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Dear Julian,

**RE UNC Urgent Modification Proposal:- 0092 – Provision of a Supply Point Enquiry Service for Smaller Supply Points**

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

British Gas Trading is supportive of the implementation of this Modification Proposal.

We agree with the Proposer that this information is of commercial significance when preparing tenders where the selection of premises to be supplied includes smaller supply points. As it is critical to accurate pricing of business it does appear to be more realistic to formalise this service rather than to rely on ad-hoc arrangements, which we understand have been withdrawn. We also agree that this service should be restricted to those supply points which fall within the I&C or SME sector as it is recognised that the extension of this service to all supply points would place an unmanageable burden upon the Transporters agent.

We recognise that this Proposal would place an additional obligation upon the Transporters, which would be discharged through xoserve, their agents. We understand that the additional workload involved should be relatively small but we would suggest that this activity is specifically monitored. Based upon limited time for consideration, the Service levels proposed in this Modification appear reasonable and in line with the timescales applied in tendering for business. By simple re-instatement of the ad-hoc process it would appear that only minimal system costs are associated with the provision of this service.

We believe that implementation of this Modification Proposal would further relevant objectives by promoting more effective competition between Shippers and Suppliers.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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