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Dear Julian

Re: Urgent UNC Modification Proposal 0128 - “Amendment to Entry Capacity Baselines”

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

As Proposer of this Modification Proposal, National Grid NTS supports implementation of the Proposal.

National Grid NTS considers that this Proposal would better align the amount of unsold capacity which National Grid NTS would release in future entry capacity auctions with the anticipated capability of the system, as assessed by Ofgem and proposed in their Final Proposals for the Transmission Price Control Review. For ASEPs at which the amount of unsold capacity would reduce, this would protect shippers and therefore consumers from any potential buy back costs that may otherwise accrue from the sale of such capacity. For ASEPs at which the amount of unsold capacity would increase, this would allow shippers the opportunity to purchase such amounts of capacity earlier than would otherwise be the case. We consider that this Proposal would therefore better facilitate the economic and efficient operation of the NTS pipeline system.

Yours sincerely

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