit breaker
Nature/cause of event	Equipment failure
Substation(s) affected	Eccles
Total SF <sub>6</sub> leakage associated with event (kg)	102.5
<b>Authority's Decision</b>	
The Authority is unable to direct that this event is an Exceptional Event under Special Condition 3E of SP Transmission plc's Electricity transmission licence as notification to the Authority from the licensee was outside the required notice period of 14 days from occurrence.	

Despite not receiving the notifications within the 14 day deadline, we have still conducted an initial review of the claims. The information so far provided has not been sufficient for us to reach a conclusion on whether the events would have been accepted had they been received within the 14 day deadline.

### **Exceptional Event Claims Guidance**

We are keen to streamline the processes by which future exceptional events claims are submitted to Ofgem and assessed by Authority. We are therefore currently working on developing the processes for both SF<sub>6</sub> and ENS exceptional event claims. This will include creating a pro forma and guidance on exceptional event claims for submission by licensees. We will likely be in contact with you regarding this in the near future and would value your input in helping us create a more streamlined process for exceptional event claims and assessments.

If you have any questions in relation to the above please contact Keren Maschler on telephone: 020 3263 9619 or by email: [keren.maschler@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:keren.maschler@ofgem.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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Min Zhu  
Associate Partner, Electricity Transmission  
Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority