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Dear Lisa,

Request for Extension of Time to Issue a Connection Offer for Connection Application at Project 232 Whappstown Road, NIE Networks reference 16/02829, until 28/02/2019.

Thank you for your letter of 17 Aug 2018 requesting consent from the Authority for NIE Networks to extend the required three month timeline to issue a connection offer to **Project 232 Whappstown Road** Connection Application.

NIE Network's request for further connection offer extension

NIE Network's asks for a further 6 month extension for this connection offer to 28 Feb 2019 under Condition 30 of the NIE Networks Distribution licence.

This extension would facilitate a fair and transparent network capacity allocation and queuing process for the capacity available at Kells Cluster and would allow the applicant to remain in the connection queue where there is an opportunity for further network capacity within the 90MW to become available that would facilitate the connection of his full requested MEC or a greater MEC than is currently available.

Enabling this application to remain in the queue presents a potential benefit by providing a greater opportunity for the remaining capacity at Kells Cluster to be fully secured and funded by generation projects.

The applicant in question has consented to the proposed extension.

The Authority's decision

The relevant section of the distribution licence is within Condition 30. This requires a connection offer to be made not later than 3 months unless consent to a longer period has been approved by the Authority. Having considered your request and reviewed the response from the connection applicant in question, the Authority is able to agree to the extension period requested (i.e. until **28 Feb 2019**).

Yours sincerely,



Tanya Hedley
Director of Compliance and Network Operations