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Informal consultation on the proposed modification to National Grid Gas plc's gas transporter licence (i) to allow new entry and exit points with zero baseline capacity to be maintained in tables outside the Licence, (ii) to make changes to the consultation process required by Article 18 (4) of EU Gas Regulations for new zero baseline capacity points.

Dear David,

1st July 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your <u>Informal Consultation</u>. 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 principle of the proposed modifications to special condition 1A.4, 5F and 5G of our Gas Transporters Licence.

Following development of this proposal for change during Project CLoCC (Customer Low Cost Connections), in December 2018 National Grid carried out an informal consultation which gained support for this proposed modification for new points with zero baseline capacity.

We agree with the benefits outlined in this consultation, which are to provide a more efficient process for industry for the addition of new points to the NTS with zero baseline capacity.

The changes outlined in the consultation will simplify and shorten the process for customers connecting to our network and we would welcome an implementation date as soon as possible to allow the benefits to be realised for customers without delay.

We have raised comments on the Licence text drafting directly with Jonathan Coe which we suggest are considered ahead of Statutory Consultation and we will continue to support where required.

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Should Ofgem wish to discuss any of the points raised in this response please contact Nicola Lond at <u>Nicola.j.lond@nationalgrid.com</u> (01926 654043).

Yours sincerely

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