

Carl Hashim  
Secretary, Distribution Code Review Panel  
Northern Ireland Electricity Networks  
120 Malone Road  
Belfast  
BT9 5HT

17 October 2017

Dear Carl,

**Proposed Distribution Code Modification on Generator I/F Protection Amendments**

Thank you for your letter of 22 September 2017 where you seek our approval for your proposed modifications to Distribution Code concerning Generator I/F Protection Amendments.

The Utility Regulator approves this modification in the form presented with immediate effect, as pursuant to Licence Condition 27 (3) of NIE Network's Distribution Licence. NIE Networks should make the modification changes clear on its website.

Having reviewed the modification proposal and the supporting documentation the Utility Regulator is satisfied that NIE Networks has recommended this modification for approval in accordance with the relevant provisions set out in the Distribution Code. We also note that views of stakeholders have been adequately considered and addressed.

However, it is worth noting that while this letter approves a 1Hz/s standard, we still consider that work should be progressed to understand whether it is appropriate to move to a 2Hz/s standard in the future. We welcome engagement from NIE Networks on the steps and timelines required to reach a decision.

Yours sincerely,



**Tanya Hedley**  
**Director, Compliance and Networks**

cc. Tanya Hedley  
Ciaran MacCann  
Andrew McCorriston  
Rodney Ballantine

