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Subject: EH/900/SP - Revision of Gemini Contingency Guidelines (UNC Modification 250)

Dear Colleague,

National Grid NTS raised Modification Proposal 0250 - 'Introduction of Code Contingency Guidelines' which is due to be discussed at the 14th May 2009 Modification Panel, with a recommendation that it goes direct to consultation. The proposed Modification implementation date is July 2009. Whilst the proposed changes are due to go through the UNC Modification consultation process we have been advised that a Class 2 UK Link Modification may also be required.

We believe that this Modification conforms to a Class 2 UK Link Modification in accordance with TPD Section U8.2.3 (c) (iii) where the modification is required by, or in connection with, a modification to the Code which is pursuant to the Modification Rules.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind the UK Link Committee that a review of the Code Contingency procedures and updating of processes is overdue and therefore, we believe that the implementation of this modification to the UK Link Manual provides the impetus to initiate a general review. We anticipate additional benefits from greater transparency, clarity and User access to consolidated information relating to Code Contingency Arrangements whilst maintaining the appropriate level of governance through the UK Link Manual.

Please note that there are no UK Link System changes required to implement this Proposal and therefore we would request that this is taken into account by the UK Link Committee agreeing the timescales and notice periods such that we anticipate this could be achieved with a shortened consultation period for the proposed change.

This Class 2 UK Link Modification seeks to introduce the Code Contingency Guidelines ("the Guidelines") document, as an annex to the UK Link Manual (effected via Section U).

The Guidelines will provide a consolidated, single point of reference, which sets out the processes and procedures required in the event of a Code Contingency. The Code Contingency Guidelines Document is an annex of the UK Link Manual and governed, in accordance with the UK Link Manual, under TPD Section U – 1.4 UK Link Manual. Any amendments to the Guidelines will be in accordance TPD Section 8 – UK Link Modifications.

It should be noted that the Guideline proposed in MP 0250 provide details only of the Gemini Code contingency arrangements as it was felt that these contingency procedures needed to be address most urgently.

We believe that any revisions of other UK Link Code Contingency Arrangements can be implemented into the Guidelines through a UK Link Modification rather than requiring a UNC Code Modification Proposal.

As a consequence of classifying the Guidelines as a modification (annex) to the UK Link Manual, this Modification Proposal is required for the introduction of the Guidelines only to the extent that when

referring to the 'Contingency Procedures', the TPD may be required to reference the Code Contingency Guidelines as an annex of the UK Link Manual.

Please note that the Code Contingency Guidelines Document, a copy of which accompanies this Proposal, has been revised such that it appropriately reflects the intent of the Modification Proposal; to achieve governance of the Guidelines through the UK Link Manual.

Representations are invited by Users by 29th May 2009 to the UKLink Manual box account uklink@xoserve.com. Users are particularly asked to consider the implementation timescales of July 2009 as this will require the Committee to waive the full notice period required of a Class 2 UKLink Modification. Following representations it is expected that this change is discussed and scheduled at the June 2009 UKLink Committee.

<<Gemini Code Contingency Guidelines document v1 0 final _May 2009_.pdf>>

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