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Dear Julian,

Urgent UNC Modification Proposal 0101: 'Amendment to Demand Forecasting Timings in Relation to the Gas Balancing Alert'

Thank you for your invitation seeking representations with respect to the above Modification Proposals.

National Grid Gas plc (UK Distribution), ("Distribution") supports the implementation of Modification Proposal 0101.

We believe that the additional operational flexibility that the proposal would give to National Grid NTS to advise shippers of a Gas Balancing Alert is of benefit to both shippers and consumers. The earlier that a GBA could be issued, the more opportunity there is for shippers to take the necessary action, be that either obtaining additional suppliers or taking demand–side reduction measures.

Consequently, we agree with the proposer that implementation would improve "the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system".

For these reasons, Distribution supports the implementation of Modification Proposal 0101.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Lawton.