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Dear Graham,

National Grid Gas plc's (NGG) response to the Authority's proposal to issue directions under Special Condition 3.10.11 and Special Condition 3.11.11 of the gas transporter licence held by NGG to amend the dates for applying for certain directions and delivery dates set out in those special conditions

NGG fully supports the proposed directions published by the Authority on 1 August 2022 which will better align the relevant dates for the submission of the Final Option Selection reports and the relevant dates of the Re-opener application windows with the availability of information that will reduce the level of uncertainty associated with the scope and cost of delivering the projects and programmes. This will permit the Authority to better determine the appropriate level of funding required to deliver each of these.

As set out in our applications made following the Authority's direction on 1 August 2022 that NGG may apply to the Authority for a direction amending the outputs, delivery dates or allowances in Appendix 2 of Special Conditions 3.10 and 3.11 between 1 August 2022 and 5 August 2022, we have requested and support directions that will make the following modifications:

- Special Condition 3.10.11: amendment to the delivery date of the Bacton Final Option Selection Report in Appendix 2 of Special Condition 3.10 to 28/02/2024;
- Special Condition 3.10.11: amendment to the re-opener application window in Appendix 2 (and paragraph 11) of Special Condition 3.10 to 01/05/2025 – 31/08/2025; and
- Special Condition 3.11.11: amendment to the delivery dates of the Wormington, King's Lynn, St Fergus and Peterborough & Huntingdon Final Option Selection Reports in Appendix 2 of Special Condition 3.11 to 08/2022, 01/2023, 01/2023 and 01/2023 respectively.

NGG's designated point of contact for this direction is Jonny Hosford, Regulatory Strategy Manager, email jonny.hosford@nationalgrid.com.

Yours, sincerely,



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