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Dear Colleague

Information request on the availability of NTS exit flexibility capacity

In November 2007, Ofgem sent a letter¹ to National Grid Gas (NGG) National Transmission System (NTS) requesting NGG NTS to conduct analysis of the likely availability of NTS exit flexibility capacity in the coming ten years. This letter contained a set of specific questions to be answered to inform the Authority in its future considerations regarding the Uniform Network Code modification UNC 116.

Ofgem has received a number of requests from interested parties to release NGG's response into the public domain. Since a few elements of the original response were considered to be commercially confidential, NGG has provided a slightly modified version for publication, which is attached to this letter.

We would expect the response to inform the Authority in its re-consideration of UNC 116 and any other related modification(s) regarding NTS exit flexibility capacity, and that industry participants would have the opportunity to comment on NGG's response in the course of any further UNC 116 assessment process. However, if parties wish to comment on the response in advance of this, comments can be sent to gas.transmissionresponse@ofgem.gov.uk to be received by Monday 18 February 2008.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact Andrew Pester on 020 7901 7107.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ UNC 0116: enduring offtake – Information request on the availability of NTS exit flexibility capacity, Ofgem, ref 269/07