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UNC Modification Proposal 0457S: Extending the use of the UK Link Network (Information Exchange (IX)) to Meter Asset Provider (MAP) organisations

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your invitation seeking representations with respect to the above Modification Proposal for which National Grid Gas Distribution (NGD) would like to support.

Do you support or oppose implementation?

Support

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

As proposer NGD advocates implementation of this Modification Proposal on the basis that extending the availability of Information Exchange (IX) access to MAPs would enable more efficient communications between MAMs and Meter Asset Providers. This would enable improved tracking of Supply Meters.

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?

Standard Special Condition A11.1 (f): Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.

NGD concurs with the opinion set out in the draft Modification Report that implementation would allow Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) to access UK Link systems via the IX network. We agree that this would help to ensure a more consistent flow of data between parties involved in the supply of gas —

MAP, Meter Asset Manager (MAM), Shipper and Supplier. We believe implementation would therefore be expected to facilitate efficient implementation of the Code.

Impacts and Costs:

There are no costs associated with implementation of this Modification Proposal.

Implementation:

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

This Modification Proposal can be implemented with immediate effect upon direction by the Authority.

Legal Text:

NGD has provided legal text and is satisfied that the drafting 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 further matters have been identified.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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