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### **National Gas Transmission RIIO-GT3 Business Plan**

To Whom it May Concern,

We welcome the opportunity to review National Gas Transmission's RIIO-GT3 Business Plan. National Gas have a responsibility to maintain and upgrade their existing network to ensure a reliable gas supply which is crucial to maintaining the output from RWE's existing gas power stations and underpins our future plans for carbon capture and storage.

RWE is the leading power generator in the UK, with a diverse operational portfolio of on-shore wind, offshore wind, hydro, biomass and gas. RWE operates around 7GW of modern and efficient gas-fired capacity in the UK and has plans in place to retrofit two of our existing gas power stations – Pembroke and Staythorpe – to enable carbon capture and storage, as well as to build a new, up to 900MW CCS-enabled CCGT at Stallingborough. In February 2024, we announced an additional carbon capture feasibility study at our 400MW Great Yarmouth Power Station, bringing our total pipeline of CCS projects to 4.6GW of secure, flexible, low carbon electricity. These projects will help maintain electricity security of supply while contributing to the decarbonisation of the electricity grid and supporting hundreds of high quality jobs.

Within RIIO-GT3, National Gas will also have the obligation to work closely with NESO to address key challenges associated with planning the future energy system and reaching Net Zero. Additionally, National Gas will have responsibilities to minimise negative impacts on consumer gas bills and gas availability, and to operate within Ofgem's regulatory framework throughout.

In light of the above, within National Gas' RIIO-GT3 Business Plan we acknowledge and support that:

- The increase in network investment proposed by National Gas has a clear link to enhanced resilience, enhanced energy security and facilitation of the decarbonisation of Britain's energy system, and the continued availability and reliability of the National



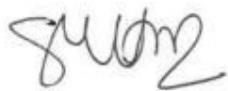
Transmission System is crucial to security of supply for Britain's consumers of both gas and electricity;

- National Gas' proposed investments are essential to safeguard their Critical National Infrastructure and uphold high standards of resilience across the National Transmission System as well as across National Gas' workforce and supply chain. These investments are particularly salient given the age of the network, as well as the increased risks to infrastructure posed by increased volatility of gas demand, climate hazards, cyber and physical threats; and
- Investment in gas chromatographs and meters will be important for monitoring and managing the increasingly variable composition and quality of gas in the NTS. Poor gas quality can cause some gas power stations to trip or automatically reduce output and can cause long term damage. If also given access to this high resolution data, gas generators would be able to better understand and forecast any potential gas quality issues.

Although this Letter of Support is not legally binding, we express our interest in and support for National Gas' RIIO-GT3 Business Plan in promoting gas and electricity security of supply, and we look forward to continued collaboration with National Gas.

Yours sincerely,

*By email*



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