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| **Draft Determination Publication** | |
| **Network Queries** | |
| **Network Reference number** | NGN \_DDQ\_XXXXXXX |
| **Licence** | Northern Gas Networks |
| **Topic/Activity:** | Ofgem RIIO 2 IT and Telecoms Assessment  Network Companies Report |
| **Question:** | 1. Page 52, Definition of required Resources. During the bilateral meetings and SQ process with the Cyber Team, a significant amount of additional detail on costings and project approach was shared. Was this information shared with the team undertaking the assessment referenced in this report. 2. If the answer to question 1 is no, can the information be shared with this team to consider in the context of the comments made in this section of the document 3. Page 52, Cost Assurity. The resource allocations shown here are those that would be dedicated to the project. NGN have a number of mechanism in place (including our Technical Enablement Group) that addresses this risk highlighted in this section. Are we able to share this information with the team undertaking this assessment to consider in the context of the comments made in this section of the report? 4. Table 8.2 NGN CAPEX and OPEX figures. Please can further clarity be provided on the 25% figure quoted in the Ex-ante Funding reduction column:    1. How does this 25% link back to the projects shared in the BPDTs    2. Does the 25% relate to specific projects that have been shared or is it a total reduction in proposed funding for IT projects    3. Is the intention of the Draft Determination that all of the proposed projects should be delivered for 25% less or that some projects that are shared in NGN’s plan no longer be delivered?    4. Will we received more details on this figure and the links back to the BPDT at a later date? 5. Page 53, Recommendations, first bullet point. We would be happy to provide this further detail if that would help with this team to consider in the context of the comments made in this section of the document 6. Page 53, Recommendations, second bullet point. We have shared further details on our Project Management Methodology with the cyber team as part of the bi-lateral and SQ process, including our Project Management Policy, which helps us address the concerns flagged here.    1. Has the team completing this assessment seen that information?    2. If the answer to question 6 a is No, would sharing this with team to consider in the context of the comments made in this section of the document be possible to address the concerns flagged here |
| **Confidential** | No |
| **DDQ raised by** | Matthew Little |
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| **Ofgem Response:**  All points were clarified during a bilateral meeting on the 12th of August 2020.  Overall, we agreed we would take receipt of additional information that might be useful for projects assessment. Cyber information will be passed on to our consultants with the due redactions. | |
| **Attachments:** | |