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The Energy Market Investigation (ECOES/DES) Order 2016

Dear David,

This is a response on behalf of National Grid Gas Transmission to the public consultation '**The Energy Market Investigation (ECOES/DES) Order 2016**'.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Order referred to above. We welcome that our view previously presented has been reflected in the guidance provided alongside the draft Order.

Recognising the legal standing of the guidance, we would like to request that the clarification which is now included in the guidance, which refers to the applicability of the Order to only those Gas Transporters involved in retail, is itself included in the Order.

To achieve this we suggest that within part 2 of the Order that the definition of "Gas Transporter" could be clarified to "means any person who is authorised by a Gas Transporter Licence to transport gas but excludes those gas transporters who do not have any involvement in distribution activities that facilitate retail."

If you require any further information, or if you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact myself or Mark Tomlinson.

Yours sincerely

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