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Dear Julian,

Representation for Modification No 198: Extension of the current sunset clauses for registration of capacity at NTS exit points

Wales & West Utilities welcomes the opportunity to comment on this draft modification report. We support implementation of this Modification Proposal.

WWU 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 are pleased to note that Ofgem's update on next steps letter, published on 27 February, indicates their intention to consider these items.

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 DNs may reserve capacity (NTS Flat and Flexibility) up to 30 September 2012. This clarity will allow us to meet our obligations for planning the Network.

Yours sincerely

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