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Dear Brian,

EXTENSION OF OFFER OF TERMS FOR CONNECTION

Thank you for your letter on 28 September 2017 where you requested an extension of your Distribution licence deadline for which an offer should be issued for 4 Job numbers.

The section of the NIE Networks distribution licence relevant to in this matter is Condition 30 (4) & (6). The resultant requirement is for a connection offer to be made as soon as practicable and no later than 3 months after receipt of all necessary information.

You are requesting extensions, for the applications referred to in the spreadsheet attached to your email, for the following reasons to:

- Complete release of Phase 1 Offers;
- Reallocate capacity and complete further release of Offers as part of possible Phase 1 extension due to exits/unaccepted Offers to utilise any remaining capacity;
- Continue Phase 2 energy policy and infrastructure investment review with stakeholders;
- Review viability of potential Managed Connection solution (all with reference to NIE Networks/SONI Decision Paper 31 May 16).

You also note that the 4 sites have been applied for by single consultant and you have discussed in detail following Dunsilly Industry workshop and informed them that a refusal was likely to be issued pending transmission capacity review by SONI.

You note that the customer was satisfied with explanation and will now consider zero-export and how that might work for them and the primary reason for this extension is to facilitate SONI transmission capacity assessment.

You now request an extension to the timeline to issue these 4 Connection Offers to 30 November 2017.

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Having considered the request in light of the circumstances, I am prepared for the purposes of the Jobs set out in your email (Job Number's [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]), to extend the deadline for issue of a connection offer to 30 November 2017.

On the 31 May 2017 we published the "Review of Electricity Distribution and Transmission Connections Policy" decision paper and in the Appendix we set out the "Requirements and process for requesting and granting an extension" and we now expect NIE Networks to follow this process for any extension request beyond November 2017.

These requests should take the form of a report which includes:

- a) The provision of the relevant license to which the extension relates.
- b) The rationale for the extension and proposed duration;
- c) A comprehensive assessment of the impact of the extension where it to be granted;
- d) A comprehensive assessment of the impact where an extension is not granted;
- e) A description of any alternative actions that have been considered, if appropriate;
- f) Minimum information requirements (see a) to d) above);
- g) An identification of the particular connection to which the extension relates (size, technology, type etc.);
- h) Affected parties consultation response(s):
 - o Opinion of the connectee for the extension request (including the impact of the proposed request on the applicant);
 - o Opinion of other parties affected by the extension, DSO/TSO.

Our decision concerning the individual extension requests will be taken based on the evidence provided with reference to the relevant Licence Condition(s), in accordance with our principal objective and general duties and we will publish our decision and relevant information from responders on our website.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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