Mike Kay (Chair of National Grid Work Group GC0079

c.c. Graham Stein (National Grid, Vice chair)

Dear Mike,

With regard to the advanced materials circulated to the Workgroup for the February meeting, we are very concerned that proposals are being made to modify the Grid code and G59 solely to accommodate one manufacturer, ComAp.

The proposals bypass the rigorous regime of unbiased scientific research, cost-benefit-analysis, stakeholder consultation and regulatory approval that is required for code modification. The current regulations in force have been subject to this regime of analysis and check, the proposals have not.

Further it is troubling that investigations have been carried out apparently on the Work Group’s behalf, but without the consent of the Work Group; using one manufacturer’s proprietary algorithms to justify the proposed modifications to benefit that manufacturer.

Individual manufacturers have to decide how, when and indeed whether they choose to update their products to comply with published grid code amendments, this is not a matter for this or any other Work Group to become involved in. I do not believe it is the role of the Work Group to modify national regulations to accommodate one manufacturer’s product, especially where other manufacturer’s have invested the time and development costs to keep their product compliant with the regulations.

We trust that this Work Group will continue to operate in an unbiased, open and transparent way, and follow the rigorous processes it has in place. This will give no party cause to make a formal complaint to the Regulator.

Your reassurance on the above points before the next working group meeting on Tuesday, 28 February 2017, will be greatly appreciated

Yours sincerely

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