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Dear Ms Robinson

MODIFICATION 208 - AMENDMENTS TO THE AQ UPDATE PROCESS FOR 1998

Thank you for your letter dated 10 February, in which you provide details about the work required by Transco to implement modification proposal 208.

Your letter suggests that work has already commenced to apply these proposals and you suggest that the design phase needs to be completed by 2nd March. However, your letter also suggests that if this deadline is achieved, Transco may complete the work before the deadlines included in the modification proposal. We have assumed that the urgency with which you have requested this modification should be treated assumes some contingency in the time Transco has planned for testing of the new systems, and that it is on this basis that you can envisage completing work before the deadline.

On the basis that Transco (with the support of shippers) has suggested that this modification should be treated as urgent and that it may otherwise not be able to deliver these changes to the required timetable (assuming presumably that testing the new systems does not run smoothly), we have decided to accept this modification as urgent. We expect the modification to be processed to the below timetable:

- Report accepted as urgent 11 February
- Close out for representations 25 February
- Final Report to Ofgas 3 March
- Ofgas Decision 6 March

Finally, can we register our concern that this is the second modification (the first being modification 177) during which Transco has started making systems changes prior to proper consultation. Could you circulate this letter to shippers, along with the modification report.

Yours sincerely

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