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Dear Lisa,

Request for Extension of Time to Issue a Connection Offer for Connection Application at Meenamullan Wind Farm, NIE Networks reference 18/62939, until 21/05/19.

Thank you for your letter dated 29 Aug 2018 requesting consent from the Authority for NIE Networks to extend the required three month timeline to issue a connection offer to **Meenamullan Wind Farm Connection Application**.

NIE Network's request for further connection offer extension

NIE Network's asks for a further 8 month extension for this connection offer to 21 May 2019 under Condition 30 of the NIE Networks Distribution licence.

This extension would allow the applicant to remain in the connection queue at Curraghmulkin Cluster where there is an opportunity for network capacity to become available at the closest node that would facilitate the connection of this proposed project.

Enabling this application to remain in the queue presents a potential benefit by providing a greater opportunity for the remaining capacity at Curraghmulkin Cluster to be fully committed. 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 **21 May 2019**).

Yours sincerely,



Tanya Hedley
Director of Compliance and Network Operations