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Dear Colleague

Re: Consultation on "The Entry Capacity Substitution Methodology Statement".

Special Condition 9A of National Grid Gas plc's ("National Grid") Gas Transporter Licence in respect of the NTS (the "Licence") sets out obligations to develop and modify the Entry Capacity Substitution Methodology Statement (the "ECS").

National Grid has reviewed the current ECS and is not proposing any material changes at this time. Minor changes have been identified to bring the ECS into line with the revised Licence for the RIIO-T1 period.

In accordance with the above Licence condition National Grid is required to consult with Shippers and other interested parties on its proposals before submitting them to the Authority for approval. This letter therefore provides notice of the proposed Entry Capacity Substitution Methodology Statement and invites views on the proposal.

A copy of the proposed ECS (v4.1) and a comparison to the current version (v4.0) accompanies this letter.

Responses to this consultation should arrive at National Grid by 17:00 on Friday 30th August 2013. They should be sent by e-mail to Lesley.Ramsey@nationalgrid.com and copied to box.transmissioncapacityandcharging@nationalgrid.com

Please ensure that a "read receipt" is requested to confirm that your response has been received.

Alternatively they can be sent by post to the above address marked for the attention of: "Lesley Ramsey"

Transmission Network Service - Floor A1

Responses will be placed on National Grid's website and incorporated within the consultation conclusions report. If you wish your response to be treated as confidential then please mark it clearly to that effect.

Yours sincerely

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