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Dear Alex,

Response by SP Transmission and Distribution to the September 2003 Consultations on Proposed Changes to National Grid Company's Charging Methodologies

I am responding on behalf of SP Transmission and Distribution to National Grid Company plc's consultations on proposed changes to their charging methodologies to apply from April 2004. SP Transmission and Distribution represents the three regulated asset owner companies that hold the transmission and distribution licences for SP Transmission Ltd, SP Distribution Ltd and SP Manweb plc.

I would like to highlight our concern over the timing of these proposals. The proposals apply to England and Wales only and take no account of the impact when applied GB-wide under BETTA. If implemented for England and Wales there is a danger that the proposals could be inappropriate when applied to GB. With BETTA due to implement in April 2005, we believe that it would be more appropriate to fully consult on these proposals as part of the forthcoming BETTA charging consultations.

If you have any queries associated with this response please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Michie
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