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Dear Tim,

RE: Modification Proposal 0134 – Publication of Nodal NTS Demand Forecasts

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above Modification Proposal. E.ON UK supports this Proposal.

We agree that implementation of Proposal 134, designed to provide peak day nodal forecast demand data, will improve transparency with regard to the capacity charge setting process. We understand that the Proposal is required to use the new Transportation Model, which may enable Users to make more informed decisions and as a result, better facilitates relevant objective SSC A11.1 (a) in the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.

Greater transparency of the capacity charging process may also help to achieve relevant objective SSC A11.1 (d), by promoting effective competition between relevant Shippers and Suppliers. We agree with the proposer, that limiting the publication of demand data to three Gas Years is likely to avoid revealing commercially sensitive information concerning new connections.

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However, given that this Proposal is designed to enable Users to repeat the charging setting process and undertake scenario analysis, it seems crucial that up to date nodal forecast demand data should be made available. At present the draft legal text appears to relinquish National Grid NTS of an obligation to publish up to date information. We would request National Grid to amend the legal text so as to require them to publish up to date information as and when required.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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