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Dear John

Modification Proposal 0222: Amendment of Interconnector UK's minimum Wobbe Limit

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above modification proposal. Statoil (UK) Ltd (STUK) is in support of this proposal and as such would like to make the following comments.

As the UK becomes increasingly reliant on imported sources of gas it is important that any potential constraints on level of available volumes are reduced to increase security of supply.

By aligning the minimum Wobbe Indexes set out in the Interconnector Agreement with the GSMR, flexibility between the UK and continental European Markets will be increased, better enabling IUK to deal with lower Wobbe sources of gas.

STUK agrees that the implementation of this modification will better facilitate the relevant objectives by enhancing competition by aligning IUK entry requirements with other ASEPs with lower wobbe limits and enhancing security of supply by potentially increasing the volumes of gas available to the UK from Europe.

STUK trust that our comments will be given due consideration and should you wish to discuss any aspect of this response further please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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