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Dear Sam

Re: Consultation on WPD Competition Notice

GTC, through its subsidiary businesses; The Electricity Network Company Limited and Independent Power Networks Limited, owns and operates an electricity distribution business which connects its distribution networks to the distribution systems of incumbent distributors. Since being granted our licence in 2004 and 2006 we have faced, and continue to face, significant barriers to the development of an open and equitable framework that facilitates competition.

Whilst GTC do not operate in the DG EHV & HV RMS we wish to record our general views of WPD that we believe would be pertinent to your consultation.

WPD have worked hard to open up the RSM's within their DSAs and we find that they are one of the companies that have changed the way competition is viewed.

GTC collaborate with their team and decide the best way to tackle schemes for the benefit of the end customer.

There are still a number of areas to tackle but we are confident that WPD wish to deal with these issues and ensure that all barriers are eventually removed.

GTC are of the opinion that WPD have removed enough of the barriers to allow competition to thrive and support this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Overman', is written over a light grey horizontal line.

David Overman

Electricity Networks Manager