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Dear Sirs


The Utility Regulator (the UR) is the authority responsible for the regulation of electricity, gas and water in Northern Ireland. The UR issued a consultation on 1st December 2016 which set out the criteria for consideration of requests for derogations to the RfG, DCC and HVDC. In this consultation the UR also sought to clarify the criteria and process for granting derogations relating to technical codes and standards which generation, transmission and distribution licensees are obliged to comply with under their licences. The consultation closed on 17th January 2017. The consultation can be found here https://www.uregni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-launched-network-code-derogations.

The UR received four responses to the consultation which were considered by the UR in reaching a decision and in finalising our Guidance Document on Derogations from Network Codes and Grid Codes / Standards in Electricity Generation, Distribution and Transmission Licences.

The UR now wishes to notify the Commission of our decision on the criteria for assessment of derogation requests under the RfG, the DCC and the HVDC as required by the Network Codes Regulations. A copy of the Guidance Document and Decision Paper is provided. These documents have also been published on our website along with the consultation responses at https://www.uregni.gov.uk/news-centre/decision-paper-and-guidance-document-network-code-derogations.

Yours faithfully

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