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Dear Mike

NETS SQSS – Fundamental Review Update and Consultation Report

Thank you for your response to the above consultation.

We note your comment that you are generally comfortable with the proposals made.

We support your view that we should seek consistency of requirements across industry standards. Clarity of requirements is important in ensuring security of supply and efficient network development. We also agree that we should be aware of and planning for the use of new technologies, such as Smart Grids. It is our intention to seek industry involvement in the next few months in developing the future program of work and we will welcome your input to this.

In accordance with the NETS SQSS governance procedure, which is currently a voluntary arrangement, we will undertake a consultation, starting later this week, on the text intended to implement the proposed changes. As well as providing an opportunity for comment on the text proposals, we believe that this will help clarify which of the proposals we will recommend for implementation now, and which we believe require further development. We will be submitting a report to Ofgem following this consultation. This report will discuss the proposals taken to consultation and the industry comments, and it will make recommendations on NETS SQSS amendments and future work.

Once again, thank you for your comments. Please contact me (mark.perry@uk.ngrid.com – 01926 655468) should you wish to discuss any issues further. I look forward to working with you on the next phase of the review.

Yours sincerely

Mark Perry