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Dear Julian

Modification Proposal 189: Amendment to the QSEC Auction Timetable

EDF Trading welcomes the opportunity to comment on modification proposal 189. EDF Trading fully supports the implementation of this proposal.

EDF Trading believes that there are significant benefits to be derived, for both Shippers and the System Operator, through moving the QSEC auctions to April of each year. In particular, providing greater certainty of incremental capacity being delivered by the date signalled in the QSEC auctions is extremely valuable to Shipper's confidence and enhancing security of supply.

Recent experience of new capacity not being delivered on time for significant projects has created a real concern for the industry and therefore any opportunity to improve the delivery of incremental capacity should be undertaken. The proposal also aligns the timing of the release of obligated entry capacity to the Gas Year allowing Shipper's to secure capacity that reflects their contractual needs.

Please do not hesitate to me if you wish to discuss this response.

Yours sincerely



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