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Dear Nick

Request for Authority's consent to extend the Connection Offer Timelines for Connection Application for Atlantic Gateway Data Centre.

Thank you for your letter of 16 May 2018 and email of 24 May 2018, requesting consent from the Authority for SONI to defer the required 3 month timeline to issue a connection offer the Connection Application for Atlantic Gateway Data Centre.

The relevant section of the SONI licence is within Condition 25, Requirement to Offer Terms – Users and Connectees, paragraph 5 and 7. These clauses require a connection offer to be made not later than 3 months unless consent to a longer period has been approved by the Authority.

In your correspondence you indicated that this connection has significant challenges associated with the most likely connection point and that SONI has had to consider a wide range of potential solutions to establish the Least Cost Technically Acceptable (LCTA) connection method for the data centre.

SONI have indicated that their preparation of the construction application consequently and consideration of the technical complexities specific to the route options took significantly longer than the typical timelines assumed in the allocation of the 90 days under the Transmission Interface Arrangements (TIA).

SONI now request to extend the current connection offer date of 30th May 2018 to a new Proposed Connection Offer Date of 31st July 2018, a two month extension.

Having considered your request and made aware that the concerned parties understand the reasons for this as set out in your letter, we have no further comment, the Authority is able to agree to the extension period requested.

As was stated previously it is imperative that SONI aims to provide connection offers as soon as is practicable to enable work in connections to progress.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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