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BY FAX

Dear Mr Majdanski

Urgent Modification Proposal 308, Measures to Cater for Possible Terminal Constraints at St Fergus

Further to our telephone conversation Ofgas accepts that the above modification proposal should follow urgent procedures. The following timetable has been agreed:

Close out for representation
Transco Report to Ofgas

12pm Thursday 17 December
Close Thursday 17 December

Ofgas does not usually agree to such short timetables. However, given that this modification is an extension of previously implemented St Fergus modifications, that the current St Fergus modifications are due to expire on 18 December 1998, and that Ofgas raised this issue at the most recent Capacity Workstream, Ofgas has accepted this modification as urgent, with very short timescales. In particular, Ofgas is concerned that merely reverting to the standard network code regime may, if for instance shippers have to 'catch-up' on take-or-pay contracts, again lead to excessive flex costs.

I should be grateful if you could circulate this letter with the consultation papers and inform shippers of this modification proposal and timetable by SIS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Uvais".

Ayesha Uvais
Assistant Manager, Gas Balancing