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Dear John,

### **Modification Proposal 0249**

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 0249.

SSE believes in transparency of information. This proposal will specify all NTS Exit Points at which Users will be able to place applications and the Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity available at each NTS Exit Point.

SSE understand that this information will be published from June 2010 onwards in relation to the release of Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity in the Annual Application Window. This proposal:

- would clarify the list of NTS Exit Points at which National Grid NTS is able to accept applications in the July 2009 Annual Application Window; and
- would Users to know the unsold amount at each NTS Exit Point as this will affect commodity charges from 2012 onwards.

### **Extent to which implementation of the proposed modification would better facilitate the relevant objectives**

*Standard Special Condition A11.1 (a): the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system to which this licence relates*

Implementation might lead to more efficient signals from Users in relation to their Capacity requirements, as the publication of unsold quantities available at each NTS Exit Point would lead to Users making more informed increase and / or reduction requests in the July 2009 Annual Application Window.

*Standard Special Condition A11.1 (d): so far as is consistent with subparagraphs (a) to (c) the securing of effective competition:*  
*(i) between relevant shippers;*

*(ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or*

*(iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers;*

Implementation would create a level playing amongst Users by publishing the Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity at all NTS Exit Points to all Users with the result being that all Users have access to the same information.

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

Yours sincerely

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