



**Modification No 198: Extension of the current sunset clauses for  
registration of capacity at NTS exit points**  
**Comments from AEP<sup>1</sup>**

The Association of Electricity Producers (AEP) welcomes the opportunity to comment on this draft modification report. We support this proposal. The Association considers that to extend the sunset clauses by a year is a pragmatic step given that decisions concerning the enduring arrangements are yet to be made. Also following the Competition Commission decision concerning mod 116V it is vital that adequate time is allowed for further consultation and consideration of the options, including mod 195 and 195A.

We agree this proposal furthers the relevant objectives as detailed in section 2 of the draft modification report. In particular we welcome the removal of uncertainty regarding how shipper Users or developers may reserve firm capacity upto 30 September 2012, at a time when several of our members are planning investment in CCGTs plant. This further supports NG NTS being able to make better informed investment decisions and facilitate the efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system.

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<sup>1</sup> The Association of Electricity Producers (AEP) represents large, medium and small companies accounting for more than 95 per cent of the UK generating capacity, together with a number of businesses that provide equipment and services to the generating industry. Between them, the members embrace all of the generating technologies used commercially in the UK, from coal, gas and nuclear power, to a wide range of renewable energies.