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Dear Tim,

### **Modification Proposal 0342**

Thank you for providing SSE with the opportunity to comment on the above Modification Proposal.

SSE is supportive of proposal 0342.

SSE agrees that the proposed change to the timelines detailed within the proposal will allow the DNO User to receive their indicative statements at an earlier date and allow additional time to be embedded into the OCS/OPS process.

National Grid NTS proposes that the DNO Users revised application can be submitted on any of the first 10 Business Days following the provision of indicative Offtake Capacity and/or indicative Offtake Pressure Statement in Gas Year Y, rather than the 5 Business Days following the 15th September as it is currently.

Embedding additional time within the process may also enable National Grid NTS to better assess and evaluate supply patterns to constrained areas of the network and by undertaking more detailed analysis be able to assess with increased confidence whether there will be sufficient levels of supply to meet any additional DNO commitments.

National Grid NTS may also be able to identify alternative solutions to reinforcement that meet the requirements of the DNO User. This will help to ensure that the system is utilised in the most economic and efficient manner by avoiding potentially unnecessary investment costs.



SSE agrees with the Proposer that implementation of the proposed Modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives as detailed in the Modification Proposal.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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