Joint Office of Gas Transporters

0030: Extension of the QSEC auction timetable for 2005 (Garth Graham (Scottish And Southern Energy plc) Comments) v1.0

Representation For. 0030

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Slant: Comments

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Abstract

Dear Julian,

Draft Modification Report 030: Extension of the QSEC auction timetable for 2005

Thank you for providing Scottish and Southern Energy plc with the opportunity to comment on the above draft modification report.

We note that the change would extend the Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity auction ("QSEC Auction") from 1st September 2005 - 30th September 2005 to 1st September 2005 - 30th November 2005.

On initial consideration this appears to be a Modification worthy of support.

However, in light of the two new urgent proposals (0036 & 0037) that have been raised we believe it more important that the earliest start date; i.e. 1st September 2005; is deferred to enable parties sufficient time to consider any changes to the auction framework, be they as a result of UCAG changes following Ofgem's recent consultation or amendments to UNC rules. This is not to infer our support for either of these proposals which we will respond to separately.

On balance, this Modification Proposal 030 has our qualified support to proceed.

I hope that these comments are helpful. Should you wish to discuss any of the points raised in our response, please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Garth Graham Scottish and Southern Energy plc