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Dear Julian,

RE: Modification proposal 0142 – “Extension of the Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points”

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this modification proposal. British Gas Trading (BGT) supports its implementation.

It is apparent, in the light of the recent Ofgem decision on Exit Reform (0116V) and the delay in its implementation, that the current transitional arrangements relating to capacity booking need to be extended to fill the void that would otherwise be left in current UNC arrangements.

Against this background, it is difficult to see how this proposal can do anything other than facilitate relevant objectives, in particular A11.1(a) relating to the efficient and economic operation of the NTS pipeline system; A11.1(b) relating to the efficient and economic operation of the combined pipeline system; and A11.1(c) the efficient discharge of the Licensees's obligations under its licence.

Should you have any queries with regard to this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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