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Subject: Brief response to VLB leased lines consultation

Dear *****

Please accept my apologies that we have missed the deadline for responses to Ofcom’s consultation “Business Connectivity Market Review Very low bandwidth leased lines”. There is only one question in the consultation where we can contribute beyond the analysis Ofcom has already undertaken, question 6.1 on KCOM VLB leased lines, so in case our response is still helpful it is set out below.

Northern Powergrid runs an electricity distribution network, providing power to customers in the North East, Yorkshire and northern Lincolnshire. It has historically used a number of VLB leased lines provided by KCOM. Given the changes being made by BT to its VLB leased line services, the company has planned on the basis that KCOM VLB leased line services may be deregulated or withdrawn in the future. Northern Powergrid therefore does not expect to be adversely affected by changes KCOM may make to provision of these services on the timescales described in the consultation.

This response is non-confidential. If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with me.

With kind regards

