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Good Morning James,

I have been reading the latest article as per the attached link. Which I am fully in support of the 5 year period proposed given the speed that the energy landscape is changing.  
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As mentioned in the article, **the networks are the cornerstone of the energy system** which is going through an unprecedented pace and scale of change. Ofgem wants to work closely with network companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders to ensure that the [next price controls](#) continue to drive down costs for customers and deliver grids which are fit for the future.

I have a real concern regarding the future asset security of our electricity networks. As an industry and given the importance of ensuring we build a secure and reliable Transmission and distribution network for ongoing and future needs of the Country. As an industry we still have 80% of our infrastructure secured on cancellable wayleaves, a historical legacy issue for most if not all the DNO's. This is driving up costs trying to defend Wayleave terminations through the DBEIS hearing process along with ever increasing injurious affection claims driven by aggressive land agents, letter dropping land owners offering to make them money through compensation.

Is Ofgem able to help the industry with regards to changing legislation on the termination of Wayleaves? Having main infrastructure essential to maintaining the back bone of the distribution networks and future DSO requirement's on wayleaves that can be cancelled is surely an industry and UK plc issue.

Best Regards

Rod

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