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Ref: NET/E/TH/588

Dear Sarah,

**Re: Decision to approve SONI's Transmission Development Plan for Northern Ireland 2021-30 (TDPNI 2021-30) pursuant to Condition 40 of SONI's TSO Licence**

We have today published a Decision Paper reflecting our decision to approve SONI's TDPNI 2021-30 in accordance with Condition 40 of SONI's TSO licence.<sup>1</sup>

The Decision Paper sets out the significant engagement that preceded our decision and the reasons for that decision. We are grateful to SONI for all the work they have provided in assisting us with our evaluation of the TDPNI 2021-30. We are grateful, too, to all the other stakeholders and consultees who participated in the process.

At para 4.3 of the Decision Paper we set out some general expectations as to future submissions seeking approval for a TDPNI. These are as follows:

- 1) Inclusion of projects to reflect the 80% RES targets of the Climate Change Act.
- 2) Projects labelled to identify that they are an addition or new project from the previous year's TDPNI.
- 3) Provide commentary as to the rational for extending completion timelines, delayed delivery of projects within the TDPNI, where applicable.
- 4) Continued detail on new renewable capacity including high level projected connection dates per project that focus on the net zero targets. Where these can be found in other public information, the relevant documentation shall be referenced.
- 5) Continued monitoring of estimated versus actual spend regarding on-going and completed projects where information is available.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.uregni.gov.uk/sites/uregni/files/media-files/SONI%20TSO%20Consolidated%20Feb%202019.pdf>

- 6) Integration of responsibilities of the TSO regarding grid development that shall be delivered from the New Energy Strategy.

We would welcome your further engagement in due course as to these matters, with the aim being to better facilitate consideration of the next TDPNI.

We trust that the approved TDPNI 2021-2030 shall now be published and circulated in accordance with the provisions of Condition 40 (5) and Condition 40(6) of SONI's TSO licence.

Yours sincerely,



**Tanya Hedley**  
**Director Networks**