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Dear Gemma

Change of Law Determination – Apprenticeship levy – RP6 allowances for the period t=2024 (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024)

I refer to NIE Networks' request for the Utility Regulator to determine additional allowances in respect of the RP6 price control through the 'change of law' provisions and to subsequent correspondence. On 2 September 2024, NIE Networks requested a total of £296,000 as an additional opex allowance for costs attributable to the Apprenticeship Levy.

We consider that this meets each of the three steps set out in the RP6 change of law provisions and determine that it is appropriate to allow the amount of £295,640 i.e. £271,035 attributable in respect of the distribution business and £24,605 in respect of transmission in 2023/24 prices. This approval is under paragraphs 6.16 to 6.21 of Annex 2 of the Transmission and Distribution Licences.

For future submissions we ask NIE Networks to ensure that:

1. The submission is signed off by a director.
2. The submission continues to include the additional information the UR has requested each year to support its assessment, as follows:
 - Payroll costs incurred for the Connections, Transmission and Distribution businesses for the year of the submission.
 - Employee headcount numbers for the Connections, Transmission and Distribution businesses

- NIE Networks' Apprenticeship Levy data for the year of submission on:
 - gross cost; less
 - levy allowance; equating to a
 - net cost to NIE Networks
- A reconciliation to the RIGs in relation to FTEs (headcount) broken down between transmission, distribution, metering and connections.
- Confirmation that NIE Networks does not receive any income or grants from employing apprentices.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Electricity Price Controls

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	Carl Hashim	NIE Networks
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