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Dear Tom,

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For the charging arrangements associated with SQSS design variations based on customer requests

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your consultation on the charging arrangements associated with SQSS design variations based on customer requests.

We support the proposal to change the Use of System Charging Methodology to reflect the savings associated with single circuit connections because this is in line with the underlying principle of customer choice.

We would, however, like to make some comments. Firstly we need reassurance that discounts do not exceed the savings of having single rather than a double circuit. Secondly we would like some further clarity on how National Grid has factored the asset life of the equipment into the discount (in the proposed change to the methodology (p.18), the multiplier 0.001 appears, but there is not a satisfactory explanation of how this has been arrived at).

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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