



# Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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Dear David —

I'm writing further to my Committee's evidence session on the Energy National Policy Statements on 7 December.

I'd be grateful for a written response to the following questions:

- (1) How do Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) conduct resilience or stress testing of their infrastructure?
- (2) How often does this happen and when was the last such test for each DNO.
- (3) Are the results of any such tests shared with (a) Ofgem; (b) Government: and/or (c) other operators?
- (4) How much investment has each DNO invested in the resilience of their infrastructure each year for the past five years?
- (5) How much investment does each DNO anticipate investing in the resilience of their infrastructure over the next five years?
- (6) Please set out the reported profits and dividend payments of each DNO for each of the past five years.

Please set out any regulatory or policy blockers affecting DNO investment in network resilience.

I'd be grateful for an answer by 16 December.

I'm copying the Chair of the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy, Dame Margaret Beckett, due to that committee's inquiry into climate change and critical national infrastructure.

Your sincerely,

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**Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**