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Dear Julian,

RE: Modification Proposal 0207: "Change to Telemetry Requirements in OAD for SOMSA Exit"

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. British Gas supports its implementation.

We agree with the proposer that it seems inefficient for a term within the UNC to force National Grid to replace telemetry equipment before the end of its natural life. It seems likely that such inefficient costs will inevitably find their way through to consumers.

This proposal appears to us to be a facilitating proposal, leaving the door open for the current telemetry arrangements to endure and for the equipment in question to continue to be used until replacement becomes necessary for physical rather than contractual reasons, or by agreement between NTS and the relevant DN.

We believe that this proposal will therefore better facilitate the efficient and economic operation of the NTS pipeline system.

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

Yours sincerely,

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