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Dear Colleagues

As you are aware, we are obliged to test the Gemini Code Contingency procedures at least every 2 years, as per section 3.2.1 of the Gemini Code Contingency Guidelines Document. These procedures were last tested on the 7th June 2018 (copy of the 2018 report attached).

National Grid and Xoserve had agreed to facilitate a Gemini Code Contingency exercise on the 28th July 2020. Communication to our industry colleagues confirming this date were due to be issued before 28th April 2020 in line with the requirement to provide 3 months notification of the date and scope of the test.

The global outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in a significant change to our working conditions. We are also aware there is a risk this will impact the industry’s workforces as more people become infected with the virus. Taking this into consideration National Grid and Xoserve have taken the joint decision to defer the 2020 exercise by 1 year to 2021. This decision has been taken to support our industry colleagues in focussing on maintaining the industry’s core critical services and processes.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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