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Dear Colleague,

Enhanced stakeholder consultation, Electricity Transmission: your views on our business plan

Stakeholder views have been essential in developing our business plan proposals and we thank all stakeholders for their contribution to our engagement activity so far.

By now, you have hopefully had the chance to review our business plans which we submitted to Ofgem at the end of July. These have been published on our website (www.talkingnetworkstx.com). We welcome any thoughts, feedback and questions on our proposals – you can contact us at talkingnetworkstransmission@uk.ngrid.com.

We are particularly interested in hearing your further thoughts on the environmental impact of our operations, and especially on the visual amenity of our electricity transmission assets. We therefore intend to hold a further stakeholder workshop, details of which are as follows:

- The workshop will take place on Wednesday 23rd November
- The session will run from 10:00am until 4:30pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
- The workshop will be held at the Chesterfield Mayfair, 35 Charles Street, Mayfair, London, W1J 5EB
- The event will be led by National Grid and facilitated by professional market researchers from Brunswick Research

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Workshop materials will be made available in advance. However, in order for you to ascertain whether you would like to participate in the workshop, the high level topics that will be covered are:

- An overview of our July RIIO-T1 business plan submission followed by a question and answer session
- A presentation of the findings from the willingness to pay consumer survey
- An outline of our new approach to the design and routing of new electricity transmission lines
- Seeking views on the undergrounding of existing lines

Your feedback on these topics will inform updates to our business plan. I would therefore urge you to attend or nominate another person able to speak on behalf of your organisation.

Please let us know by 21st October whether you or a colleague would be interested in attending, either via email (<u>talkingnetworkstransmission@uk.ngrid.com</u>) or by contacting Claire Spedding (01926 655915).

Yours sincerely,

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