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RE: Consultation on Avonmouth LNG Storage Facility

Dear David,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation.

Centrica recognises the importance for National Grid to review the usage of its network facilities and adapt its strategy accordingly. However, we are concerned that bringing forward the closure date to April 2016 might cause problems for certain parties, particularly with regard to downstream assets.

For example, the Scottish Independent Networks rely on Avonmouth for their LNG gas supply. Scotia Gas Networks are developing an LNG solution to accommodate the closing of the Avonmouth LNG storage facility, but we would like reassurance that the bringing forward of the date will not lead to disruption resulting in costs that could ultimately be borne by consumers.

Centrica's preference is that an impact assessment is undertaken before a final decision is taken such that the overall costs / benefits of the closure can be measured.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (email: ricky.hill@centrica.com; Tel: 07789579169) should you have questions on any aspect of this response.

Yours sincerely,

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