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## Modification of NGG's Gas Transportation Licence to reflect changes to NGG's Quality of Information Provision Incentives

As part of National Grid's Gas Market Information Provision (MIPI) project, National Grid is currently developing a new internet system for the delivery of gas market information via its public website. The current system, known as IE3, was developed over a number of years and is quickly approaching the limits of its supportability and expandability. IE3 has grown organically over the past few years with the creation of the gas daily summary page and the introduction of various UNC data requirements, meaning that the current system now delivers information to timescales and volumes never envisaged when it was designed.

The new platform, currently expected to go-live on 29 October 2007, is based on National Grid's Gas Market Reporting System (GMRS) platform, implemented in October 2006 to support the publication of instantaneous gas flow data as a result of UNC modification 006. NGG is of the view that the use of GMRS across will provide a highly reliable and flexible data delivery service going forward<sup>1</sup>.

In terms of National Grid's current Quality of Information Incentives, the move to the new GMRS reporting platform means that amendments will need to be made to the way National Grid's website performance incentives are monitored. Ofgem is thus publishing a proposal to modify the National Transmission System licence in order to refer to the new reporting structure delivered by the MIPI project.

If you have any further queries in relation to this letter or the proposed licence modification, please feel free to contact Vanja Munerati on 020 7901 7474.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For further information on the roll out of National Grids new internet systems, please refer to the National Grid Gas website: <u>www.nationalgrid.com</u>