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Dear John,

Modification Proposal 0223 – Provision of Day Ahead Gas Flow Nomination Data at Major (>10 mcm/day) ASEPs

Thank you for providing Scottish and Southern Energy plc (SSE) with the opportunity to comment on the above Modification Proposal.

SSE is supportive of proposal 0223.

SSE believes that by publishing daily aggregate day-ahead Nominations at D-1 @ 18:00 for all ASEPs capable of flowing gas at greater than 10 mcm/day Users will better enabled to make an assessment of any available capacity at these ASEPs. Potentially this information provision will enable Users to view unused capacity and may result in a more efficient utilisation of the existing infrastructure. We also hope publication of this information will set an example within the European Community to encourage transparency of information

However, we are conscious that the proposal goes beyond that required by the European transparency project. By progressing beyond requirements and at a faster rate than Europe we may create definition/consistency issues that need to be addressed later.

SSE believes that the proposal will better facilitate the relevant objectives of Standard Special condition A11.1 (d). Improved information provision, as a result of implementation, would increase transparency and better informed energy markets will tend towards greater efficiency thus facilitating competition between relevant shippers.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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