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Mod 92 " Provision of a Supply Point Enquiry Service for Smaller Supply Points"

Dear Julian,

On behalf of RWE npower I would like to thank you for the opportunity to respond on Modification Proposal 92. RWE npower support the implementation of this modification proposal.

RWE npower were surprised by the sudden and unilateral decision to remove this service. As far as we're aware there were no industry discussions regarding this matter and the communication of the decision to remove the service was poor to say the least.

RWE npower utilise this service when tendering for multi-site portfolios, such tender requests can contain multiple low AQ sites. In many cases the number of Smaller Supply Points forms a significant part of the overall consumption. Thus it is vital that we are able to obtain correct consumption data to allow an accurate and reflective price to be provided to the customer. Some customer's request a breakdown of costs per site, with the removal of this service we are unable to fulfil this request.

We believe that the Proposed Standards of Service are reasonable and should be documented either directly into the UNC or included in an UNC Ancillary document. This will allow all Users the opportunity to make amendments via the modification process

Whilst we understand Corona's attempt to address possible abuse of this facility we do not feel that requesting customer's authorisation to obtain this information provides a practicable solution.

We do agree with Corona that this modification will benefit both Shipper/Suppliers and Customers. As Shipper/Supplier we will be more able to quote accurately and minimise our exposure to volume risks and Customers will benefit from competitive prices.

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As this service was previously provided to the Industry we can not foresee any reasons for delaying the reintroduction of this service and advocate that the proposed implementation date of 14th August 2006 be met.

We would be happy to discuss any points that you feel need clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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