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Dear Julian,

RE: Modification Proposal 0212 - Revision of the Rough Storage Connection Agreement

Centrica Storage Limited (CSL) welcomes the opportunity to offer comments on the above modification proposal.

CSL **supports** this proposal.

CSL believes that this proposal simply seeks to align the commercial arrangements contained within the Storage Connection Agreement to the physical capability of the network following enhancement investment at Rough. We see this as positive for Rough Shippers, positive for the flexibility of the UK market, positive for the security of supply in GB, and positive for NGG network operations. We also see this proposal as furthering both the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system. Without this proposal, there is a genuine risk of significant commercial cost to the gas market.

We are somewhat disappointed that this simple change to the Storage Connection Agreement requires a modification to the UNC and believe consideration should be given to extending the scope of Mod Proposal 165V to accommodate such changes in the future. This would appear to sit well with reducing unnecessary regulatory bureaucracy. We also regret the use of the urgent route of consultation and believe that there are lessons to be learnt related to the timely provision of information and unfortunate delays in responding to correspondence.

Yours sincerely


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Regulation Manager