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Dear Anna,

Statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the gas standard special licence conditions: part A (Gas Network Innovation Strategy)

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your consultation and for incorporating our previously suggested amendments. Our response is non-confidential.

As per our earlier comments to the Network Innovation Review consultation, we haven't experienced some of the problems in the gas sector that the LCNF appears to have experienced regarding duplication and information dissemination. Consequently we do not share the belief that an industry wide Innovation Strategy will deliver great practical benefits. However, NGN has no further comments or issues with the draft wording.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Richard Hynes-Cooper (<u>rHynes-Cooper@northerngas.co.uk</u>) if you wish to discuss any aspect of our response.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Parker Regulation Director