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Dear John,

RE: Modification Proposal 0241 "Delaying the implementation of the ad-hoc application principle of the enduring offtake arrangement"

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. British Gas supports its implementation.

By any measure, the implementation of an appropriate NTS Exit Capacity regime has been long and arduous. During this time, industry participants with NTS Exit interests have faced considerable uncertainty. At this stage of the process with a decision now made to implement 0195AV, we are looking forward to a period of stability.

Against this background, this modification proposal seeks to delay the earliest point at which Users can apply to National Grid for Exit capacity. This appears to be a fairly minor amendment, with apparently little impact upon Users' ability to secure NTS Exit capacity for the start of the enduring period, and therefore we offer no strong objections to its implementation.

We agree with the proposer in respect of the relevant objectives that this proposal better facilitates.

Should you have any queries with regard to this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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