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Dear James

**Re: Open Letter Consulting on Northern Powergrid's delivery of one of its commitments in 2015-16**

I am writing on behalf of the Metered Connection Customer Group (MCCG) to set out our group's response to the above.

As outlined in our original response we do believe that Northern Powergrid (NPg) has failed to deliver on one of its commitments in its 2015/16 work plan of activities, namely the promised IT development to help improve the access to NPG systems. This would enable competitors to more easily undertake Self Determination of Points of Connection, particularly at High Voltage.

That said, whilst this may have delayed the take up of Self Determination with some connections stakeholders, we note that NPg have been keen to provide any connections stakeholder with direct access to their systems via one of their offices. This does allow interested stakeholders to undertake this activity and has therefore limited the impact of the delay on stakeholders. Whilst not an ideal solution, it does show that NPg is willing to move this issue forward and work with any interested stakeholder to facilitate Self Determination.

MCCG members look forward to seeing this IT initiative being delivered soon and will be happy will be happy to work with NPg, to iron out any issues with the process in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Fitzsimons', is written over a horizontal line.

Neil Fitzsimons  
**On behalf of the MCCG**