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Dear Julian

Re : UNC Modification 0142 – “Extension of the Current Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points”

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

National Grid NTS supports the implementation of this Modification Proposal. National Grid NTS considers that this Proposal would, if implemented, better facilitate the following relevant objectives as set out in its Gas Transporters Licence.

- in respect of Standard Special Condition A11 paragraph 1(a), the Proposal would enable DNO Users to register its NTS/LDZ Offtake Capacity requirements beyond September 2010, which would allow National Grid NTS to undertake better informed investment decisions and thereby better facilitate the efficient and economic operation of the NTS pipeline system;
- in respect of Standard Special Condition A11 paragraph 1(b), the Proposal would enable National Grid NTS and DNO Users to formally confirm NTS/LDZ Offtake Capacity levels to support their respective investment decisions beyond September 2010 and thereby better facilitate the co-ordinated, efficient and economic operation of the combined pipeline system; and
- in respect of Standard Special Condition A11 paragraph 1(c) (the efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations under this Licence); the Proposal would also promote the economic and efficient development and operation of the system which might be expected to facilitate the relevant objective of compliance with Licence obligations.

We have no further comments at this stage on the Proposal beyond those that we included within the Proposal itself.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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