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UNC Modification Proposal 0212 – "Revision of the Rough Storage Connection Agreement"

Dear Julian,

Thank you for your invitation seeking representation with respect to the above Modification Proposal. National Grid NTS supports the implementation of this proposal on the basis that it furthers the achievement of the relevant objectives by facilitating the efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system and securing effective competition between shippers. National Grid NTS can also confirm that the increase in injection offtake rate at Rough to 26mscmd as stated in the proposal can be accommodated without causing operational difficulties.

For clarification, the rationale behind proposal 165V was to minimise the number of Modification Proposals raised to make non-contentious changes to NEAs and NExAs. During industry discussions on the development of 0165V it was determined that changes other than metering increases should still be progressed via a UNC Modification Proposal to ensure that all interested parties could be kept informed. As proposal 0212 is concerned with actively increasing the permitted injection offtake rate at Rough, a change that could affect Shippers' commercial decision-making, a Modification Proposal is necessary to ensure that all industry parties are aware of the proposed change to the Total System before it takes effect.

Please let me know if you require any further information to enable preparation of the Final Modification Report.

Yours sincerely,

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