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Dear Carl,

RE: Innovation collaboration with ESB Networks

Thank you for your correspondence on the 28 March 2019, regarding a Innovation collaboration with ESB Networks.

Your correspondence indicates that both NIE Networks and ESB Networks are currently implementing independent network innovation projects to inform the transition to a low carbon energy system. You note that the sharing of such learning and/or collaboration on innovation projects could however deliver benefits to customers in both jurisdictions on the island of Ireland and therefore both parties propose to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The letter (L 190328 ESNB innovation collaboration LC12(3)(d)(iii).pdf) seeks consent from the Utility Regulator under Condition 12(3)(d)(iii) of your Licences to allow access for ESB Networks to your premises and/or facilities for the purpose of the Innovation collaboration project.

We can confirm consent under Licence Condition 12(3)(d)(iii) to enable ESB Networks access to NIE Networks' premises and/or facilities for the purpose of and for the duration of the Innovation collaboration project in line with the MoU further information is required we will be in touch. A copy of this consent will be placed on file in the public electricity register.

Please note that whilst the Utility Regulator cannot fetter discretion under Condition 12(3)(d)(iii), should NIE Networks seek to set aside the time frame of 2 years from the date of this letter, NIE Networks should seek further consent.

Yours Sincerely,



Tanya Hedley
Director Networks