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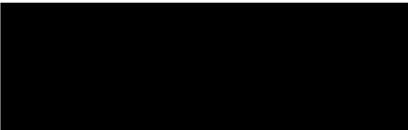
Dear Mr O'Hanlon

**Development Consent Order application for Portishead Branch Line – MetroWest Phase 1
Application Reference: TR040011**

We act for Western Power Distribution (South West) PLC (WPD). This response relates to your letter dated 26 July 2021 which requests that the Applicant, Network Rail and WPD confirm the status regarding the discussions on the protective provisions within the DCO and the side agreement between the parties.

We have seen a copy of the response from Womble Bond Dickinson on behalf of North Somerset District Council of today's date and in particular section 3 of that letter headed "WPD". We confirm that that letter accurately reflects the current status of discussions between the parties.

Yours sincerely



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