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Re: UNC Modification Proposal 0269 – Provision of Exit Information at all NTS Exit Points for the transitional exit period

Dear John

Thank you for your invitation seeking representations with respect to the above Modification Proposal. As proposer, National Grid NTS supports implementation of Modification Proposal 0269.

Rationale

After extensive industry consultation in relation to the reform of the NTS Offtake arrangements, UNC Modification Proposal 0195AV introduced an obligation on National Grid NTS to make information available at all NTS Exit Points (including Moffat and Bacton) for the period 1st October 2012 onwards (the enduring exit period). However, there is no corresponding UNC obligation for the intervening period until the 1st October 2012 (also known as the exit capacity transitional period). This Modification Proposal seeks to ensure that the Industry have access to the information from the earliest possible date.

Extent to which implementation of Modification Proposal 0269 would better facilitate the achievement (for the purposes of each Transporter's Licence) of the relevant objectives

National Grid NTS considers that:

- In respect of Standard Special Condition A11.1 (b) the coordinated, efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system, National Grid NTS believes that this proposal, if implemented would increase the availability of information at all NTS Exit Points. It increases transparency at these locations enabling Users to better understand their requirements and provide more accurate information to National Grid NTS potentially enabling both more economic and efficient pipeline investment and operation.
- In respect of Standard Special Condition A11.1 (d) the securing of effective competition, National Grid NTS believes that this proposal, if implemented, would assist Users by clearly showing the NTS Exit Capacity likely to be available at any NTS Exit Point by allowing Users

access to information on NTS Exit Points during the exit capacity transitional period in addition to those published for the enduring period.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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