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Dear Company Secretary,

Approval of the form of SP Transmission plc's charging statement for 2017/18

SP Transmission plc's (SPT) charging statement shows the basis on which SPT charge National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) for the services it provides. The statement is revised annually. This letter sets out the reasons for our decision to approve the form of SPT's charging statement for the charging year 2017/18.

Background

SPT owns the high-voltage transmission network in the South of Scotland. They provide services to NGET, the system operator for the national electricity transmission system, which provides transmission services to users of the electricity transmission network. SPT charges NGET for these services and NGET passes these charges on to users.

Under their respective Electricity Transmission Licences (the Licences), SPT and Scottish Hydro Electricity (SHE) must have a statement showing how they will charge NGET for the services provided. The form of this statement must be approved by the Authority. This statement can be used by NGET or parties seeking to connect to the Scottish TOs' transmission systems to estimate the charges they may be subject to.

The statements cover charges for the following services:

- Transmission Owner (TO) services
- connections to the licensees' transmission system
- outage charges

Connection charges are bespoke, ie they're based on the actual costs of a given connection. Therefore, the statement only provides indicative charges for connection assets from which parties seeking to connect to the transmission system can estimate the possible connection charge.

Under Special Condition 8C(5) of the Licences, SPT and SHE must revise these statements at least once a year to ensure that the information set out in these continues to accurately reflect how the TOs charge. Special Condition 8C(6) of the Licences further requires that the Authority approve the form of the statement each year.

We note that our form approval of SPT's statement is based on whether it accurately reflect **how** SP charges for the services described. It does not in any way constitute approval of the SP's actual charges for providing these services. We have recently made changes to how we approve SP's charging statements to make this clear and to streamline the process for approval.¹

SPT's proposed changes

SPT propose to make the following changes to the form of their statement.

- Add an explanation of capital contributions towards connections in line with 'CMP248 *Enabling capital contributions for transmission connection assets during commercial operation*'²
- Add further explanation of charges for 'one-off works'
- Add a Miscellaneous Charges section.

Authority's decision

We have considered whether the proposed changes in the statement submitted by SPT are consistent with the requirements of Special Condition 8C (5) of its License and SPT's wider licence and statutory obligations. We have also taken into account our principal objective and general duties in considering the statement. We are satisfied that approval of the changes to the statement is consistent with these. We consider that the illustrative list of abnormal services will help connecting customers to understand additional costs they may face.

Pursuant to Special Condition 8C (6), the Authority hereby approves the revisions in the statement annexed to this letter.

This letter constitutes a notice pursuant to section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact David McCrone on 0141 341 3993 or at David.McCrone@ofgem.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority

¹ Further information is available on our website <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/decision-modify-special-condition-8c-basis-transmission-owner-charges-and-change-way-statements-basis-transmission-owner-charges-are-produced>

² <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/CUSC/Modifications/CMP248/>