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Dear Julian,

Representation in response to Modification Proposal 0174: "Revised Tender Timescale for DN Interruption Arrangements"

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Modification Proposal. Wales & West Utilities supports implementation of this proposal.

The Revised DN Interruption Arrangements (Mod 0090) which will be implemented in April 2008 were developed through a Development Work Group. The timeline proposed in the original Modification was developed for an April 2007 implementation date which would have had a compressed timescale. Mod 0174 has been developed to facilitate what the DNs regard as the normal annual process.

We agree that implementation of the Proposal would better facilitate the co-ordinated, efficient and economic operation of the combined pipeline system by enabling DNs to request efficient levels of capacity from the NTS. The efficiency would be achieved by allowing the DNs to consider the availability of NTS Exit capacity, the requirement for investment within the DN and interruption offers received during the tender process.

We hope these comments are helpful.

Yours faithfully

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