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Dear Julian,

Thank you for your invitation seeking representation with respect to the above Modification Proposal. As Proposer National Grid NTS supports implementation of Modification Proposal 0134.

With regards to the relevant objectives we would like to reiterate our points made within the modification proposal:

Extent to which implementation of the proposed modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives

The following views were expressed in respect of better facilitation of the relevant objectives as set out in the Gas Transporter Licence Standard Special Condition A11.1

Standard Special Condition A11.1 (a): *the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system to which this licence relates;*

Implementation would allow Users to assess the impact of changes on capacity prices due to changes in supply/demand forecasts and new connections using the Transportation Model, which has now been made available to Users. This would allow Users to make better informed decisions in respect of their potential connections to and use of the NTS and thereby promote the efficient and economic operation of the system.

Standard Special Condition A11.1 (d): so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) the securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant Shippers; (ii) between relevant Suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN Operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant Shippers;

Implementation would improve the transparency of the capacity charge setting process and thereby promote competition between relevant Shippers and between relevant Suppliers.

Please let me know if you require any further information to enable preparation of the Final Modification Report.

Regards

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