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Dear Mrs Geitona,

ERGED Position Paper on Smart Grids

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

SSE is the second largest generator in the UK, with over 11.5GW of generation capacity, 2GW of which is renewable. Additionally, we are the UK's second largest energy supplier, with more than 9 million gas and electricity customers, and we have an electricity networks business which is responsible for around 127,000km of overhead lines and underground cables. We also hold a 50% stake in Scotia Gas Networks (a UK gas distribution business) and operate telecoms, contracting and gas storage businesses. We have a generation and supply operation in Ireland and are currently developing our renewable generation portfolio in Portugal, Sweden and the Netherlands.

We welcome the ERGED Position Paper on Smart Grids as a considered approach to this area is critical if timely progress is to be made. We support the Electricity Networks Association (ENA) in their response to this consultation.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samantha Ridsdale', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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