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Dear Carl,

**NIE Networks' Small Scale Generator Interface Protection Amendment Project**

Thank you for your consultation report of 19 February 2018 where you recommend our approval for:

- Amendments to SSG interface protection settings to 1Hz/s with a 500ms time delay;
- The associated D-Code modifications.

It is noted that in your recommendation you propose that these changes take effect from 1 March 2018 (7.1.2 and 7.1.5). It is recommended that this date be amended to no later than 11 May 2018.

Subject to the aforementioned proposed change the Utility Regulator approves the amendments to the SSG interface protection settings and the relevant distribution code modifications 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,



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