

**Review Group 0329**  
**Meeting date 19 October 2010**

National Grid Distribution ('NGD') notes that at this meeting, the issue of 'guarantees' relating to gas service pipe pressure was raised by the representative of EON. Although a response was provided at the meeting by Scotia Gas Networks, NGD would like to provide the following additional clarification.

With the exception of NTS Supply Points, there are no statutory or Uniform Network Code ('UNC') provisions obliging the Transporter to provide a specified or guaranteed minimum pressure. Conversely, the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996 section 8(1) states that *"No person shall ... convey gas in a network unless the gas conforms with the requirements specified in Part I of Schedule 3"*. Part I in schedule 3 requires that *"gas shall be at a suitable pressure to ensure the safe operation of any gas appliance ... which a consumer could reasonably be expected to operate"*.

In respect of NGD networks, procedures have been established by which a request can be made to obtain the pressures and gas flow rate that the NGD service pipe is designed to supply at the outlet of the emergency control valve (ECV). These pressures were published to the industry and appear in the IGE document IGE/GM/8. These constitute the design operation pressures pertinent to each tier (including a 'Design Minimum Pressure'). Design Minimum Pressure is defined as "the minimum pressure that may occur at the end of any service pipe at the time of system design flow rate under extreme gas supply and maintenance conditions".