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Dear Julian,

**Re: Modification Proposal 0134: “Publication of nodal NTS demand forecasts”**

The Association of Electricity Producers welcomes the opportunity to comment on this modification proposal. We offer support for modification proposal 134.

The Association supported the introduction of the transportation model for the determination of NTS capacity prices. A key element of our support, in addition to improved cost reflectivity, was the simplicity of the model and greater transparency of process. This would enable interested parties to model future charges based on supply / demand scenarios which could inform decisions as to the location of new connections. Whilst users may develop their own supply / demand forecasts this proposal provides for the provision of the same set of base information as used by National Grid to all users, and will therefore provide equal opportunities for all players to model charges going forward. We consider that limiting the data release to three years will provide some protection for developers such that information regarding new developments is not released prematurely, and does not undermine the TBE planning process.

We concur with the draft modification report that this proposal furthers SSC A11.1 (a) and (d).

With respect to the proposed legal drafting regarding the point that NG NTS is not required to update the nodal forecast demand data once published. We would expect indicative and final charges to be based on the previous years TYS/TBE data, such that it would not be necessary for the data to be updated. However if for any reason the data used to establish charges deviates from that published then we would expect a new data set to be published, this would be consistent with the principle of improved transparency of the charge setting process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case of any query.

Yours sincerely

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