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### **Urgent Modification Proposal 212: Revision of the Rough Storage Connection Agreement**

Dear Julian,

RWE npower offers qualified support for the above modification proposal and does so on behalf of all its licensed gas shipping businesses and the GB business of RWE Trading & Supply GmbH.

We note that the Modification Proposal states that National Grid have confirmed that the proposed change in the Rough injection rate will not impose any operational difficulties on the operation of the NTS, and our support is qualified on National Grid NTS confirming this in their response.

We would also expect them to fully explain any instances where they have to curtail interruptible exit capacity at the Rough, or other interruptible exit points nearby, on days when the Rough is flowing less than 26 mcm/d.

The modification proposal can be expected to facilitate the relevant objectives by furthering efficient and economic operation of the System and securing effective competition between relevant shippers. It could also enhance gas security of supply next winter if, as a result of increased injection capability, Rough is filled earlier than it otherwise would have been.

Yours sincerely,

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