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Dear Julian,

RE: Modification Proposal 0200: "Introduction of a date tolerance to facilitate the processing of individual Meter Point Reconciliation at LDZ CSEPs"

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. British Gas fully supports the implementation of this proposal. We are pleased to see, through UNC modification proposals such as this that the large transporters and National Grid in particular are endeavouring to improve the regime surrounding iGTs.

This would seem to be a relatively simple UNC modification to extend the window during which meter readings received from iGTs must be processed. The effect of this will be to allow a greater number of meter readings to be used for meter point reconciliations, which in turn will result in a more accurate apportionment of energy and transportation charges.

British Gas agrees with the proposer that by more accurately apportioning energy and transportation costs, the effects of this proposal will be to further secure effective competition between relevant shippers, further to standard special licence condition A11.1(d)(iii).

However, we also believe that providing transporters with more accurate information about the volumes of gas flowing through the network will facilitate a more efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system, further standard special licence condition A11.1 (a). This in turn could benefit security of supply.

Should you have any queries with regard to this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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