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LETTER OF SUPPORT

National Gas Transmission RIIO-GT3 Business Plan

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Advanced Fuel Partners Limited (AFP) is an active biofuel plant developer aiming to deliver multiple sites across the United Kingdom. AFP is supported by a major private institutional UK investor that enables this to proceed without delay. AFP's developments are strategically aligned with the UK's national policy on renewable energy and sustainability. AFP focuses on developing and operating biofuel plants that convert agricultural waste into biomethane gas. This renewable energy source will be injected directly into the National Gas grid, contributing significantly to the UK's ambitious goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

In turn, National Gas have a responsibility to maintain and upgrade their existing network to ensure a reliable gas supply to industrial and domestic gas consumers, and to invest in forward-looking initiatives to support Britain's net zero ambitions of Clean Power by 2030 and Net Zero by 2050. These responsibilities sit alongside obligations to minimise negative impacts on consumer gas bills and gas availability, and to operate within Ofgem's regulatory framework throughout. Within RIIO-GT3, National Gas will also have the obligation to work closely with NESO to address key challenges associated with planning and reaching net zero.

Within National Gas' RIIO-GT3 business plan, we acknowledge and support that:

- Biomethane will play a crucial role in optimising the path to a net zero energy system, Clean Power by 2030, and bolstering Britain's energy security. We welcome National Gas' ambitions and the proactive steps they are proposing to reduce the time and cost to connect for future biomethane and green gas customers.
- Regardless of the energy mix that Britain uses to achieve its net zero ambitions, Britain will need a gas transmission network beyond 2050, to transport natural gas, biomethane, or other green gases across the country. Depreciation of the gas transmission network during RIIO-GT3 would be premature, and would unfairly burden customers with increased costs during an already financially challenging period.
- National Gas should be investing during RIIO-GT3 in low-regrets activities to ready physical assets and system operation for transportation of alternative fuels, and keeping a continued focus on fostering innovation to drive efficiencies and make vital progress towards a net zero future. The energy industry is evolving quickly, and innovation must be leveraged to develop the evidence base needed to enable the energy transition and drive continuous improvement.
- We would strongly encourage National Gas to streamline its processes for biomethane connections to better facilitate the connecting of new biomethane plants. Currently the connections process is designed for very large scale demand offtakers or suppliers and we believe there are number of improvements that

can be made to the process and the configuration of the ROV infrastructure which would be more proportionate to the connections that biomethane plants are seeking to make.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sebastian Speight", is positioned over a light gray rectangular background.

Sebastian Speight
Managing Director