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Dear Graeme

NIC Project – Powerful-CB: SDRC 9.1.1

I am writing to you on behalf of London Power Networks plc, to notify you of a short delay of less than six months to the delivery of SDRC 9.1.1 – Prototype and lab test a substation-based solution (Method 1). In line with the NIC Governance document¹, we believe it does not constitute a Material Change and we will now deliver this SDRC by 1 November 2019.

We note that neither a communication nor a Change Request is required as per the NIC Governance Document; however we thought it would be useful, ahead of the publication of the Project Progress report, to notify you out of professional courtesy.

In respect of the reasons behind this change, there has been a delay in the type testing of the device to be used as part of Method 1. This is a result of a fault with the generator at the nominated high power test laboratory. To minimise the impact of this fault, we have worked with our project partners ABB to relocate the tests to an alternative testing facility and the tests were re-scheduled for 20 May 2019. Subsequently, the re-tests at the alternative testing facility have revealed a small unforeseen design fault, the initial debrief suggests a small and simple fix should resolve this. We are in the process of scheduling a day of re-tests in the near future. Accordingly the change to the new SDRC delivery date will ensure that all results and learnings, associated with the device type testing, are comprehensively captured to inform our customers and stakeholders. As you will appreciate, we wanted final confirmation of steps going forward before notifying you.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Zain Habib in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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¹ Version 3, 30 June 2017