

Project Union Reopener, Ofgem Consultation

Q1. Do you agree with our minded-to decision to approve funding for the Project under the NZASP re-opener mechanism, and at the value proposed?

Yes, we agree with the decision to approve funding.

Q2. Do you agree with our assessment of the Project's needs case?

No comment.

Q3. Do you agree with our assessment of the design and efficient costs of the Project's work packages?

No comment.

Q4. Do you agree with our minded-to decision to reduce NGT's proposed contingency costs of 7.5% to 0%?

No comment.

Q5. Do you agree with our minded-to decision on the company contribution level?

No comment.

Q6. Do you have any views on the proposed project deliverables for NGT, and whether further deliverables are required?

Yes, with regard to the Phasing Strategy, we believe it would be prudent to also consider options for accelerating the deployment of all phases of Project Union, in line with a 2030 backstop date, noting the proposed policy agenda being considered by the Labour party and the possibility they will form the next Government.

Q7. Do you have any views on the proposed direction for the Project contained in Appendix 2?

No comment.