

## **Response to Ofgem consultation on reporting electricity distribution company performance**

The Campaign for National Parks is the independent national voice for the 13 National Parks in England and Wales. Our mission is to inspire everyone to enjoy and look after National Parks – the nation’s green treasures.

We are grateful for this opportunity to comment on the information to be included in the reporting of electricity distribution company performance. Our response includes information of relevance to questions 7,13 and 14 of the consultation.

We note Ofgem’s desire for the wider stakeholder community to have access to good quality information on company performance and recognise the need to do this in a way which balances the time and cost burden of providing information with the usefulness of the information provided to stakeholders. As there are a wide range of stakeholders with an interest in various aspects of the Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) performance, we thought we should take this opportunity to highlight the type of reporting that we would find most useful.

The main area of DNO performance that we are interested in is the extent to which the companies are delivering on their commitments, funded through the Undergrounding for Visual Amenity (UVA) allowance, to remove overhead lines in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). As such, we believe that the performance reports produced by each DNO should include details of their annual and cumulative spend on UVA both in cash terms and as a percentage of their full RII0-ED1 Ofgem UVA allowance. In addition the performance report produced by Ofgem should include the same information for all DNOs to allow a comparison to be made between them. This information would also be of interest to a range of other organisations including National Park Societies, National Park Authorities, AONB Partnerships and other NGOs. It would allow stakeholders to keep track of how well each DNO is delivering these commitments and, where relevant, to compare performance between DNOs.

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