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Dear

Consultation on the timing of the review of the Data Access and Privacy Framework

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal for amending the review timetable for the Data Access and Privacy Framework (DAFP).

Electricity North West is the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) in the North West of England and therefore we are required by our distribution licence to have approval from Ofgem for the safeguarding customers' electricity consumption data. We, along with the other GB DNOs, are developing collectively through the Energy Networks Association (ENA) a common methodology for aggregating and anonymising consumption data in order to address privacy concerns.

We are not convinced at this time that there is a need to complete a full review of the DAFP. The DAFP is constantly under review as part of the monitoring and evaluating activities of the Smart Metering Implementation Programme (SMIP) and therefore the SMIP should be able to determine whether a full review is required and if so when's the right time to complete a full review. However in response to your consultation question on the timing of the review if a full review was deemed necessary the proposed no later date of 2018 is reasonable.

If you have any questions on our response please ring

Yours sincerely