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Dear Julian,

## **RE: Modification Proposal 0212 - Revision of the Rough Storage Connection Agreement**

E.ON UK **supports** implementation of this proposal.

We believe it is important that Rough storage Users are able to make full use of the increased physical capability of the facility and the network. It is important that the commercial arrangements governing access rights reflect physical capability of the network. In this regard, the proposal can be said to further both the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system and effective competition between relevant shippers, by introducing clarity and consistency. We agree with the proposer that there is a genuine risk of significant commercial cost to the gas market if the additional injection capability is not made available to Rough customers as firm injection rates.

It is noted that the proposer states that "National Grid have confirmed in correspondence with CSL that National Grids network analysis indicates that this [increase to 26 mcm/d] will not impose any operational difficulties". We would expect National Grid NTS to confirm this position as part of their consultation response, which would bring added re-assurance for Users.

Whilst it is a little disappointing that the urgent route has been sought for this Mod, we are satisfied that the proposer has not acted unreasonably in requesting this urgent change and had progressed the issue in a timely manner prior to raising the Mod.

Yours sincerely

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