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Dear Maxine,

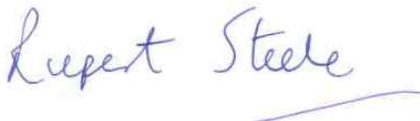
Statutory Consultation on Proposed New Standard Special Conditions (SSCs) and Special Conditions (SCs) in National Grid Gas Plc's National Transmission system (NTS) Gas Transporter Licence

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. We have reviewed the proposed licence modifications and, as far as we can determine, they appear to reflect the stated intent to maintain the backstop meter provider of last resort on NGG.

We consider these modifications would be appropriate as they give Ofgem the power to ensure that the relevant metering obligations are undertaken by NGG, in the event that NGG's gas distribution assets and licence are transferred to NewCo, shares in which are subsequently sold.

If you have any questions regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Regulation