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Re: Modification Proposals 0183 'Provision of Data in respect of downstream networks by the iGT directly connected to the Distribution Network'

Dear Julian,

Thank you for your invitation seeking representations with respect to the above Modification Proposal. As its proposer, National Grid Distribution supports implementation.

At the December 2007 meeting of the UNC Modification Panel, a matter of implementation was discussed. A concern was raised that the indicative timescale identified within the Proposal of July 2008 would be insufficient given our suggestion of a 6 month lead time. Our view is that this would be necessary to enable iGTs to establish data process 'hand offs' with 'nested' parties and, where required, ensure relevant contractual terms are in place. To accommodate this we therefore suggest an implementation date of 1st September 2008 subject to appropriate direction being received from the Authority.

Notwithstanding the above, for the purposes of the Final Modification Report we would be interested to learn the views of iGTs with respect to the lead times for implementation. Specifically we would welcome opinions on whether this could be accommodated earlier to minimise the extent and detrimental effects of the current lack of information provision to Distribution Network Operators.

We trust these comments are useful for compilation of the Final Modification Report.

Please contact Chris Warner on 01926 653541 (chris.warner@uk.ngrid.com) should you require any further information with respect to the above.

Yours sincerely

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