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Dear Min,

Re: Consultation on the assessment criteria for derogations from the Grid Connection Codes

On behalf of Electricity North West Limited, we appreciate the opportunity to respond to this consultation. We have reviewed the draft criteria and are generally comfortable with the proposed approach. In direct response to the questions posed:

1) Do you agree with our approach to use the existing GB derogations assessment criteria as the basis for our GCC derogation assessment criteria?

Yes.

2) Do you agree that the proposed GCC derogation assessment criteria, described in Annex 1, properly reflect the requirements set out in the GCCs?

Yes.

3) Do you identify any issues with our proposed GCC derogation assessment criteria?

As part of your team's engagement with the Energy Networks Association, we did suggest that there may be merit in including a point in relation to how Ofgem will consider time limits within any derogation requests, particularly how Ofgem will consider any instances where it may be appropriate for derogations to not be time limited. We still believe there is merit in including something to this effect.

We have not identified any other issues.

We hope this response will assist you in this process. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Jen Carter
Client Manager