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GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Darren Jones MP
Chair; Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Mr Jones,

I am writing to you directly as General Secretary of Unite the Union, the UK and Ireland's largest private sector union with 1.2 million members. I want to raise my concerns about the failure of electricity Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) in the UK to act in the interests of consumers. I am raising this with you in your capacity as the Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee.

Ofgem's price regulation process for the electricity distribution networks, RIIO-ED2, is due to conclude in December. But the current draft determinations for RIIO-ED2 do not go far enough to ensure that DNOs shoulder their fair share of the burden. In particular, I am concerned that the public consultation period was too short, and was not adequately publicised. The public must be given a fair opportunity to properly scrutinise such an important regulatory process.

I am therefore asking you to intervene to request that Ofgem **reopen the public consultation on the RIIO-ED2 draft determinations** to allow further public input in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis and the real risk of a recession this winter.

I believe this a very reasonable step given the scale of the cost-of-living crisis the UK is now enduring.

I look forward to hearing back from you about this at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Graham".

Sharon Graham
General Secretary
Unite the Union