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Dear Ian,

Request for Authority's consent to further defer Connection Offer Timelines to Issue a Connection Offer for Connection Application at Dublin Road PV Farm, NIE Networks reference 17/56532.

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 2018 requesting consent from the Authority for NIE Networks to extend the required three month timeline to issue a connection offer to **Dublin Road PV Farm, Connection Application.**

Having considered your letter we grant an extension to 30 April 2018 for this connection application as you request. We also wish to remind NIE Networks that we remain of the view that granting of extensions should be the exception rather than the norm, and so NIE Networks should be mindful of this if considering further extensions in the future.

NIE Network's request for further connection offer extension

NIE Network's asks for a further 2 month extension for these connection offers to 30 April 2018 under Condition 30 of the NIE Networks Distribution licence. This extension is required to facilitate the production of the *Section S Offer to provide Transmission Works* under the Transmission Interface Arrangement (TIA) between NIE Networks and SONI. The extension will allow NIE Networks to develop its network efficiently, to fully assess the connection offer, provide accurate connection offers, and allow the applicant to remain in the queue where capacity exists. 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 30 April 2018).

We note that this extension letter will be published on our website. We will also keep a record of the information and decision on the Public Electricity Register as required by the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

We ask to be kept informed of progress.

Yours sincerely,



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