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Subject: SSE response-SONI governance call for evidence

Dear Natalie

We wished to signal our support of this enquiry into SONI's independence from its parent. Whilst we appreciate that every effort may be done at present to provide transparency, there is an argument on behalf of NI stakeholders, for these two entities to have greater independence from each other, particularly in the context of transparency associated with shared resources and activities, such as those activities funded via price controls.

We would consider that any of the Options 3-5 have significant merit in exploring as a way for these two companies to operate and ensuring increased autonomy of SONI, transparency of costs and importantly, decision-making power for SONI on matters that are within its direct remit.

We have no specific evidence at this time to submit regarding the call for evidence, except to concur with your comment in 8.14 regarding overlapping roles and responsibilities across the two companies, which we agree does not serve NI stakeholders in promoting transparency and accountability of each individual entity.

Kind Regards

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