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Our Ref: CNO/E/TH/425

Dear Lisa,

Request for Extension of Time to Issue a Connection Offer for Connection Application at Gronan Wind Farm, NIE Networks reference 18/67182, until 21/04/19.

Thank you for your letter of 3 Aug 2018 requesting consent from the Authority for NIE Networks to extend the required three month timeline to issue a connection offer to **Gronan Wind Farm Connection Application**.

NIE Network's request for further connection offer extension

NIE Network's asks for a further 7 month extension for this connection offer to 21 April 2019 under Condition 30 of the NIE Networks Distribution licence.

This extension would facilitate a greater opportunity for the remaining capacity at Magherakeel Cluster to be fully subscribed. It would also accommodate further consideration for increased MEC to the Curraghmilkin cluster and the requested extension is to allow for consideration and acceptance that could release capacity at Magherakeel Cluster.

The applicant in question has consented to the proposed extension.

The Authority's decision

The relevant section of the distribution licence is within Condition 30. This requires a connection offer to be made not later than 3 months unless consent to a longer period has been approved by the Authority.

Having considered your request and reviewed the response from the connection applicant in question, the Authority is able to agree to the extension period requested (i.e. until **21 April 2019**).

Yours sincerely,



Tanya Hedley
Director of Compliance and Network Operations