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Dear Julian,

Representation for Modification Proposal 0134: “Publication of Nodal NTS Demand Forecast.”

WWU support the implementation of this proposal and would like to make the following comments.

WWU agree with the principals of this Modification Proposal and the provision of appropriate information to interested parties. Restricting the publication of demand forecast, for each individual offtake point, from 10 years to 3 years should help avoid revealing commercial positions. It is assumed that this will not discourage participants from providing information and will not therefore result in deterioration of such information. It could also be argued that the first 3 years data is also more likely to be accurate and therefore relevant, especially for Shippers who may find it more difficult to forecast 10 years ahead.

Implementation of this proposal should improve transparency and accuracy of the capacity charge setting process. This should allow Users to better understand and predict charges and to understand changes to charges. This will help promote economic and efficient system utilisation. It will also help promote competition between Shippers and Suppliers.

However we note that no information has been provided in relation to how and when details will be provided to Users and no update has been given on implementation timescales. In addition, the proposer has not identified any implications in respect of impact on Systems or development and operating costs. It may be helpful to include this for future Workstream discussion.

Yours faithfully

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