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Dear Roger

Electricity Infrastructure Green Recovery Initiative for Northern Ireland: Electric Vehicle (EV) Managed Charging Trial – Final UR Allowance

Thank you for your letter of 28 January 2022 where NIE Networks requested **£1.78m** (2021 price base) in capex to enable them to develop and progress and appropriate EV managed charging project. This request was made in accordance with the ACDR_Xt term at paragraph 4.36 of Annex 2 of the Electricity Distribution Licence¹.

Our decision takes account of the information provided in your submission of 28 January 2022 and the subsequent query process. Having reviewed NIE Networks' proposal documents for the EV Managed Charging Trial, UR hereby approves **£1.747** (2021 price base) in accordance with Annex 2 of the Electricity Distribution Licence, as indicated in the table below.

	NIE Networks' Request (2021 price base)	UR Allowance (2021 price base)
Total	£1.78m	£1.747m

The vast majority of budget requested by NIE Networks for the EV Managed Charging Trial has been approved. However, some reductions have been made for the following reason:

- UR viewed the 10% contingency rate (equating to £161,800) proposed by NIE Networks was too high and lacked sufficient justification. However, UR appreciate that some contingency costs for this trial are needed and have provided an 8% contingency rate (equating to £129,440).

In accordance with Annex 2 4.38(h) of the NIE Networks Distribution Licence the Utility Regulator may make a determination subject to conditions with which the Licensee shall be

¹ <https://www.uregni.gov.uk/files/uregni/documents/2021-08/nie-distribution-licence-effective-16-08-2021.pdf>

required to comply, including conditions as to the monitoring, audit and reporting in relation to the project.

The UR is making this determination subject to conditions with which NIE Networks are required to comply with. These conditions are:

- NIE Networks to present the findings of the trial to UR and relevant Departments (DfI / DFE) in line with the Department's Energy Strategy Action Plan goals for flexibility and digitalisation, ensuring increased transparency.
- NIE Networks to provide regular updates to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Taskforce.
- NIE Networks to make all the findings of the trial publically available on the NIE Networks' website.

We will publish this decision by uploading it to our website and including it in the public register required under Article 57 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

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