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BETTA Go-live and contingency planning

Dear David

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation.

We agree with the Ofgem view that BETTA is still on track for implementation on 1st April 2005. However we support the proposal that procedures should be developed for the unlikely event of delay.

We agree that the GB Codes are robust enough to deal with most contingencies and that it is only necessary to amend the BSC in the event that a short-term deferral were made.

We agree that the 'single imbalance price' option is the most appropriate and that a minimum notice period and duration period of around three days is reasonable.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of our response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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