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Dear Sarah,

**Re: Decision to approve SONI's Transmission Development Plan for Northern Ireland 2019-28 (TDPNI 2019-28) pursuant to Condition 40 of SONI's TSO Licence**

We have today published a Decision Paper<sup>1</sup> reflecting our decision to approve SONI's TDPNI 2019-28 in accordance with Condition 40 of SONI's TSO licence.<sup>2</sup>

The Decision Paper sets out the significant engagement that preceded our decision and the reasons for that decision. We are grateful to SONI for all the work it has put in in assisting us with our evaluation of the TDPNI 2019-28. We are grateful, too, to all the other stakeholders and consultees who participated in the process.

At para 4.3 of the Decision Paper we set out some general expectations as to future submissions seeking approval for a TDPNI. These are as follows:

- 1) Detail on renewable capacity, including projected connection dates per project.
- 2) Continued monitoring of delivery against planned projects, including applicable reasoning for revised completion dates/costs
- 3) Monitoring of estimated versus actual spend on completed projects
- 4) Incorporation of Future Energy Scenarios work into the TDPNI on completion of Tomorrow Energy Scenario work streams.
- 5) Detail on the economic costs and benefits of certain projects or information on constraint problems which provide a context for action.

We would welcome your further engagement in due course as to these matters, with the aim being to better facilitate consideration of the next TDPNI.

We trust that the approved TDPNI 2019-2028 shall now be published and circulated in accordance with the provisions of Condition 40 (5) and Condition 40(6) of SONI's TSO licence.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.uregni.gov.uk/sites/uregni/files/media-files/TDPNI%202019%20-%202028%20Decision%20Paper.pdf>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.uregni.gov.uk/sites/uregni/files/media-files/SONI%20TSO%20Consolidated%20Feb%202019.pdf>

Yours sincerely,



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