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Dear Colleague,

Request for urgent status for modification proposal 707: 'Amendment of Network Entry Provisions at Total E&P UK sub-terminal at St Fergus'.

Ofgem has agreed to the request that modification proposal 707 'Amendment of Network Entry Provisions at Total E&P UK sub-terminal at St Fergus' follow urgent procedures. In this letter Ofgem explains the reasons for this decision and sets out the envisaged timetable to be followed.

The modification proposal seeks to amend the network entry provisions at the Total E&P sub-terminal at St Fergus, such as to revise the gas quality specification at that sub-terminal. The proposer states that this modification would facilitate the supply of additional gas to be delivered at the St Fergus sub-terminal, in order to meet the gas demand requirements of the gas year 2004/05.

In determining whether to grant urgent status to this modification proposal, Ofgem has considered the criteria it generally applies to such requests¹. In this instance, the modification relates to a time related event insofar as the relevant gas year commences 1 October 2004. The granting of urgent status and adherence to the timetable set out below would ensure that the proposal is in a position to be decided upon and if appropriate implemented in readiness for the gas year 2004/05. In coming to this decision, Ofgem has also been mindful of its statutory duty to secure that, so far as it is economical to meet them, all reasonable demands for gas are met. The timetable for this modification proposal will therefore be as follows:

Proposal issued to Ofgem for decision on urgency	13/07/04
Proposal agreed as urgent	14/07/04
Circulate to Users requesting representation	14/07/04
Representation close-out	28/07/04
Urgent modification report issued to Ofgem	02/08/04
Ofgem decision expected	16/08/04

¹ www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/2752_Urgency%20Criteria.pdf

In accepting this request for urgency, Ofgem has made no assessment of the merits of the actual modification proposal. Ofgem also understands that it is Transco's intention to circulate, within the above timescale, a paper explaining the potential cost implications of this modification proposal.

If you have any queries in relation to the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me on the number above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Simpson', written over a horizontal line.

Nick Simpson
Director, Modifications