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Dear John

Modification Proposals 0239: Reinstatement of NTS Interruption

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

The implementation of this proposal will allow the amendment of the Transitional Document to give National Grid the ability to retain access to NTS interruption after 2011.

This would allow National Grid to continue to use NTS interruption as a tool to manage capacity constraints were it is more economic and efficient to do so, than other system management tools such as providing additional transportation capacity, using Operating Margins gas or undertaking entry capacity buy-backs to meet within-day system constraints.

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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