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Stuart Cook
The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets
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Dear Stuart,

Re: Date of Submission of the Incremental Entry Capacity Release (IECR) Methodology Statement: Initial consultation.

As a major importer of natural gas to the UK, Statoil (UK) Ltd (STUK) is interested in the maintenance of a stable, efficient and economic entry capacity regime. STUK have participated in the long term entry capacity reservation process since its inception and have played an integral part in the development of the regime, booking capacity at both new and existing terminals.

Statoil welcome the proposal to amend National Grids licence to allow the submission of the Incremental Entry capacity release statement to be moved from July to November. This will correct the current disconnection between the publication of the IECR and the QSEC auction that was created with the implementation of UNC modification 230AV which moved the QSEC auction to March.

The change in publication date will also allow the Authority additional time to consider the IECR and issue a veto if deemed necessary. Incremental charges can then be published by mid-January allowing shippers adequate time to consider the information in their auction strategies.

If you have any questions, please contact me on the below numbers.

Kind regards

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