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Dear Sir,

Having read through the very extensive documentation compiled by the regulator concerning the RP7 Price Control Draft Determination, firstly as a business owner and a consumer I fully appreciate the difficulties that they have in determining the amount of investment they allow NIE Networks to do and yet control the cost to the consumer.

As a business owner it is not an enviable task because if you under invest and we do not have a network system that is viable, robust and capable of standing the test of time, distributing the electric supply continuously and efficiently to its consumers we could end up being able to produce net zero electricity and not get it to where it is needed.

As a consumer of any commodity, I am always looking for the best value for money but most of all I expect to be provided with a reliable continuous supply when I need it.

In summary I believe if a service or a commodity is too expensive I as a consumer have a choice to be frugal with our energy use with ultimately reducing our costs and carbon foot print but we do need security of supply on demand.

Therefore, in my opinion if I was the regulator I would grant NIE their proposed investment levels but with conditions of security of supply on demand.

In addition to the later in the ever-increasing cost of resources I believe the investment level should be index linked over the period of the RP7 2025 to 2031.

Yours faithfully,



Kenneth Mills

