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Dear Julian

Representation for Modification Proposal 0121 "Provision of Ex-Post Demand Information for all NTS Offtakes"

Thank you for your invitation seeking representation with respect to the above Modification Proposal. National Grid NTS supports implementation of Modification Proposal 0121.

Over the past 18 months National Grid NTS have made a number of significant improvements in its provision of information via its publicly available web site. These improvements include the provision of near real time entry flow data (following approval of UNC mod 006) and non obligated developments such as the daily summary report which was developed as a direct result of industry discussions. The current web site has received widespread praise for both the clarity of information and the ever improving performance. That said, National Grid NTS recognises the concerns of the Proposer that there is currently an asymmetry between the volume of information about the supply of gas into the NTS compared with the information about quantities of gas leaving the NTS.

This proposal goes some way towards redressing the balance between supply side and demand side information albeit on a different timescale. Whilst much of the information, within the scope of the proposal, is already available to shippers via the Gemini system, we can see that wider visibility of actual demands in a user friendly format could assist market participants, including non-shippers, in assessing things such as the volumes of demand response or storage injection rates. Other parties will be better placed than ourselves to assess the value of this information or whether the difference between publication times (and frequency) of entry and exit flows is of material importance.

The cost of implementation of this proposal is estimated to be approximately £70,000. This assumes that the proposal is implemented as a stand alone project. In reality National Grid NTS will seek to bundle the implementation into a larger package of work and therefore reduce the final implementation cost.

Yours sincerely

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