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Dear SPAA EC,

**Authority decision to 'send back' SPAA Change Proposal 16/336 - Amendments to the SPAA change process**

On 16 August 2016, SPAA Change Proposal 16/336 was submitted to us for a decision.

We are unable to properly form an opinion<sup>1</sup> on CP16/336 at this time as we have identified a concern with the associated legal text. Specifically, that one of the changes proposed to paragraph 9.5A conflicts with our ability to set or amend the timetable that EU modifications<sup>2</sup> follow. The text proposed would require us to direct a minimum 10 working day consultation period for EU modifications.

This provision contradicts the relevant licence obligation<sup>3</sup> which allows us to set or amend the timetable for the completion of each of the procedural steps as outlined in our direction.

We therefore direct that the Change Report is revised and that the associated legal drafting corrects the inconsistency with the relevant licence provisions.

After addressing the issue above, SPAA Change Proposal 16/336 should be resubmitted to us for decision as soon as practicable.

Yours faithfully

**Lesley Nugent**  
**Head of Industry Codes & Licensing – Consumers & Competition**

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<sup>1</sup> As set out in Standard Licence Condition 30.9(b) of the Gas Supplier Licence.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Standard Licence Condition 30.10E (a) of the Gas Supplier Licence.

<sup>3</sup> As set out in Standard Licence Condition 30.9(g) of the Gas Supplier Licence.