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Dear Julian

UNC Modification Proposal 0174: 'Revised Tender Timescales for DN Interruption Arrangements'

Thank you for your invitation seeking representations with respect to the above Modification Proposal. As proposer of the Modification Proposal National Grid Gas plc (Distribution), ("NGD") fully supports the implementation of this modification.

NGD feel that the proposal introduces an interruption tender timescale that fits better with the timescales for application of NTS Exit Capacity. The timescale also should allow DNs more time for analysis of interruption bids whilst preserving the tender timescales at the beginning of the process thus mitigating any impact on customer processes that could otherwise have resulted.

In terms of the relevant objectives we would like to re-iterate the points presented in the proposal. In relation to the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system we feel the proposal would better enable DNs to determine the interruption and capacity requirements to meet their 1 in 20 licence obligation. Also, this would allow DNs to make informed decisions about investment in their networks and hence could better facilitate the efficient and economic operation of the DNs. In terms of the coordinated, efficient and economical operation of the pipeline system we feel that this condition is better facilitated by better enabling DNs to request efficient levels of capacity from NTS.

In summary, we fully support this proposal because if it were implemented it would introduce an interruption tender timescale that better fits with the timescales for the application of NTS Exit Capacity and it better facilitates the relevant objectives with respect to the economic and efficient operation of the pipeline system.

Yours sincerely,

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