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Your Reference:UNC Modification Proposal 0430.

UNC Modification Proposal 0430: “ Inclusion of data items relevant to smart metering into existing industry systems”

Dear Bob,

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

Do you support or oppose implementation?

Support.

Please summarise (in one paragraph) the key reason(s) for your support/opposition.

National Grid Distribution (NGD) supports implementation of this proposal since the changes are required to support the implementation of the SMART meter roll-out program. Therefore, it is appropriate for the UNC, and the supporting systems, to be modified to store and transmit the new data to the relevant parties.

Are there any new or additional issues that you believe should be recorded in the Modification Report?

None.

Relevant Objectives:

We believe that implementation would further facilitate the relevant objective as set out within Standard Special Condition A11.1 (d) and (f):

- By ensuring that information relating to a SMART meter is stored on the central system: customers will be able to change supplier more efficiently, which would be beneficial to competition.
- By amending central systems now to accommodate the enduring solution, fewer modifications to the UNC and systems will be required in future, hence improving in the implementation and administration of the network code.

Impacts and Costs:

We note the costs specified in the Draft Modification Report

Implementation:

To be of most value, the implementation of this proposal needs to coincide with the mass roll-out of SMART meters

Legal Text:

We believe it satisfies the intent of the proposal and should be implemented.

Is there anything further you wish to be taken into account?

NGD has not identified any such matters.

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

Please contact me on 01926 653559 (alan.raper@nationalgrid.com) should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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