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**Consent given to National Grid Gas plc by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority pursuant to Special Condition 9C.7 of the gas transporter licence in respect of the national transmission system**

1. This Consent is given by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to Special Condition 9C.7 of the gas transporter licence in respect of the national transmission system (the "Licence") granted or treated as granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (the "Act") to National Grid Gas plc (the "Licensee").
2. Special Condition 9C.6 provides that the Licensee must, if so directed by the Authority, and in any event at least once in every two years, review the Generic Entry and Exit Revenue Driver Methodology (GRDM) Statement
3. Special Condition 9C.7 provides that, unless the Authority otherwise consents in writing, the GRDM must be accompanied by a statement from an Independent Examiner. This must confirm that they have carried out an Examination, the scope and objectives of which have been established by the Licensee and approved by the Authority, and give an opinion as to the extent to which the Licensee has developed the GRDM consistent with its duties under the Gas Act and its obligations under the Licence.
4. On 10 July 2015 the Licensee requested that the Authority grant a Consent releasing it of the requirements under Special Condition 9C.7 to provide Independent Examiner Statement alongside the GRDM updated to make minor clarifications suggested in our approval of the 2013 GRDM. The letter set out the reasons for that request.
5. The Authority hereby consents to the Licensee submitting the GRDM without an Independent Examiner Statement as required under Special Condition 9C.7.
6. The considerations and reasons for the Authority's decision are set out in the accompanying letter to the Licensee.

Dated: 3 August 2015

**Paul Branston**  
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**Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose by the Authority**