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Re: UNC Modification Proposal 0234 "To Correct Drafting Inconsistencies between Sections X and V of the UNC in Respect of User Default and Termination"

Dear John

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon this Modification Proposal, I can confirm that we, WWU, are fully **supportive** of its implementation.

This Modification Proposal has been raised following a review, carried out by the Energy Balancing Committee (EBCC), of the Energy Balancing Credit Rules and Section X ("Energy Balancing Credit Management") of the Uniform Network Code (UNC) Transportation Principal Document (TPD).

This review was undertaken, due to the recent uncertainty in the financial markets, as a proactive measure to ensure that energy balancing and credit arrangements are suitably robust and fit for purpose. We are fully supportive of such measures and recognise that this Proposal has the unanimous support of both the EBCC and the Transmission Workstream where this, and Modification Proposal 0233\* and Modification Proposal 0235\*\*, were developed and discussed.

The Proposal seeks to remove the inconsistencies that exist between UNC TPD Section V4.3.3 and UNC TPD Section X3.2.2 (payment of Energy Balancing Invoices), 2.9.3 (payment of Cash Calls) & 2.10.10 (satisfaction of Further Security Requests). Ensuring consistency across these sections of the UNC not only clarifies the circumstances under which a User may be Terminated (as per UNC TPD Section V4.3.1) but will also increase the ability to take prompt action against such Users and reduce any consequential financial risk to others.

We therefore **fully support** the implementation of Modification Proposal 0234.

If you have any questions in relation to this Representation then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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<sup>\*</sup>Modification Proposal 0233 – "Changes to Outstanding Energy Balancing Indebtedness Calculation" raised on 31st October 2008

<sup>\*\*</sup> Modification Proposal 0235 – "Recovery of Debt and Smearing of Revenues via Energy Balancing Neutrality" raised on 31st October 2008



Yours sincerely

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