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Dear Sir / Madam

Transmission Planning Code

Thank you for providing SGN with the opportunity to comment on the open letter circulated by National Grid relating to the above.

We understand National Grid has a licence obligation to produce a document setting out technical aspects relating to planning and development of the NTS. SGN is supportive of the concept; we believe it will help provide a greater level of transparency and help improve understanding of the planning process. We also welcome the opportunity to participate in discussions and help inform development of the document. We look forward to participating in the forthcoming seminars and consultation over coming months.

We note the intention is that the Planning Code will set out details regarding legislative and planning requirements and processes. Whilst the introduction of additional information is to be welcomed, SGN believes there is currently a reasonable level of information produced regarding planning, connection and associated NTS policies. SGN believes the Planning Code provides an opportunity to provide much needed information regarding the potential physical capability of the NTS, influencing factors, potential constraints and development over the planning horizon. We believe this would help inform Users decisions going forward and drive greater efficiency.

SGN is keen that information provided should go beyond the high level process and techniques applied by NTS and focus on the results of the planning and analysis process. Information provided under the TBE process currently tends to be quite high level. SGN believes Users would benefit from much more detailed information regarding the actual geographical utilisation of the system, the extent to which capacity may be available going forward or may become constrained. Similarly information regarding actual pressure levels, potential pressure availability and factors which could restrict pressure levels would be of interest and practical benefit to Users.

SGN believes the Transmission Planning Code should go beyond a general description of the planning process and how information is currently used by NTS. We believe Users would benefit from having access to details of the outcome of the process, particularly potential system capability and influencing factors.

We hope our comments have been helpful and look forward to participating in the forthcoming seminars and consultation.

Yours faithfully

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