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Dear Julian,

Modification Proposal 0062 “Introduction of a Gas Balancing Alert”

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this modification proposal. Statoil (UK) Ltd (STUK) is in support of this modification and would like to make the following comments.

The concept of a Gas Balancing Alert (GBA) was developed at the Ofgem chaired Demand Side Working Group (DSWG), as a way of providing a trigger to Users and major gas consumers who, when a demand side reduction is required to prevent an emergency, can offer a response.

This proposal reflects the discussions held at the DSWG meetings, and describes the format and use GBA as agreed by the DSWG and transmission workstream. The GBA, if implemented, could provide an additional signal to Users and major gas consumers to initiate appropriate demand side reductions.

STUK trust that our comments will be given due consideration and should you wish to discuss any aspect of this response further please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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