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Dear Steven

Consultation on amendments to Gas Network Innovation Competition (NIC) Governance Document version 3.0

Interconnector UK Ltd supports Ofgem's proposal to amend the NIC governance document and increase funding to the NIC gas competition. We agree a £20million cap creates an artificial constraint to some exciting project proposals with good potential to address the UK's decarbonisation challenge.

We believe hydrogen gas blending can play a significant role in the UK's energy transition and importantly use and/or repurpose existing gas assets rather than create new networks with the financial and environmental costs this entails. Therefore we are supportive of National Grid Gas Transmission's FutureGrid Project to build a hydrogen test facility from a representative range of decommissioned assets to understand how hydrogen interacts with assets. It offers an important opportunity to gain knowledge in an areas with great potential value to the UK consumer.

Yours sincerely



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