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## **UNC Modification Proposal 0159**

## National Grid NTS discretionary release of Interruptible NTS Entry Capacity

Dear Julian,

Thank you for your invitation seeking representation with respect to the above Modification Proposal. As Proposer National Grid NTS supports implementation of Modification Proposal 0159.

With regards to the relevant objectives we would like to reiterate our points made within the modification proposal:

## Extent to which implementation of the proposed modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives

The following views were expressed in respect of better facilitation of the relevant objectives as set out in the Gas Transporter Licence Standard Special Condition A11.1

Standard Special Condition A11.1 (a): the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system to which this licence relates;

Implementation would provide additional flexibility in the Entry Interruption arrangements to allow National Grid NTS to release additional Interruptible NTS Entry Capacity. This should result in the release of additional capacity to the market and the avoidance of gas being stranded offshore, and thereby better facilitate the achievement of this objective.

Standard Special Condition A11.1 (d): so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) the securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant Shippers;

Implementation would facilitate the achievement of this objective by use of a pay-as-bid auction for the allocation of any additional Interruptible NTS Entry Capacity.

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

Regards

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