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Dear Shilen

Electricity Act 1989 (“Act”) Section 11A (2) – Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the standard conditions of all electricity transmission licences (“Notice”) issued 4th January 2019

This response is provided on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) in its role as Transmission Owner in England and Wales. A response will not be provided on behalf of National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) as NGESO does not and will not hold a licence until 1st April 2019. NGESO is therefore not currently a relevant licence holder as defined in and for the purposes of section 11A.

On 4th September 2018 the Authority gave its decision to consent to the partial transfer of NGET’s Electricity Transmission licence in accordance with the provisions of section 7A of the Act and also directed the modification of certain standard conditions of all electricity licences in accordance with the provisions of section 11A of the Act. These decisions by the Authority were a consequence of NGET’s request in March 2018 to partially transfer its transmission licence to NGESO.

Since publication of the section 11A direction on 4th September, two further required changes detailed within the above Notice have been identified. We have reviewed the Annex attached to this Notice and agree with the proposed changes to (i) the definition of “licensee’s transmission system” in standard licence condition (SLC) A1 (Definitions and interpretation) and (ii) update all references to the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard (NETS SQSS) to reflect the latest version number 2.4 within SLC C17, D3 and E16.

As only the NGET licence (and that of other existing TOs and OFTOs) can be modified under the section 11A process at present, we note the provisions in paragraph 11 of the Authority’s section 7A consent that such modifications that are made under this section 11A Notice will accordingly be mirrored in those parts of the transmission licence that are transferred from NGET to NGESO on 1 April 2019 pursuant to section 7A.

Yours sincerely,



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