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Dear Julian

**Re: UNC Modification Proposal 0045 "Provision of Available Interruption Information"**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Modification Proposal.

Transco NTS supports implementation of this Proposal. As the proposer of Modification 0045, Transco NTS set out its views on the Proposal, in particular how Transco NTS considered the Proposal would better facilitate the Relevant Objectives, within the Proposal itself. We therefore include below additional comments beyond those included within the Proposal.

Transco NTS provided a draft of the Proposal at the August Transmission Workstream to seek User views on the nature of the Proposal and whether the Workstream considered that the Proposal would better facilitate the Relevant Objectives. The Workstream discussed the frequency of information provision and considered that daily provision would provide Transco NTS the most up-to-date information to best inform its decision-making process, but that this would need to be considered against the costs of providing the information. Such costs depend on the complexity of information provision and whether any supporting IT systems are required to be developed or amended. Transco NTS would like to clarify that it would accept a single screen print from the SC2004 Interruption Manager system, containing the relevant information for all LDZs, faxed from the DNCC on behalf of DNO Users. We consider that this process would create negligible additional operating costs and no development cost to DNO Users. We therefore consider that the benefits of providing the interruption data to Transco NTS significantly outweigh the resulting costs of providing the information.

Transco NTS recognises that there are more sophisticated methods by which DNO Users, via the DNCC, may wish to provide the required information to automate the process, such as

- Provide limited access (i.e. to view the appropriate screen) to Transco NTS (GNCC) to the SC2004;
- Modify SC2004 to facilitate an automatic file transfer of the required data from DNCC to GNCC.

Either of these methods would be acceptable to Transco NTS if the DNO Users wish to adopt such means of information provision as part of other planned system changes.

Yours sincerely,

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