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Dear Paul

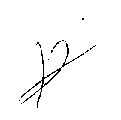
**Application for consent under standard condition 14.2 charges for use of system in respect of compliance with the CDCM**

I am writing on behalf of Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc, Western Power Distribution (West Midlands)plc, Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc and Western Power Distribution (South West) plc.

In response to a request from DECC, WPD intends to publish 2014/15 Distribution Use of System (DUoS) prices that include a £5 fixed reduction for domestic customers. This is lower than the prices generated from the CDCM (Common Distribution Charging Methodology) pricing methodology. The under recovery will be corrected from 2015/16 through future DUoS prices to domestic customers. This is detailed in the attached Appendix.

I am hereby formally requesting that the Authority provides a written consent under Standard Condition 14 paragraph 2, for each of our four licensed areas, to facilitate charging that is not wholly in accordance with the CDCM, together with any other associated approvals that may be required.

Yours sincerely



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Regulatory & Government Affairs Manager

