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**BBL Company's response to consultation on UNC Modification Proposal 0814 -
Temporary Access to the Enhanced Pressure Service and Increase to the Maximum
NTS Exit Point Offtake Rate of the BBL interconnector**

Dear Joint Office,

BBL Company (BBLC) supports the Proposal.

Given the current energy supply concerns across continental Europe BBLC is seeking to maximise its ability to transport gas from GB to NL. In order to do so, BBLC has requested access to the enhanced pressure service provided by National Grid (NGG) together with an appropriate increase in its maximum daily exit flow rate (MNEPOR) from the NTS. BBLC agrees with the Proposer that facilitating maximum exports of gas to continental Europe ahead of Winter 2022/23 will contribute to security of supply across the continent and enable storage stocks to be increased thus improving security of supply both within Europe and GB. BBLC appreciates the work undertaken by NGG prior to raising this Proposal and understands why it has raised the Proposal as a temporary change. BBLC recognises that the timeframes within the Proposal allow for further assessment of the provision of the service in the longer term.

Relevant objectives

d) Securing of effective competition: Positive.

The provision of higher pressures at the BBL Bacton Interconnection Exit Point will enable BBLC to offer its shippers more transportation capacity for reverse flow (GB to NL) thus increasing the provision of such capacity to the market and further facilitating competition. To the extent that such additional BBL capacity is matched to NTS Exit Capacity provided by NGG this will also increase competition for NGG capacity products, again facilitating this relevant objective.

Yours sincerely,

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