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By email to: enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk.

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Dear Colleague,

Consultation on the Appointment Process for an Independent Panel Chair

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your consultation in relation to the above¹. We have responded to each of the questions as structured in the consultation document, in order to facilitate ease of comparison with the feedback of other industry parties.

1. Do you agree that it is appropriate to follow the same broad appointment process as used last time?

Yes, we agree.

2. Do you have any views on the JGAC's assessment of the preferred attributes for candidates?

Yes, we agree.

3. Do you have any views on the Role Description?

We support the Role Description as drafted and consider it to accurately reflect the required skills and experience.

We understand that some parties have expressed a desire to have increased access to the Independent Chair, to discuss changes under development or in the pipeline. We consider it to be appropriate that the Joint Office continues to undertake the majority of this engagement in order to protect the Chair's independence, and therefore would not recommend a change to the Role Description.

4. Do you agree with the timeline?

We support the proposed timeline.

It is our understanding that the period between contract placement (October 2017) and first formal meeting (January 2018) will be used to undertake the relevant handovers, and we would expect to see the Chair attend Panel meetings as an observer within this period.

5. Do you have any other comments about this appointment process?

No, subject to the comments above, we support the proposed process.

¹ <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sites/default/files/Appointment%20Process%20consultation%20v1.0.pdf>

Should you require any further information with regards to our response then please do not hesitate to contact me at Hilary.Chapman@SGN.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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