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Dear John,

Modification Proposal 0239 –Reinstatement of NTS Interruption

Thank you for providing Scottish and Southern Energy plc (SSE) with the opportunity to comment on the above Modification Proposal.

SSE is supportive of proposal 0239.

This Modification Proposal will permit National Grid NTS to access existing NTS Interruptible Exit capacity beyond October 2011 by amending the provisions of the Transitional Document.

SSE believes that by implementing this proposal the efficient and economic operation of the System will be maintained by preventing inefficient investment and permitting NTS Interruption to be used as a system management tool where it is more economic than alternatives such as Operating Margins, capacity buy-backs or system investment.

SSE believes that the proposal will better facilitate the relevant objectives of Standard Special condition A11.1 (c): so far as is consistent with subparagraphs (a) and (b), the efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations under this licence;

Reinstating access to NTS Interruption would remove the need to construct additional transportation capacity within very ambitious timescales to supply the forecast Peak Day Demand for 2011. Implementation of this Modification Proposal would therefore better facilitate this objective by permitting National Grid NTS to meet its licence obligation.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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