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Email: RegFinance@ofgem.gov.uk

Date: 23 December 2021

Dear colleague,

Statutory consultation on a proposed modification regarding timing of Last Resort Supply Payment Claims in the gas transportation licence

We¹ are conducting a statutory consultation under section 23 of the Gas Act 1986 on a proposed change to standard special condition A48 of the gas transportation licence that underpins the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) arrangements, relating to the timing for making a claim for a Last Resort Supply Payment (LRSP).

Our proposed change seeks to enable an LRSP claim to be submitted to Gas Distribution Networks (GDNs) at a date later than is the case under the current arrangements in a given regulatory year allowing for more SoLRs to receive their LRSPs more swiftly. To facilitate this, we propose a change which provides further flexibility in the timings for the process for making a claim by changing the deadline for a claim presented to GDNs from 31st October to 31st December each year.

Alongside this document we have published a draft licence modification Notice for the gas transportation licences. Stakeholders have until 20 January 2022 to respond to this statutory consultation and can send views on the proposed changes to regfinance@ofgem.gov.uk. If we decide to make the proposed modification, it will take effect not less than 56 days after the date on which the decision is published.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Rossington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Anna Rossington
Deputy Director, Retail Transition
Duly authorised by the Authority

¹ The terms 'Ofgem', 'we' and 'us' are used interchangeably in this letter. Ofgem is the office of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.