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## **Consultation on licence modifications to enhance the role of the System Operator**

EDF Energy is one of the UK's largest energy companies with activities throughout the energy chain. Our interests include nuclear, coal and gas-fired electricity generation, renewables, and energy supply to end users. We have over five million electricity and gas customer accounts in the UK, including residential and business users.

EDF Energy welcomes the opportunity to comment on licence modifications to enhance the role of the System Operator (SO). We do not have specific comments on Ofgem's proposed Licence modifications on system planning or conflict mitigation.

We would like to reiterate that we believe the SO has a good overview of the whole network and wider energy system. It can therefore support the holistic development of the transmission system. With increasing complexity and operability challenges it is very important that the SO's role is strengthened to ensure that they are in a position to help to evaluate the operational aspects of any system development. Given the SO role in being the customer facing counterparty, any consequences of system development on users can be identified and / or impacts on system operation can be highlighted and addressed at the design phase.

Should you wish to discuss any of the issues raised in our response or have any queries, please contact Natasha Ranatunga on 020 3126 2312, or me.

I confirm that this letter may be published on Ofgem's website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Cox'.

**Mark Cox**  
**Head of Transmission and Trading Arrangements**