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Dear Gareth,

Decision to extend the Gas Network Innovation Competition Initial Screening Process deadline for the 'Optimising the Transportation of Shale and Other Unconventional Gases in the UK' project

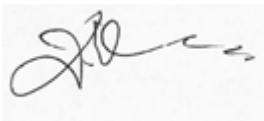
This letter is to notify you of our decision to allow the 'Optimising the Transportation of Shale and Other Unconventional Gases in the UK project' (the Project), submitted to the Initial Screening Process (ISP) for the Gas Network Innovation Competition (NIC), an extension on the ISP deadline to provide further information on the project.

Under Paragraph 4.27 of the Gas NIC governance document, if we consider that additional information will be needed to assess whether the submission meets the eligibility criteria then we may extend the deadline by 20 days from when we receive the information.

Following the project's submission we raised questions seeking additional clarification. To consider the response to our questions in our assessment we will now extend the ISP decision deadline until 16 May 2014 for this project.

This letter constitutes Notice of our decision pursuant to S38A of the Gas Act to extend the ISP deadline for the Project.

Yours sincerely,



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For and on behalf of the Authority