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Dear Rebecca,

Consultation on proposed direction to treat certain services in relation to the Central Data Services Provider as Excluded Services from 1 April 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on proposed direction to treat certain services in relation to the Central Data Services Provider (CDSP) as Excluded Services from 1 April 2017. This response is made on behalf of National Grid Gas Distribution Limited (NGGDL) and can be published by Ofgem.

NGGDL is a gas distribution company providing gas to 11million homes and business through 130,000km of pipelines. We own and operate four regulated gas distribution networks covering a geographically defined service territory across the East of England, North London, the North West and the West Midlands.

NGGDL supports the proposal for the direction, as this is the most pragmatic approach to facilitate Uniform Network Code Must Read services, once Standard Special Condition A15A is fully effective and the CDSP arrangements go live on 1 April 2017.

At this stage we are not aware of any other services (apart from Must Reads) that should be treated as Excluded Services. We therefore consider that the draft direction delivers the policy intent outlined in the consultation letter.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely
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