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Your Reference:UNC Modification Proposal 0342.

Re: UNC Modification Proposal 0296:
'Facilitating a Supply Point Enquiry Service for Non-Domestic Supply Points'

Dear Bob,

Thank for your invitation seeking representations with respect to the above Modification Proposal.

National Grid Gas Distribution (NGD) would like to offer support for implementation.

The Proposal seeks to amend the Uniform Network Code (UNC) to allow the Transporter to release information (equivalent in scope to that issued pursuant to a Supply Point Enquiry) to Users via an 'on-line portal' in respect of 'non-domestic' Supply Points.

We also understand that a further element of the proposal is to define the term 'contemplating'; as contained within UNC TPD Section G1.17.1 for Supply Point Enquiries in respect of all Supply Points. Evidence of 'contemplating' would be that the User has 'warranted' that they have had dialogue with the relevant consumer to gain permission to access the data. We believe the indicative Legal Text provided in the Draft Modification Report correctly reflects this.

We anticipate the information could be provided on a 'User Pays: Non-Code Service' basis by the Transporter Agency and would contain all of the information that is available to Users under the current Supply Point Enquiry.

NGD recognises that the Supply Point Enquiry provides information to a User which is necessary to enable it to make an assessment of the costs to which it would be subject if it were to become the Registered User of a Supply Point. In doing so, in our opinion this service facilitates competition between relevant Shippers and Suppliers. Therefore, facilitating the provision of a service which provides for efficient conveyance of information which can already be obtained by submitting a Supply Point Enquiry would appear to further enhance the facilitation of Standard Special Condition A11(1)(d) of the Transporters Licence (the securing of effective competition between relevant Shippers).

We trust that this information will assist in the compilation of the Final Modification Report.

Please contact me on 01926 653541 (chris.warner@uk.ngrid.com) should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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