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Dear Sirs

## **NOTICE PURSUANT TO GENERAL TERMS SECTION B3.3.1(a) OF THE UNIFORM NETWORK CODE**

1. By this letter National Grid Gas plc ("NGG") hereby gives notice in accordance with General Terms ("GT") Section B3.3.1(a) of the Uniform Network Code (the "UNC") of the occurrence of Force Majeure within the definition at GT Section B3.3.1 of the UNC as more particularly set out below.

### **Occurrence and nature of the Force Majeure**

2. There is a suspected failure of a fitting on the NTS pipeline Feeder 14 which is currently being managed and controlled.
3. The suspected failure of the fitting is affecting the flow of gas through NTS Feeder 14. During this period of force majeure there will be reduced physical gas flows on Feeder 14 downstream of Tockington AGI. The Feeder 14 Pipeline is a single feed pipeline, with three offtakes; Avonmouth LNG, Seabank Power Station 2 and the NTS/LDZ offtake at Seabank.
4. In order to carry out a permanent repair of the fitting it is currently expected that the section of Feeder 14 between Pucklechurch and Tockington would require a period of isolation to enable remedial works to be completed. This isolation would necessitate the cessation of flow through Feeder 14 at Tockington AGI. The offtakes at Avonmouth LNG, Seabank Power Station 2 and the NTS/LDZ offtake at Seabank would be affected. We are working with the affected parties to minimise any disruption and alternative supply routes have been identified to maintain supplies to Seabank Power Station and the LDZ.
5. The suspected failure of the fitting at Pucklechurch and/or the events or circumstances consequent thereon are beyond the reasonable control of, and could not have been avoided by steps which might reasonably be expected to have been taken by, NGG.

**Expected Duration of the Force Majeure**

6. NGG is currently considering the engineering options for repairing the fitting but it is NGG's current expectation that Feeder 14 will be isolated within the next few days and will remain isolated whilst the necessary works are completed. It believes at this time that those works cannot be completed in less than 3 weeks. Once the options have been fully evaluated NGG will provide further information on the expected duration of the force majeure.

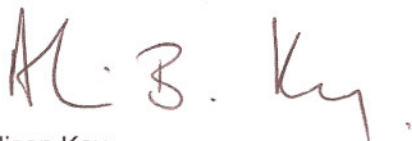
**Obligations of NGG performance of which is affected by the Force Majeure**

7. The obligations of NGG performance of which are and/or will be affected by the Force Majeure are the obligations to make gas available for offtake by Users from the System as set out in Section J3 of the UNC.

**Provision of Information under GT Section B3.3.1(b) of the UNC**

8. NGG will continue to monitor the position and will, from time to time hereafter, provide reasonable details of developments in the matters notified above and the steps referred to in GT Section B3.3.1(b) of the UNC.
9. Communications pursuant to GT Section B3.3.1(b) of the UNC will be in writing from Alison Kay, Commercial Director, Transmission.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alison Kay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

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