



**Comments in respect of  
Modification 0038: Provision of information to support development of the  
NTS investment programme**

The Association of Electricity Producers offers its support for this modification proposal. We consider this is a pragmatic way of ensuring that Transco NTS has timely information on an individual NTS/LDZ offtake basis to provide input into its investment plans and hence enable it to demonstrate compliance with its safety case. The provision of forecast capacity and assured pressure information to the DNO Users will in turn provide valuable information to support their investment plans. We agree that this exchange of information will further the relevant objectives by improving investment decisions which will better facilitate the efficient and economic operation of the system and ensure this is properly coordinated.

We also recognise that the provision of indicative flow information by shippers at direct connects could be beneficial to Transco NTS in developing its investment plans and provides a degree of consistency in approach between direct connects and LDZ offtakes. However we are pleased that Transco NTS has recognised that offtakes serving direct connects and LDZs have different characteristics such that exactly the same information is not required.