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Dear Paul,

Notice under paragraph 10 of standard special condition A40 received by us 23/04/14

I am writing on behalf of National Grid Gas Distribution (NGGD) in response to the notice that you sent to us on the 23rd of April. I welcome the opportunity to formerly comment upon the regulatory reporting requirements.

Over the last year we have been able to work effectively with Ofgem to develop the new RIIO reporting requirements. We have commenced the production of the 2013/14 RRP and to-date have identified a number of minor alterations in the detail of the return that have been forwarded to you for your consideration. I expect that we will be able to report as required.

We do however believe that these proposals are imposing an additional burden on GDNs. Over the last six months senior executives at both Ofgem and National Grid have discussed and agreed a shared aspiration to simplify and ensure that reporting requirements are relevant and proportionate to both organisations. During the next year I look forward to continuing to work with you to further develop the reporting arrangements seeking simplification where possible. Thus ensuring that Ofgem continue to receive all the information that is required to effectively regulate network businesses to the benefit of customers, while introducing Data Assurance Guidance to provide additional confidence of accurate reporting and to minimise business impacts that ultimately affect costs and so customer charges.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything that I have mentioned in this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

By Email

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