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Candidate Statement:

I would like to take this opportunity to apply for the Chair of the CIGRE UK NGN committee. I am currently a Principal Power Systems Engineer with WSP UK. I received my PhD and BEng degrees from University of Birmingham in 2011 and 2016, respectively. And I was an Assistant Professor at University of Birmingham before I joined WSP. I am the current Vice-Chair, and I have been the communications lead of the NGN committee. I am also the current Chair of the IEEE UKRI PES chapter but will be stepping down by the end of the year. I am also a member of CIGRE working group B5.72.

In the past year, I have been the Vice-Chair. Working with other committee members, I have been actively supporting event organising and development of internal processes. It was a great opportunity for me to network with experts from academia and industry, especially young professionals. I have gained extensive experience in the committee's day-to-day operation, in collaboration with other committee members and other communications officers. I enjoyed my role in CIGRE NGN and I am very keen in volunteering for the network and contribute to our members in the next year.

Apart from day-to-day business as the Vice-Chair, I worked closely with the Chair and other committee members in improving internal processes like onboarding, managing digital accounts and organising events. Working with colleagues from events team, I have chaired, supported and helped to organised a few NGN events in the past year. In the next year, I will continue to contribute to the committee long term strategy in delivering values to our members. I believe we will be able to deliver face-to-face or hybrid events in the next year. I strongly believe I am fully capable of the role of Chair for the CIGRE UK NGN.

Sincerely,

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