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Dear Julian,

The following is the Scottish Power response to

UNC Modification Proposals 0230 and 0230A – Amendment to the QSEC and AMSEC Auction Timetables

We do not support Modification 0230

We appreciate the logic in waiting for arrangements to be finalised before conducting the auctions to which the new methodology will be applied.

However, we also believe that 18 months is too long to wait for a QSEC auction. We believe that this would reduce the efficiency of the capacity allocation process.

We offered qualified support for mod 0230a

On balance, we would be supportive of a move to an April, but only if the benefits envisaged are delivered. There might be some cost savings to be made by National Grid, and should either of these mods be implemented, we expect that these would be passed on to the community.

We cannot argue strongly that either of these modifications will further the relevant objectives as set out in Standard Special Condition A11 (1) of the Gas Transporters Licence, i.e. maintaining the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.

Should you have any queries on the views expressed, please contact me on the telephone number as shown.

Yours Sincerely,

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