

RWE npower supports this modification.

This should avoid the situation that occurred last winter where, following a demand re-forecast at around 16:00 D-1, it became apparent that a Gas Balancing Alert (GBA) would be triggered but the GBA was not actually notified until later that Gas Day due to the timings referred to in section H.5.2.3 of the UNC.

Earlier notice of GBA's will help market participants to react in very tight supply/demand balance situations and could therefore prevent the occurrence of a Network Gas Supply Emergency. This is particularly the case if GBA's are able to be notified by SMS text messaging, which we understand from NG will be available in time for this winter.