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Our ref Your ref

Date

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Dear Mick & Michael

Statutory consultation on proposed changes to the Special Conditions (also known as the Charge Restriction Conditions 'CRC') of the electricity distribution licence

I am writing on behalf of Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc, Western Power Distribution (South West) plc, Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc and Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc in relation to the recovery of bad debts arising as a direct result of the Network Charge Deferral (NCD) scheme.

Ofgem consulted informally with licensees in developing these licence changes. We have no representations to make in relation to the proposed changes.

We note that Ofgem is intending to consult on consequential changes to the RIGs in relation to the principles to be applied to the treatment in the RIGs of the true up of bad debt via the RRP. We would urge Ofgem to start this work as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

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