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Dear Colleague

Consultation on “The Exit Capacity Substitution and Revision Methodology Statement”.

Special Condition C8E of National Grid Gas plc's ("National Grid") Gas Transporter Licence in respect of the NTS (the "Licence") sets out obligations to prepare and review an exit capacity substitution methodology statement and an exit capacity revision methodology statement.

National Grid has reviewed the Exit Capacity Substitution and Revision Methodology Statement (the ExCS) and is proposing only minor changes of which the most significant are;

- terminology and reference changes to align the ExCS to the RIIO T1 final proposals
- deletion of superfluous wording in paragraph 37 as the initial application of the methodology has already occurred.

In accordance with the above mentioned Licence condition, National Grid is required to consult on its proposals before submitting them to the Authority for approval.

Whilst National Grid is consulting in accordance with the current Licence we acknowledge that this Statement will apply in the RIIO-T1 period. Therefore the Statement has been drafted according to RIIO terminology and obligations (as set out under Special Condition 9A of the new Licence)¹

This letter therefore provides notice of the proposed Exit Capacity Substitution and Revision Methodology Statement and invites views on the proposal.

A copy of the proposed ExCS (v2.1) accompanies this letter. A comparison document showing the changes made to the current approved version (v2.0) is provided for convenience. It should be noted that the software used to generate this comparison document does not identify all changes, e.g.

- the changes made to update the diagrams in Annex 1
- changes within the document header.

Where any doubt exists, reference should be made to the clean document.

Responses to this consultation should arrive at National Grid by 17:00 on 21st March 2013. They should be sent by e-mail to:

lesley.ramsey@nationalgrid.com and copied to
box.transmissioncapacityandcharging@nationalgrid.com

¹ Please note this does not infer that National Grid accepts the RIIO proposals.

Please request a "read receipt" to confirm delivery.

Alternatively they can be sent by post to the above address marked for the attention of:

"Lesley Ramsey

Transmission Network Services – Floor B3"

Responses will be placed on National Grid's website and incorporated within the consultation conclusions report. If you wish your response to be treated as confidential then please mark it clearly to that effect. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter please contact me on 01926 656217 or Lesley on 01926 654048.

Yours sincerely

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