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Dear John,

Re: **UNC Modification Proposal 0268 – Change to the Provisions Determining the Earliest Reading Date Applicable within the AQ Review**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Modification Proposal. Northern Gas Networks (NGN) supports this modification proposal.

NGN believes that this proposal will help to streamline the current process which is prescriptive in the actual backstop date which is used to calculate the Annual Quantity (AQ). In order to maintain an appropriate relationship between AQ and the Seasonal Normal (SN) basis it is important to keep a close correlation between the time periods used for the calculations. This modification will remove the need to amend the backstop date each time there is a review of SN in line with UNC requirements and enables a rolling position which will create a more efficient process.

I hope these comments will assist. Please contact me should you require any further information in respect of this response.

Yours sincerely,



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