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Dear Andrew

MOVING TO RELIABLE NEXT-DAY SWITCHING

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide some comments on the Moving to Reliable Next-day Switching Response paper and the consultation on the Target Operating Model (TOM).

As you are aware, the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) plays a pivotal role in the current switching arrangements in electricity and consequently will be impacted by the outputs from this programme. The MRA contains, as part of its product set, 17 procedural documents as well as the Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC) and MRA Executive Committee (MEC) will be considering the consequential impacts on these throughout the programme.

MEC notes the direction of travel of the decision paper and the TOM. We believe that MRASCo has a key role to play in the move towards reliable next-day switching and therefore offer support to Ofgem as part of the workgroups and as part of the External Design Advisory Group. MEC do not underestimate the level of work that will need to be undertaken throughout the programme and will be considering our options regarding our strategy over the next few months.

It is worth highlighting that the registration governance held within the MRA link to a number of key industry processes, such as the Green Deal Central Charge database, the Microgeneration Certification Scheme, through the Electricity Central Online Enquiry Service (ECOES). ECOES is a database managed and maintained under the MRA and has a direct dependencies (for example allocating pre-payment monies) on the data held in the individual registration systems (Meter Point Registration System) owned by the individual Distribution Businesses. We believe that ECOES has a role to play in the industry beyond the implementation of next-day switching as a cost-effective, reliable solution.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in the meantime or there is any immediate support we can provide for your work going forward.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Travell