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Dear Laura

Consultation on derogations from the network code, grid code and electrical standards

I refer to the UR's consultation on the above subject matter, dated 1 December 2016. NIE Networks agrees generally with the content of paper. We do have two additional comments –

- we note that derogations can only be granted to an individual licensee, meaning derogations are not transferrable in the event an asset is sold. NIE Networks would kindly request that the UR advises us as soon as possible if/when it is known that a licensee who has been granted a network code derogation, is selling their asset. This will allow us to engage with the new licensee over its network code obligations; and
- we would encourage the UR to inform us as soon as possible if a licensee raises informally with the UR the possibility that it will seek a network code derogation.

Yours sincerely



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