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Dear Sinead,

EXTENSION OF OFFER OF TERMS FOR CONNECTION

Thank you for your letter on 01 June 2017 where you requested an extension of your Distribution licence deadline for which an offer should be issued.

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 letter, for the following reasons to:

- Conduct further transmission studies in conjunction with SONI which might enable us to release further capacity to our applicants,
- Complete the release of Phase 1 offers and any further 'Phase 1 extension' as a result of either;
 - a) Further capacity released by SONI's transmission studies, or;
 - b) Phase 1 applicants not proceeding with their connections.
- Provide applicants who may still have an opportunity to avail of the NIRO scheme with the best possible chance of achieving accreditation (based on feedback received from our applicants),
- Develop, and agree with the UR, a formal and robust process to support any refusal to make connection offers to applicants where we are unable to provide the requested connection due to network constraints,
- Develop, and agree with the UR, a formal process for requesting further extension periods in exceptional cases ,

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- Develop a process for considering new applications and how network capacity is to be released going forward, i.e. develop Phase 2 of the ACAOP.

You request an extension to the timeline to issue these Connection Offers to 31 August 2017.

Having considered the request in light of the circumstances, I am prepared for the purposes of the Jobs set out in your attached spreadsheet, to extend the deadline for issue of a connection offer to 31 August 2017.

In the period up to 31 August 2017 it is essential NIE Networks carries out an ongoing review of all jobs listed and provides a connection offer as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Compliance and Network Operations