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

Dear Jonathan,

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 1A, 5F and 5G of our Gas Transporters Licence as outlined in the consultation.

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 identified a minor drafting point which arises in 5F.30 and 5G.34 which we have discussed. The text contains "and inform the authority of the" and this is duplicated by the wording which follows "within 14 days of the close....." Our interpretation is that the later wording was intended to replace the former and our preference would be to remove the former wording. As discussed if to change the text further consultation would be necessary then we

would accept leaving the text as drafted on the basis that we have a joint understanding that there is only 1 report required from National Grid to inform the authority.

Should you wish to discuss any of the points raised in this response please contact Nicola Lond at [Nicola.j.lond@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Nicola.j.lond@nationalgrid.com) (01926 654043).

Yours sincerely



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