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Dear Colleague,

**Decision on request for urgent status for modification proposal 0619 – ‘Deferral of Annual Storage Invitation’.**

Ofgem has considered Transco’s request for modification proposal 0619, ‘Deferral of Annual Storage Invitation’ to follow urgent procedures.

Transco LNG intends to withdraw part of its storage capacity and would reflect this in its Annual Storage Invitation (ASI). Transco LNG has agreed to send Ofgem a paper detailing the quantities involved and rationale by 5 March 2003. Ofgem wish to consult with the industry in order to ascertain shippers views on the intended level of capacity withdrawal and potential implications. In order to facilitate this consultation without it being in breach of Network Code, Transco contends that it is necessary to defer the launch of the ASI.

It is proposed that for the 2003/4 Storage Year, the date for the launch of the Annual Storage Invitation will be deferred from 1 March 2003 to no later than 1 April 2003. It is further proposed that the “Transco Invitation Close Date” be amended to not less than 14 days following the date of invitation.

Given the benefits of being able to consult with shippers on the implications of a capacity withdrawal and the imminent date for the launch of the Annual Storage Invitation, Ofgem agrees that urgent status is warranted on this occasion.

The timetable for the modification proposal to follow urgent status is set out below:

Issued to Ofgem for decision on urgency	26 February 2003
Proposal agreed as urgent	26 February 2003
Proposal issued for consultation	26 February 2003
Close out of representations	27 February 2003
Final report to Ofgem	28 February 2003

Ofgem decision expected

28 February 2003

Should you have any queries in relation to the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

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