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"Amendment to the minimum notice required for UK Link changes"
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Abstract

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Modification Proposal 0735 "Amendment to the minimum notice required for UK Link Changes"

Dear Julian,

Thank you for inviting us to comment on this modification proposal. RWE npower supports the implementation of this modification proposal as it helps to provide a structure to the release of UK Link Changes.

RWE npower agree that adopting a regular release structure will mean that changes are dealt with in an effective manner. Currently changes are released on an ad hoc basis, which impacts the time a supplier can spend on analysis, development and testing.

We agree that it makes sense to align UK Link changes with SPAA and electricity as will enable us to effectively plan our system development and implementation activity.

We also believe that by having a stable mechanism it will encourage people to advocate change, as the process will be easier to manage.

We don't believe that the concerns that Transco raised regarding this proposal creating unavoidable periods of peak workloads followed by periods of inactivity is convincing. Surely like us they too will benefit from a structured approach to system development and implementation.

Finally we believe that this process should be included in the Network Code. By including it in the Network Code it will provide the process with some form of governance rather than relying on Transco's current and easily changeable working practices.

We hope that these views are constructive and would be happy to discuss the issues further.

Yours sincerely

Heidi Martin