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Dear Grant

RE: DPCR5 Close out: Consultation on proposed adjustments

We welcome the opportunity to respond to your consultation on the DPCR5 close out mechanisms and outcomes to ensure our customers receive value for money for the services we provide.

Like the other distribution network operators we have supported Ofgem throughout its DPCR5 close out mechanism and we welcome the outcome for Electricity North West proposed in your DPCR5 close out consultation. This confirms that our focus on delivering the four key stakeholder priorities of reliability, affordability, sustainability and customer service is aligned to the DPCR5 close out mechanisms. However, we also note that an important part of any price control is understanding the rules for assessing good performance and we urge Ofgem to start and complete the task of defining the close out rules for the RIIO-ED1 price control.

We would like to extend our continued support to Ofgem and confirm we are ready to engage when there is time in the Ofgem diary to assist in the definition of the rules for assessing performance and therefore the close out mechanisms for RIIO-ED1.

Yours sincerely

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