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### **Direction pursuant to Standard Special Condition D3: Long Term Development Statement**

In a letter dated 25 May 2007 Wales and West Utilities (WWU), the gas distribution network (GDN) operator requested the Authority to amend the Direction pursuant to Standard Special Condition D3: Long Term Development Statement. WWU requested that the date on which they and the other GDNs should prepare the annual statement could be changed to 31 October 2007 and each subsequent formula year. WWU stated that this would allow them and other GDNs additional time to incorporate into the annual statement information regarding annual capacity allocations that is only made available to them by National Grid NTS on the 30 September. WWU considered that this would improve the accuracy of the annual statement.

Other licensees have also agreed to the proposal and to an amendment of the Direction given to them or their predecessors.

Having considered the above, the Authority agrees to the request and directs all GDNs to prepare the annual statement by 31 October 2007 and each subsequent formula year.