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Dear Bob,

Re: UNC Modification Proposal 0405 - Bottom Stop SOQ Appeal Mechanism for 2011/12

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Modification Proposal. Northern Gas Networks (NGN) supports in this modification proposal.

Since the implementation of UNC Modification 0275 NGN considers that the reasons for the temporary nature of this modification may still be in existence and in particular, the current economic climate. NGN agrees that as a result of this, it is appropriate to extend the transitional rules that allow Daily Metered sites to reduce registered capacity below that of the previous winters peak.

NGN agrees that this modification should be subject to urgency to enable shippers to use the current Capacity Reduction Window and would welcome a swift direction of implementation in order to maximise the opportunity for consumers and shippers to make informed and appropriate decisions about capacity reduction for the coming period.

We agree that this Modification facilitates the relevant objectives as laid out in the proposal and that the implementation could be carried with little or no cost and within the timeframes required to enable use this winter.

I hope these comments will be of assistance. Please contact me should you require any further information in respect of this response.

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Ferguson Network Code Manager