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Dear Julian,

RE: UNC Modification Reference Number:- 0084 – Removal of the SME Role from the UNC Modification Rules

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft modification proposal.

British Gas Trading is supportive of the implementation of this Modification Proposal.

We have been closely involved in the development and revision of a number of the governance arrangements for the UNC.

The role of the Subject Matter Expert (SME) was originally conceived in order to provide a level of expertise and understanding to the Modification process including the production of Modification Reports. In practice this expertise and understanding has emanated from a range of industry participants though development of Modification Proposals at Workstreams and Review Groups. Recognising this reality, the SME role has become a largely administrative function in collating the views and opinions expressed by contributors.

We support the move to recognise the contribution of the views of the wider industry more directly. Although this does place a greater burden upon the Workstreams and Review Groups, we believe that it does serve to focus the discussions at industry meetings and improve the process.

We concur with the view expressed in the Draft Modification report, that:-

“Through streamlining the Modification Process, implementation of this Modification Proposal may better facilitate the Relevant Objective specified in Standard Special Condition A11.1 (f), *“the promotion of efficiency in the administration of the network code and/or the uniform network code.”*

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Please contact me if you have any queries about this response.

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