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UNC Modification Proposal 0521 - Revision of User Admission Criteria to include Transporter verification of its ability to transact with the Applicant User

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your invitation seeking representations with respect to the above Modification Proposal for which National Grid Gas Distribution (NGD) would like to support.

Do you support or oppose implementation?

Support

Please summarise (in one paragraph) the key reason(s) for your support/opposition:

This Modification Proposal identifies an additional and prudent User admission 'test' concerned with the ability for a new 'Applicant' User to be able to transact with the relevant Transporters bank.

Are there any new or additional issues that you believe should be recorded in the Modification Report:

We have not identified any such issues.

Self Governance Statement:

We agree that this Modification Proposal should not be subject to self-governance procedures given that it is expected to have a material effect which ultimately impacts on consumers.

Relevant Objectives:

Relevant Objective d) Securing of effective competition between relevant Shippers and Suppliers

We concur with the statement in the Draft Modification Report i.e. that the measures identified minimise the risk of socialised bad debt costs being recovered from other Users.

Impacts and Costs:

We concur with the statement in the Draft Modification Report concerning the funding of this Modification Proposal and we have no further comment in this respect.

Implementation:

This Modification Proposal can be implemented with immediate effect upon direction.

Legal Text:

NGD is satisfied that the drafting and text commentary as published by the Joint Office within the Draft Modification Report meets the requirements of the Modification Proposal.

Is there anything further you wish to be taken into account?

We have no further comments.

We trust that this information will assist in the compilation of the Final Modification Report. Please contact me on 01926 653541 (chris.warner@nationalgrid.com) should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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