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Re: Modification Proposal 0189: 'Amendment to the QSEC Auction Timetable'

Dear Julian,

Thank you for your invitation seeking representations with respect to the above Modification Proposal. National Grid Gas (Distribution), ("NGD"), would like to offer support for this modification proposal on the basis that implementation of this proposal will improve the likelihood of incremental capacity being released in a timely manner, given the enhancement to the potential build period achieved by the weighting in favour of summer months. In this respect NGD believes that this would further A11.1 (d) ... the securing of effective competition (i) between relevant shippers....

NGD also believes that the delivery of the auction signal in April will enhance the NTS forecasting information and will eliminate the need to review the forecast in September. In this respect implementation would further the relevant objective set out in the NTS Gas Transporter Licence Standard Special Condition A11. 1 (a) ...the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.

Consequently NGD supports implementation of this modification proposal.

Yours sincerely

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