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Dear Joint Office,

In principle, BBL Company (BBLC) supports the proposal that an Interconnector pipeline could be used for the provision of short-term storage/balancing services through the utilisation of otherwise unused pipeline transportation capability.

BBLC agrees that such a service could result in increased utilisation of the relevant interconnector pipeline assets, and increase the throughput on the NTS, as gas is transferred into and out of the new service offering. This would further facilitate both the efficient operation of the relevant interconnector pipeline and the NTS.

In addition, the provision of additional storage and balancing services to shippers will increase the size of the market for such services thereby better facilitating competition. As such, BBLC considers that the proposal furthers relevant objective (a) 'Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system' and (d) 'Securing of effective competition between relevant shippers'.

Yours sincerely,



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