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Dear Nick

**Request for Authority's consent to extend the Connection Offer Timelines for Connection Application for Belfast Power Limited.**

Thank you for your letter of 30 July 2018, requesting consent from the Authority for SONI to defer the required 3 month timeline to issue a connection offer the Connection Application for Belfast Power Limited.

The relevant section of the SONI licence is within Condition 25, Requirement to Offer Terms – Users and Connectees, paragraph 5 and 7. These clauses require a connection offer to be made not later than 3 months unless consent to a longer period has been approved by the Authority.

In your correspondence you indicated that the submission to the Transmission Owner was delayed due to concern regarding real time issues with high voltage levels at Castlereagh and additional time was required to assess this and consider this in the connection arrangements. You also stated that the Transmission Owner has informed you that further time may be required in order to seek bespoke prices from suppliers for material items.

SONI now request to extend the current connection offer date of 9 August 2018 to a new Proposed Connection Offer Date of 13 November 2018, a three month extension.

You also confirmed that you have consulted with Belfast Power Limited throughout this process and they have indicated that they are supportive of this request.

In considering your request we are also mindful of the qualification window for participation in the T-4 Capacity Auction and Belfast Power's statement that they are working towards the 2019 T-4 Capacity Auction deadlines and it is of critical importance to the project that Belfast Power Limited has a secure grid connection offer going into that process.

Having considered your request the Authority consents to an extension to **18 October 2018**, SONI should be mindful of the requirements of the capacity market and if possible endeavour to issue the offer earlier.

Yours sincerely,



**Roisin McLaughlin**

**Acting Director Finance and Network Assets**