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Date

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Dear Kiran,

**Consultation under Part E of SLC 51 of the Electricity Distribution Licence on Ofgem's minded-to decision to approve Information Gathering Plans submitted by Distribution Network Operators**

I am writing 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 in relation to the above consultation.

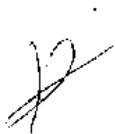
The content of the Information Gathering Plans (IGPs) will vary across DNO because each DNO will be starting from a different historic data collection position and the Common Network Asset Indices Methodology allows DNOs some flexibility on what data elements they choose to collect.

Prior to the initial submission of the IGPs, there was limited regulatory guidance provided. Consequently, it was inevitable that DNOs would include different levels of detail in their IGPs. Ofgem's subsequent analysis of the submitted IGPs and request for additional content has sought to address this.

We therefore support Ofgem's decision to approve DNOs' Information Gathering Plans.

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