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Date: 28 April 2017

Dear Craig,

**Re: Network Model Review and Statement of Procedures**

On 31 March 2017 you submitted your 'Network Model Review Report' (the "Report") to us<sup>1</sup> for approval together with a 'Statement of Procedures' (the "Statement") under Special Condition 7C of National Grid Gas plc's (NGG) gas transporter licence. In particular you have decided to review the Network Model according to the requirements of Special Condition 7C.5, and the associated Statement under Special Condition 7C.13.

The Report states that you have continued to use Simone version 6.1 Service Pack 1 as the software used for the Network Model and this has continued to satisfy the relevant Network Model Objectives.

We acknowledged in our last review letter<sup>2</sup> that user testing was undertaken to determine whether Simone version 6.1 Service Pack 1 was consistent with the Statement.

We note you have indicated in your report that Simone 6.1 Service Pack 4 is available, but you did not feel the improvements made in this version would justify the upgrade from Service Pack 1. You have also informed us however that you have implemented patch 1 and patch 2 to deal with minor interface issues.

We also note that no changes to the Statement have been proposed as a result of your review.

**Ofgem's Decision**

Following consideration of the documentation provided and having regard to the Authority's principal objective and statutory duties and for the reasons set out above, it has been decided to approve the Network Model Review Report and associated Statement of Procedures submitted by NGG on 31 March 2017 pursuant to Special Condition 7C.

Please contact Robin Dunne at [Robin.Dunne@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:Robin.Dunne@ofgem.gov.uk) or on 0207 901 3127 if you have any questions about this decision.

Yours faithfully

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<sup>1</sup> The terms "Ofgem", "the Authority", "we" and "us" are used interchangeably in this document.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/approval-national-grid-gas-network-model-and-statement-procedures>



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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose.