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Dear Jody

Severe Weather Consultation

NIE welcomes the opportunity to respond to the UR's consultation. We have only one comment of substance.

At Appendix A (page 16), where the proposed modifications to the Licence are set out, the term 'average daily fault rate' is used at paragraph 5(a). NIE considers that this term must be formally defined in order to give further clarity and transparency to the definition of a 'severe weather event'.

NIE has calculated the 'average daily fault rate' using the 10 most recent years' data (excluding severe weather events). NIE would therefore suggest that this approach be maintained and that it be formally recognised as part of a proposed definition of 'average daily fault rate'.

Otherwise, NIE would agree with the proposed modifications to the NIE Electricity Distribution Licence and would hereby give its consent to the said Licence being modified accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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