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Dear Sirs

**A66 Dualling  
Response to Deadline 9**

The Authority wishes to update the ExA on the de-trunking side agreement.

The Authority has been seeking to progress the side agreements before the end of the examination. Unfortunately, the Authority's legal advisors have received the draft on 26 May (day of deadline 9). As a result, the agreement will be completed after the end of the examination.

We expect the agreement to be completed shortly.

Yours faithfully

**Michael Reynolds  
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