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Dear Richard

NIE Network 25 Strategy (SEA Screening)

Thank you for your formal submission of 16 May 2013 regarding a screening determination for the NIE Network 25 Strategy 2013-2025.

The Department notes that NIE, as the Responsible Authority preparing the Strategy, wishes to approach the electricity transmission planning from 2013 to 2025 in a socially responsible, sustainable and transparent manner and as such will be undertaking an SEA. We welcome the decision to undertake an SEA in this instance.

We look forward to receiving consultation about the scope and level of detail that should be included in the environmental report.

Should you have any further queries please contact Siobhan Conlon (SEA Coordinator) on direct line 028 90569442.

Yours sincerely

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