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Your Reference: UNC Modification Proposal 0422.

UNC Modification Proposal
0422: Creating the permission to release data to Meter Asset Provider
organisations

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your invitation seeking representation with respect to the above Uniform Network Code (UNC) Modification Proposal which National Grid Gas Distribution (NGD), as Proposer would like to support.

Do you support or oppose implementation?

Support

Please summarise (in one paragraph) the key reason(s) for your support.

Implementation of this Modification Proposal would provide for the release of relevant Supply Point data to an enquiring Meter Asset Provider (MAP). MAPs have advised that the data flows between the relevant parties (suppliers and MAMs to MAPs) are not occurring to the extent required by MAPs to operate their businesses. We acknowledge and agree with this view.

Are there any new or additional issues that you believe should be recorded in the Modification Report

We have not identified any such issues.

Relevant Objectives:

How would implementation of this modification impact the relevant objectives?

- d) 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.

NGD concurs with the statement in the Draft Modification Report that “this change may improve competition between Shippers/Suppliers by the provision of timely data to the MAP organisation as it may reduce, in some circumstances, unknown or potentially misallocated costs being incurred by Suppliers. Improved efficiency of meter provision arrangements should lead to lower overall metering costs. Whilst not directly benefitting UNC parties, this modification may improve the efficiency of the operation of the wider gas industry and thereby reducing industry costs and improving services to consumers. ”

Impacts and Costs:

No implementation costs would be incurred by Transporters

Implementation:

What lead-time would you wish to see prior to this modification being implemented, and why?

NGD believes this Modification Proposal can be implemented with immediate effect.

Legal Text:

NGD is satisfied that the text as published by the Joint Office within the Draft Modification Report meets the requirements of the Modification Proposal.

Is there anything further you wish to be taken into account?

No.

We trust that this information will assist in the compilation of the Final Modification Report.

Please contact me on 01926 653541 (chris.warner@nationalgrid.com) should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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