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The Joint Office, relevant Gas Transporters and other interested parties Our Ref: Net/Cod/Mod/UNC117 Email: <u>industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk</u>

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Dear Colleague,

Revised timetable for modification proposal UNC117: 'Amendment to Invoice Billing Period'.

On 2 October 2006 Ofgem granted urgent status¹ to modification proposal 117: 'Amendment to Invoice Billing Period'².

The proposer of modification proposal 117, EdF Energy, subsequently submitted a request to the UNC modification panel (the panel) to vary its proposal, in accordance with paragraph 6.5.1 of the UNC modification rules.

The panel discussed this request by teleconference on 30 October, where it determined that the variation was material and that the revised version should therefore be subject to consultation. The panel recommended that the consultation period, originally scheduled to close out on 2 November, be extended to 9 November.

We note that the original driver for urgency, the issuance of an invoice to include the reconciliation of the South East Local Distribution Zone metering error, has been delayed. In particular, the extraordinary meeting of the Billing Operations Forum scheduled for 26 October was deferred to an as yet unconfirmed date in November. A reconciliation of this error could therefore not appear in any invoice earlier than December.

Given the above, we have agreed to a revised timetable for this modification proposal, as follows:

Ofgem grant urgent status	02/10/06
Revised modification proposal (version 2.0) circulated	31/10/06
Closeout for representations	09/11/06
UNC modification panel recommendation	16/11/06
Ofgem decision expected week commencing	27/11/06

¹www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/16914_U117UrgencyDecision_signed_.pdf?wtfrom=/ofgem/ work/index.jsp§ion=/areasofwork/gasgovernance

²www.gasgovernance.com/Code/Modifications/LiveMods/

For the avoidance of doubt, this revised timetable will also apply to the alternative modification proposal UNC117a: '*Amendment to Invoice Billing Period*'.

If you have any queries in relation to the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to email <u>industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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