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Dear

Smart Metering Implementation Programme: Consultation on the timing of the review of the Data Access and Privacy Framework (DAPF)

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. This letter should be treated as a consolidated response on behalf of UK Power Networks' three licensed distribution businesses: Eastern Power Networks plc, London Power Networks plc, and South Eastern Power Networks plc. The content of our response is not confidential and can be published on the DECC website.

We are supportive of DECC's proposal to conclude the full review of the smart metering DAPF in 2018 rather than 2016, as the delays in DCC operation are likely to result in limited practical experience by customers and market parties of the market framework until 2017.

We also welcome continuous monitoring and review of the framework, as referred to in paragraph 3.3 of the consultation document. We are pleased to note that the proposed approach does not preclude changes to the DAPF to resolve any material issues that could arise before the 2018 review is completed.

I hope that you will find our comments helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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