INVISTA (UK) Limited is appreciative of the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the Northern Ireland Electricity price determination enquiry. As a major consumer of electricity, the availability of a secure, reliable and affordable electricity supply is essential for our competitiveness. With this in mind, it is extremely concerning that the electricity price experienced by industry in Northern Ireland is already amongst the highest in the EU as confirmed in the recent Utility Regulator report.

Careful consideration needs to be given to the affordability of any increase in charges arising out of this review and we would be very supportive of the comments in the CBI submission that T&D costs overall should remain competitive with comparable GB utilities.

We note that a lot of the issues under dispute are those of a technical nature and we would not presume to comment on the merits of either side of the discussion in this case. We would trust that the Commission will engage suitable expertise in this area to ensure proper allowances in respect of the timing and amount of infrastructure replacement and/or enhancement, mindful of the reality that industry in Northern Ireland is already ensuring such high prices and the effect that further price rises could have.

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