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Important Information regarding the role of the NEC

I am writing in my capacity as the person presently nominated by National Grid Gas Plc to discharge its obligations as Network Emergency Co-Ordinator (NEC).

As more than one transporter operates on the GB network there is currently a legal obligation for an NEC to be established. The NEC is legally responsible for co-ordinating actions across the GB network, to take action as far as possible to prevent a supply emergency developing, and where it cannot be prevented, to take appropriate decisions in order to minimise safety consequences.

The details of the arrangements that the NEC has established are set out in its safety case, which has been lodged with and approved by the Health and Safety Executive. The NEC must comply with its safety case unless otherwise directed by the appropriate Minister pursuant to the government's emergency powers.

With the sale of National Grid's distribution networks it is an opportune time for the role of the NEC to be passed on. My successor; as appointed by Nicola Shaw, Chairperson of NGG Plc, and approved by HSE; is Andrew Malins, National Grid Gas plc's Head of Network Capability and Operations Gas and one of the current NEC officers. Andy is highly qualified and experienced, and fulfils the competency requirements as set out in the NEC safety case.

The handover date will be 31st of March 2017 and until that point I will continue to perform the duties of the NEC. You will be hearing in due course from Andy.

I would like to take this time to thank you all for your continued support during my time in this role and wish Andy the best for the future.

Yours sincerely,



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