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Dear

Information request on the potential introduction of a lane rental scheme

Electricity North West is the electricity distributor for the North West of England serving your area. We own, operate and maintain the local electricity network and distribute electricity to 2.4 million homes and businesses in the North West.

North West homes and businesses benefit from 99.993% reliable electricity distribution services with a typical cost to domestic customers of just 24 pence per day. We are working with community energy groups and recognise our critical role enabling the decarbonisation of the energy system in the North West, through enabling the electrification of transport and heat systems.

We continually seek to minimise disruption to our customers through working constructively with Highway Authorities to meet our obligations under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA) and the Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA).

In September 2017 the Department for Transport consulted with Highway Authorities and other interested parties across England and Wales on measures to support the wider introduction of Lane Rental. In the Government response to this consultation (published in February 2018) it was noted that five North West Highway Authorities had indicated that they would like to introduce a lane rental scheme within five years.

Additionally, we are aware that Highway Authorities have the opportunity to review your current permit schemes after three years of operation, and then again on a three year cycle.

This letter requests information to help inform discussions with our regulator, Ofgem, on the likely impact of lane rental and any permit scheme review on our operational practices. To that end, could I ask if you have any outline or developed proposals that you are able to share regarding the possible adoption of lane rental and permit scheme reviews. I have set out our areas of interest in the Appendix to this letter.

Please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in case of any queries, or alternatively one of my team would be happy to meet with your Street Works Manager to discuss further any plans you might have in the light of your response to these questions.

I would be grateful for a response by 1 February 2019.

Electricity North West looks forward to continuing to work with you to ensure our region is at the forefront of an affordable transition to the low carbon economy.

Yours sincerely

Peter Emery
CEO

Appendix

Information request on the potential introduction of a lane rental scheme

- a) Is your authority planning to introduce a lane rental scheme within your traffic network area?
- b) Are you able to give an indication of the likely timescales for implementation?
- c) Can you confirm the proposed extent of any lane rental scheme and outline any potential key features?
- d) Can you confirm the likely fee structure of any scheme?
- e) Can you confirm the applicable road types?
- f) Is there anything else you are able to tell us that will help us understand how any lane rental scheme will apply in your area?

Information request on the potential review of an existing permit scheme

- a) Is your authority planning to review either the scope of its permit scheme or the fee structure?
- b) Can you confirm the likely timescales and scope of any such review?

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By email: - [REDACTED]

28 March 2019

Dear [REDACTED],

Information request on the potential introduction of a lane rental scheme in Highway Authorities in the North West of England

Electricity North West is the electricity distributor for the North West of England which owns, operates and maintains the local electricity network to distribute electricity to 2.4 million homes and businesses from Cheshire to the Scottish Border.

We are continually seeking to minimise disruption to our customers through working constructively with Highway Authorities to meet our obligations under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA) and the Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA).

In September 2017 the Department for Transport consulted with Highway Authorities and other interested parties across England and Wales on measures to support the wider introduction of Lane Rental. In the Government response to this consultation (published in February 2018) it was noted that five North West Highway Authorities had indicated that they would like to introduce a lane rental scheme at the earliest practical opportunity and certainly within five years.

This letter requests information from the Department for Transport to help inform our discussions with our regulator, Ofgem, on the potential for, timing of and potential impact of lane rental in our area. To that end, we are requesting you provide information on the state of development of any potential lane rental scheme by the Highway Authorities listed over.

Please contact [REDACTED] or me in case of any queries you might have concerning this information request.

I would be grateful for a response by 26 April 2019.

Yours sincerely



[REDACTED]
Head Of Economic Regulation

In Respect of the listed Highway Authorities here: -

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Blackpool Borough Council
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
Cheshire East Council
Cumbria County Council
Derbyshire County Council
Lancashire County Council
Manchester City Council
North Yorkshire County Council
Oldham Council
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Salford City Council
St Helens Council
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Tameside Borough Council
Trafford Council
Warrington Borough Council
Wigan Council

Information request on the potential introduction of a lane rental scheme with information broken down to each question per Highway Authority: -

- a) What is the level of development or intent of each and any of the Highway Authorities listed concerning plans to introduce a lane rental scheme?
- b) What is the forecast timescales for each and any of the listed Highway Authorities implementing a lane rental scheme?
- c) Can you provide information on the proposed extent of any lane rental scheme and outline any potential key features for each and any of the listed Highway Authorities?
- d) Can you indicate the likely fee structure of any lane rental scheme for each and any of the listed Highway Authorities?
- e) Can you indicate the applicable road types for each and any of the listed Highway Authorities?
- f) Is there anything else you are able to tell us that will help us understand how any lane rental scheme will apply in these listed Highway Authority areas?