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Dear Julian,

RE: Modification proposal 0130: "The Provision of Ex-Post Demand Information for NTS Offtakes"

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this modification proposal. British Gas Trading (BGT) supports this proposal.

To repeat our high level position, as set out in other information release modifications, BGT recognises the need to have access to essential network information in order to create a fair, transparent and effective market place.

Having considered modification 0130, we are of the view that the information proposed for release could potentially be useful to shippers and other players in the market place in better understanding typical demand, and demand side response, trends. Crucially, however, whether or not parties find this information useful in contributing towards a more efficient system operation, it does not introduce any scope for abuse.

Providing shippers with information about previous days' NTS demand will facilitate better demand forecasting by shippers, and better understanding of demand side response to given situation. Where such understanding enables shippers to achieve a better portfolio balance position, we believe that a more efficient and effective operation of the gas pipeline system, as set out in A11.1(a), will have been achieved.

Should you have any queries with regard to this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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