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Dear Leigh,

Re: Transmission Development Plan (TDPNI) Costs – Final Dt Approval

Thank you for the opex *Dt* submission of the 31 March 2019 regarding costs associated with the TDPNI and future scenarios.

Having reviewed the submission and query responses, we are content to provide full project approval for costs of up to a cap of £250k (2014 prices). For confirmation, amounts approved are detailed in the table below by tariff year [and in April 2014 prices for ease of comparison with the price control].

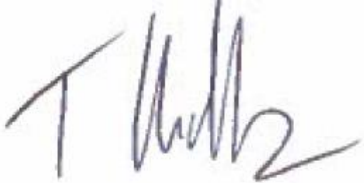
Tariff Year	SONI Claim (April 2014 prices - £k)	UR Allowance (April 2014 prices - £k)
2017-18	£121k	£121k
2018-19	£54k	£54k
2019-20	£75k	£75k
Total	£250k	£250k

The amount permitted includes a daily rate for internal staff higher than that provided for within the last price control. On this occasion we are content to stipulate such an approval given the technical nature of the work and the fact that this is the first time SONI are undertaking such activity. The allowance is however project specific. It should not form a precedent for future staff costs.

The allowance sets the cap for costs which can be recovered in relation to this project. For avoidance of doubt, TSO overspend (i.e. under recovery) cannot be automatically adjusted through the K-factor without further approval by the UR.

I trust this satisfies your requirements. Should you have any comments, queries or issues regarding this letter, feel free to contact myself or Jody O'Boyle.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Network Operations