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Statutory consultation on the proposed modification to National Grid Gas plc's gas transporter licence for the addition of a new exit point.

Dear Max,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your Statutory Consultation. This response is made on behalf of National Grid Gas (NGG) in our role as the owner and operator of the GB National Transmission System (NTS).

We support the proposed modifications to special condition 5G of our Gas Transporters Licence as outlined in the consultation to add a new NTS exit point, Saltholme Power Station, to the Licence Baseline Exit Capacity Table (Part F, Special Condition 5G).

Furthermore, at the point the proposed licence change from this consultation would come into effect, (i.e. a date prior to 1 October 2020), Saltholme PS would have no baseline capacity allocated, and so should be listed as zero. This approach is consistent with a situation where an exit point already in the licence has a baseline capacity of zero in advance of an allocation date that is determined by a separate process.

The capacity allocation process for Saltholme PS (which has been separately approved) will serve to amend the future baseline in accordance with the existing capacity release process.

Should you wish to discuss any of the points made in this response please contact Nicola Lond at Nicola.j.lond@nationalgrid.com (07824 551667).

Yours sincerely,



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