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Regarding the above consultation Rural Community Network NI would like to make the following points:

- We are concerned that the draft determination makes only passing reference to rural communities. Residents of rural areas are acknowledged as one of several groups of vulnerable consumers on pp7 but no other comments are made on the needs of rural communities and consumers.
- The evidence shows that those customers most affected by unplanned interruptions to supply live in rural communities. RCN believes that RP7 should include reference to this issue and commit to investing further resources in ensuring an uninterrupted supply to rural households. Plans for further development of the Network need to meet the needs of these households.
- Access to land for repairs, maintenance and renewal of the network is crucial for future development. This requires ongoing stakeholder engagement at the local level with farmers and landowners. The draft determination should make a clear commitment to stakeholder engagement to manage the development of the network in future.

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Best wishes

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