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Dear Tessa

RIIO-ED1: Consultation on minor modifications to special conditions of slow-track electricity distribution licences

SP Distribution plc, SP Manweb plc. and SP Transmission plc. (“the network companies”) are the “asset-owner companies” holding Scottish Power’s regulated assets and distribution and transmission licences. Scottish Power operates along divisional lines, and together, the activities of these companies fall within the Energy Networks division “SP Energy Networks” (SPEN).

SPEN has no comments in relation to the drafting of the licence itself, however, would like to use this opportunity to seek clarification in relation to the licence definition below.

1. ‘Working Day’ Definition

SPEN would like to use this opportunity to seek clarification of the current definition of ‘Working Day’, which is defined as “any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a day that is a bank holiday within the meaning of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971”.

The Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 states that Her Majesty may by proclamation appoint another day in place of a Bank Holiday defined in the Act, resulting in additions or changes to the dates stated within Schedule 1 of the Act. Therefore, we believe that it is appropriate to utilise the Government’s website¹ to obtain an accurate list of annual Bank Holiday dates. This is due to the fact that dates of Royal Proclamation are not included within the Banking and Financial Dealings Act itself. For example, New Year’s Day has been proclaimed a bank holiday in England, Wales

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/bank-holidays>

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since 1974², whereas this does not appear within Schedule 1 of the Act. We seek Ofgem's confirmation that our interpretation is appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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² <http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06170/SN06170.pdf>
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