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Dear Grant

## DPCR5 Closeout methodologies – notice of forthcoming consultation on timetable

I am writing in response to the letter issued on 22 January 2016 which proposes to change the timetable for the development of DPCR5 close out methodologies within the Financial Handbook. This response is on behalf of Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc, Western Power Distribution (South West) plc, Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc and Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc.

We agree with the proposal to move the date for completion of the methodologies from 31 March 2016 to 31 July 2016.

WPD had been actively involved in the development of these methodologies along with other DNOs and interested stakeholders. We will continue to support this work during the extended period of development.

If you require any further information contact <u>amichalowski@westernpower.co.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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