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Dear Steve

Deferral of the implementation of IGT UNC modification IGT072: 'non-effective days for cutover to Single Service Provision'

Thank you for your letter requesting a deferral to the implementation of IGT072¹, which was scheduled to be implemented 1 October 2015.

As you note, the recent implementation of UNC548² has now changed the Project Nexus implementation date from 1 October 2015 to 1 October 2016, or such date as the Authority may determine. The references within IGT072 to Project Nexus, of which the Single Service Provision is part, are therefore no longer accurate.

Whilst the likelihood of a change to the Project Nexus implementation date was anticipated in our decision to accept IGT072, your letter suggests that there is now some uncertainty over the number of non-effective days that will be required. We therefore agree with your assessment that any modification made while this uncertainty persists may itself prove to be inaccurate.

We consider that once notified to stakeholders, an implementation date should only be altered where there is clear evidence that it cannot be met, or where there are clear benefits which outweigh the cost and uncertainty that arise from it being changed. In order to mitigate any uncertainty from the change, we consider that a new implementation date should be fixed at the time of the change.

In this instance, we agree that the IGT UNC should be brought into line with the references to the Project Nexus implementation date within the UNC. However, we also agree with your assessment that it would be preferable to make these changes only when there is certainty over the rest of the IGT072 drafting. We therefore consent³ to the implementation of IGT072 being deferred.

Yours sincerely

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¹ IGT072: '[IGT Single Service Provision, non-effective days](#)'

² UNC548: '[Project nexus - deferral of implementation date](#)'

³ Pursuant to Gas Transporters Standard Licence Condition 9 (17)