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Dear Julian

## RE UNC Urgent Modification Proposal 0072 – Gas Allocations at LNG Storage Facilities in the Event of a Network Gas Supply Emergency

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Urgent Modification Proposal.

A number of changes to the regime governing the use of storage have been effected by Modification Proposals implemented over the last few weeks. We recognise that Modification Proposal 0072 has been raised by National Grid in order to bring existing methodology for allocation of gas into line with these amendments.

Current drafting of UNC, Section Z, would require the allocation of gas under an emergency to be related solely to a Users inventory. With the introduction of the ability of the NEC to reduce or curtail flows from storage facilities, it would clearly be inappropriate not to take account of a Users intent to flow volumes of gas, as indicated in their nominations. This Modification Proposal would facilitate the flows at the curtailed rates up to the level of nominations and only then would revert to any additional volumes being allocated in proportion to stock.

We are supportive of the implementation of this Modification Proposal.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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