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Dear Julian

Amendments to UNC TPD OCS Process and Long Term Allocation of Capacity in the Transitional Period 0139/0139A

Northern Gas Networks support the implementation of 0139 but do not support the implementation of 0139A.

0139 Formalising an agreed window in which National Grid NTS and DNO Users can potentially reconsider and resubmit Offtake Capacity statements is an improvement on the existing process whereby ad-hoc dialogue is the custom and practice to resolve any differences between either parties' requirements. The bringing forward of the application date by 1 week (to 24th July), whilst placing a degree of time pressure on DNO's, is a legitimate trade off for the time allowed at the end of the process for Transporters to potentially amend some or all elements of requested flat capacity, flexibility capacity and/or associated Assured Offtake Pressures.

0139A NGN do not object to the principle of the above data being made available to Users for the reasons set out in the modification proposal. In the interests of consistency across all exit points however, NGN believe that the equivalent capacity booking criteria be made publicly available at the earliest practicable time for all exit points. For example, bookings for flat capacity made 12 months ahead of any 'enduring' period should similarly have such bookings made available for all parties to assess. Any proposal brought forward capturing the essence of this point is likely to meet with support from NGN.

Yours sincerely

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