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Dear Julian,

RE: URGENT MODIFICATION PROPOSAL 0123 – “Provision of Demand Information to meet the 14:00 Total System Demand Forecast”

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above urgent modification proposal.

British Gas Trading (BGT) offers support for this modification proposal, although believes that it represents only a marginal enhancement over the current (post 0100) baseline, since the benefits under this proposal appear to be restricted to large DN connected loads which are relieved of the obligation brought about by 0100.

However, whilst outside of the scope of this consultation, we believe neither modification 0100, nor this proposal 0123 – are preferable to the pre 0100 baseline. We remain of the view that these proposals will not result in any significant improvement in the quality of information available to National Grid NTS from which to forecast system demand. Indeed, they could lead to a lower quality of information submitted at this earlier stage, which will be corrected later in the day. There also remains the contractual difficulties referenced in our response to modification proposal 0100.

To this end, we continue to question the value of the original modification 0100, given the extent of work necessary to amend cross industry systems and processes.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about this response.

Yours sincerely

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