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Dear Colleague,

Uniform Network Code Modification Proposal 006 - views invited following publication of guidance notes

On 27 June 2005 Ofgem published its decision letter¹ in respect of the enduring regulatory framework for information release under the relevant gas transporters' licences². Together with this decision Ofgem also published guidance notes³ in respect of how it intends to consider modification proposals to any of the network codes⁴ that seek for the release of information by the relevant gas transporters to the market.

These guidance notes replaced and expanded upon all previously issued guidance in respect of information release, in particular that which referred to the release of offshore gas production information.

Uniform Network Code Modification Proposal 006⁵ (006) will be the first modification proposal to be considered by the Authority for decision following the publication of this guidance. Whilst

¹ 'Offshore gas production information disclosure: decision letter', Ofgem, 27 June 2005

² The relevant gas transporters' include all Transco NTS, Transco RDN and IDN licences. This does not include IGT licensees.

³ 'Information release under Gas Transporters Licence Standard Special Condition A7: Guidance document', Ofgem, 27 June 2005

⁴ This includes the Uniform Network Code and each of the relevant gas transporters' network codes.

⁵ 'Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals: Modification Reference Number UNC 006'. This modification proposal was originally raised by energywatch as modification proposal 0727 to Transco's network code. Under the Unified Network Code (UNC) Transitional Rules, this proposal is deemed to be made in respect of the UNC in accordance with the modification rules and has been renumbered as UNC modification proposal 006.

representations for both the modification report⁶ and Ofgem's impact assessment⁷ in respect of 006 have already been received and are now being considered, Ofgem notes that it has received additional responses from some parties, subsequent to the guidance notes being published. I am therefore writing to confirm that Ofgem would welcome any such submissions by interested parties that wish to further clarify their original responses or additionally any new responses that parties may wish to provide. However, in order that any further responses can be appropriately considered, it will be helpful if they could be sent to Ofgem by no later than **12 July 2005**, addressed to:

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Electronic responses should be sent to wholesale.markets@ofgem.gov.uk.

All responses will normally be published on Ofgem's website and held in the Research and Information Centre. However, if respondents do not wish their response to be made public then they should clearly mark their response as confidential. Ofgem prefers to receive responses in an electronic form so they can be placed easily on the Ofgem website.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss the contents of this letter further, or alternatively Jo Witters (telephone 020 7901 7159) would be happy to help.

Yours sincerely



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⁶ 'Modification Report: 3rd Party Proposal: Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals Modification Reference Number 0727, Version 2.0' Transco plc, 5 April 2005

⁷ '3rd Party Proposal: Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals, Modification Reference Number UNC 006 (0727): Impact assessment', Ofgem, May 2005.