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Dear Mr Crawley,

**Phasing of UK Overhead Power Lines at 132kV and above  
Report from Energy Networks Association (“ENA”) to Government  
– July 2017**

The Secretary of State received the ENA’s second report on optimum phasing on 15 May 2017. This report was due to be submitted to the Secretary of State by December 2016 in accordance with the publication “Optimum Phasing of High Voltage Double-Circuit Power Lines – A Voluntary Code of Practice”.

The Secretary of State has noted the content of the report and in particular the discrepancies identified in the data between 2013 and 2017 which he understands have been the cause of the delay. It is hoped that now there is an established baseline in 2017, such further discrepancies should not arise and the methodology now established will make future data collection less onerous.

The Secretary of State notes that the ENA is suggesting that the reporting period is extended from 3 to 5 years, this is because the data shows only a modest increase in the percentages of optimum phasing since 2013 and is onerous for their members companies to collect. It is also mentioned that as the system works harder, there is a risk the improvement trend will be reversed.

The Secretary of State has considered this suggestion, but has decided not to extend the reporting period at this current time until there is more confidence in the data and more evidence of the trend in the data as

networks are refurbished and extended. He will however, consider extending the reporting date to 5 years after the next report in May 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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