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Dear Industry Colleague,

Publication of a National Grid Electricity System Operator informal guidance note on the current treatment of co-located transmission connections

This letter accompanies our draft Co-Location Informal Guidance Note which we have published online today for industry consultation.

As Electricity System Operator we have seen an increasing interest from customers who are seeking to co-locate storage technology with existing or new generation which is contracted to connect to the transmission system. Based on stakeholder feedback we feel that there is potentially an information gap in respect of how transmission connected co-location is treated so we have decided to publish and consult upon this informal guidance. We hope that this will provide customers with further clarity and transparency on some key considerations in the early stages of the development of their projects and will assist with pre-application discussions.

This document is not intended to seek to change or replace existing industry processes and codes. The intention is to simply and clearly document how existing connection, compliance and charging processes apply to transmission connected co-location in accordance with the current framework.

Next steps

We are interested in your thoughts and invite responses to the following questions or any other feedback you might have on this draft informal guidance by close of business on Monday 16th April 2018.

Question 1

Are there any sections of this informal guidance note that require any further clarification? If so, please provide specific comments.

Question 2

Are there any omissions in this informal guidance note? If so, please provide specific comments.

Question 3

Do you think that a review of current charging arrangements (as detailed in Section 4.3 of the guidance) may be required to take account of co-located sites with different fuel types and charging characteristics?

Should you have any comments or questions on the content of this letter or the attached informal guidance note, please contact Sarah York in the first instance at Sarah.York@nationalgrid.com.

Yours sincerely,



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