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Dear Julian

Representation for Modification Proposal 0101 “Amendment to Demand Forecasting Timings in Relation to the Gas Balancing Alert”

Thank you for your invitation seeking representation with respect to the above Modification Proposal. As the Proposer, National Grid NTS fully supports implementation of Modification Proposal 0101 for the reasons detailed in the Proposal.

By formalising the additional demand forecasts the Proposal will add clarity to the UNC processes and provide additional opportunities to issue a Gas Balancing Alert (GBA) where appropriate. The Proposal does not amend the GBA methodology and therefore does not increase or decrease the likelihood of a GBA being issued but will ensure that the industry can be informed of the GBA without unnecessary delay.

Consumers have previously expressed a concern that continuous monitoring of National Grid’s web page in order to become aware of a GBA was impractical and that therefore fixed timings of the release of GBAs was required. We can confirm that we are currently developing a service for this winter that will allow GBAs to be notified to any interested party via either email and or SMS text message. This service is designed to go some way towards alleviating the above concerns. Further details of this service will be released by the end of September.

Yours sincerely

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