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Dear Tom

Charging Condition 6 Report: Charging Arrangements for Site Specific Maintenance

This response is made by British Energy Group plc. British Energy is the UK's largest generator of electricity. We own and operate eight nuclear power stations as well as Eggborough Power Station (a large coal plant with two units fitted with FGD) and four small embedded gas generator sites. British Energy is also a large supplier selling exclusively to Industrial and Commercial customers. British Energy Direct accounts for around 30TWh of the UK supply. British Energy welcomes the opportunity to respond to the above consultation.

British Energy is supportive of National Grid's conclusions that the current connection charging arrangements with regard to site specific maintenance should remain unchanged but be kept under constant review in accordance with the Transmission Licence.

As previously expressed in our response to the Site Specific Maintenance questionnaire, we agree:

- That the existing charging methodology is sufficiently cost reflective to not justify developing cost-capture systems,
- That a move to absorb site-specific maintenance costs within the transmission running cost factor would decrease the transparency of the charges and produce a barrier to competition,
- And the introduction of TO specific site-specific maintenance charges would add unnecessary complexity to the calculation of charges.

I trust this response is helpful but please feel free to contact me directly should you need clarification on any of the points made.

Yours sincerely



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