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Dear Natalie and Jody

Ref: Consultation on Proposed Regulatory Instructions and Guidance for SONI and Associated Annual Reporting Licence Modification

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation by the Utility Regulator (UR).

We note that the proposed modifications of the SONI Transmission System Operator (TSO) licence sets out the scope, contents, and common governance arrangements for the Regulatory Instructions and Guidance (RIGS) applicable to SONI TSO. Based on our analysis of the information in the consultation paper, the licence modifications will:

- Improve the quality and consistency of the data that SONI is required to provide to the UR; and
- Streamline and clarify the reporting mechanisms.

The Consumer Council believes that the proposed changes should have a positive impact on the SONI price controls and therefore be beneficial to NI consumers. Therefore The Consumer Council supports the UR proposed licence modification.

We don't have any comments on the proposed data table template or on the procedure for data entry, submission of data and correcting template errors.

Yours sincerely

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