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Dear Julian

**Modification Proposal 0066: Programmed Maintenance Notice Periods at NTS System Exit Points**

Thank you for providing SGN with the opportunity to comment on the above proposal relating to notice periods for Programmed Maintenance at NTS Supply Points.

SGN is supportive of the proposal. We believe it is reasonably pragmatic and should be manageable. It seeks to ensure that parties are working to the most accurate and up to date information relating to Programmed Maintenance. We believe that at NTS level, this should help ensure greater co-ordination and ultimately improved efficiency, providing Users with an opportunity to ensure customers are provided with reasonable notice in most cases and greater opportunity, where possible, to align their own maintenance schedules.

We note National Grid provided further clarification in November regarding proposed process for notification of NTS planned maintenance. National Grid has confirmed that they will try to co-ordinate maintenance activities with end users where possible and try to avoid periods where disruption to the offtake may cause particular problems. However we appreciate that under certain circumstances this may not be possible. Also where cancellation is due to unforeseen circumstances, it may be difficult to provide advance notice.

Yours sincerely

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