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Dear Jordan,

Request for Extension of Time to Issue a Connection Offer for Connection Application J P M Trailers Ltd, 60B Killyharry Road, Dungannon, NIE Job Ref: [REDACTED].

Thank you for your letter received 23 September 2026 (the **Letter**) setting out an application **(the Application)** made by NIE Networks Limited (**NIE Networks**) for an extension to the period within which NIE Networks is required to make a connection offer **(the relevant Connection Offer)** for a proposed [REDACTED] MW photovoltaic (PV) generation connection at J P M Trailers Ltd, 60B Killyharry Road, Dungannon. The current licence standard date for issue of the Connection Offer is **29 September 2026**.

In this letter we shall refer to the person making the application for the relevant Connection Offer as the **Connection Applicant**.

1. The Application

The Letter describes the relevant background¹ to the Application. Reference is made to Condition 30 of NIE Networks' licence authorising participation in the activity of distribution **(the Licence)**.²

Condition 30 (6) (of the Licence) provides that (barring specified exceptions)

¹ What follows is a summary of the Application. It is not intended to be a complete rehearsal. All parts of the Application have been considered in making the decision set out in this correspondence. Failure to mention parts of the Application (or related correspondence) should not be taken as representing any failure to have regard to those parts.

² [NIE Distribution Licence](#).

³ NIE Networks is obliged to make an offer for connection to the distribution system *as soon as practicable* and (by operation of Condition 30 (6)(b)) *in any event within 3 months*

“after receipt by [NIE Networks] of an application containing all such information in relation to the required connection as [NIE Networks] may reasonably request.”

Condition 30 (6) is to be read alongside and reflects the provision made in Article 20(3) through to Article 20(5) of the Electricity (NI) Order 1992 (the **Electricity Order**).

Condition 30 (7) of the Licence allows NIE Networks to make an application to the Authority⁴ (following requisite consultation) for a consent (in writing) that the period specified in Condition 30 (6)(b) shall be substituted by a longer period and subject to any conditions as specified in the consent.

Significantly, the making – or grant - of a Condition 30(7) type application does not alter NIE Networks’ licence obligation⁵ (under Condition 30(6)(a)) to make a connection offer *as soon as practicable*. The primary obligation (recorded in Condition 30(6)(a) of the Licence and Article 20 the Electricity Order) - to make a connection offer *as soon as practicable* - remains.

NIE Networks states as part of the Application that it received a valid application (for the Relevant Connection Offer) from the Connection Applicant on 23 June 2026, for a [REDACTED] MW PV generation connection at Tullyaran Central 11kV Substation, meaning the existing Condition 30(6) period expires on 29 September 2026.

The Application (made in the Letter) is for consent – under Condition 30(7) - for a longer substituted Condition 30 (6)(b) period out to 11 June 2027.

NIE Networks explains that there are currently multiple applications associated with Tullyaran Central 11kV Substation, the cumulative capacity of which exceeds the capacity presently available on the network. The application is currently second in the queue and is dependent upon the

³ Recorded in Article 21 of the [Electricity \(NI\) Order 1992](#) (the **Electricity Order**): see Condition 30(6) (d) of the Licence.

⁴ In this correspondence we use the words “us” “we” “our” “UR” “Utility Regulator” and “Authority” interchangeably to refer to the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation.

⁵ Which aligns with the statutory duties reflected in Articles 19 and 20 of the Electricity Order.

outcome of an earlier application connected to the same substation.

NIE Networks states that it requires additional time to:

1. Determine the final capacity position at Tullyaran Central 11kV Substation.
2. Assess any network reinforcement requirements arising from existing queued applications.
3. Allow for the applicant ahead in the queue to consider and respond to their Connection Offer within the applicable acceptance period.
4. Complete the necessary network studies, connection design and preparation of the Relevant Connection Offer.

NIE Networks explains that it expects to determine the required reinforcement works and available capacity position within approximately ten weeks. Following this, the applicant ahead in the queue will have up to ninety days to accept or decline their Connection Offer. NIE Networks advises that only after this process concludes can it establish the capacity available for the present application and progress the detailed design work necessary to issue an offer.

2. Consultation associated with the Application

Condition 30(7)(a) of the Licence provides that NIE Networks must consult with the Connection Applicant when making an application (for extension) under Condition 30(7).

The Application confirms that NIE Networks consulted with the Connection Applicant via email on 23 September 2026. The Connection Applicant responded on the same day, confirming that they support the Application and the proposed extension date of 11 June 2027.

3. The Authority's decision

In making our decision on the Application we have regard to:

- (a) our published Decision Paper Guidance⁶
- (b) our principal objective (and related statutory objectives) under Article 12 of the Energy (NI) Order 2003
- (c) the contents of the Application
- (d) the consultation with the Connection Applicant

Having considered the matter fully, the Authority hereby confirms that it provides the consent sought in the Application. It follows that the period under Condition 30(6)(b) of the Licence (in respect of the application for connection made by the Connection Applicant for a [REDACTED] MW PV generation connection at J P M Trailers Ltd, 60B Killyharry Road, Dungannon) is extended until **11 June 2027**.

The Authority considers the Application justified considering the network capacity constraints described by NIE Networks and the dependency of the present application on the outcome of an earlier queued application at the same substation.

The Authority accepts that additional time is required to determine the final network capacity position, identify any necessary reinforcement works and complete the associated network studies and connection design activity.

The Authority also notes NIE Networks' commitment that, should the required information become available sooner than anticipated, the Relevant Connection Offer will be progressed as soon as practicable.

We take this opportunity to confirm that the extended period ending 11 June 2027 is a long-stop date.

The obligation under Condition 30 of the Licence is, therefore, subject to applicable exceptions, to make a Relevant Connection Offer to the Connection Applicant for the proposed [REDACTED] MW PV generation connection at J P M Trailers Ltd, 60B Killyharry Road, Dungannon, as soon as practicable and in any event no later than 11 June 2027. The licence obligation is not simply to issue connection terms by that date.

This decision will be published and placed on the Register in the normal

⁶ [Electricity Connections Review Decision Paper | Utility Regulator \(uregni.gov.uk\)](https://www.uregni.gov.uk/decisions/connections-review)

way.

If you have any queries, please contact Jody O'Boyle.

Yours sincerely,



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Duly authorised by the Authority