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Dear Robert

GB ECM-03 and GB ECM-04 Conclusion Reports

Please find enclosed the Conclusion Reports for two proposals to modify the Use of System Charging Methodology, GB ECM-03 and GB ECM-04. These proposals are both consequential CUSC Amendment Proposal 094 (CAP094) that would, if implemented, introduce a number of new sub-annual transmission access products.

I would like to draw your attention to the proposed implementation date of the charging proposals. I have proposed an implementation date of 1 April 2006 for these, which would allow Users to maximise their use of the access products proposed by CAP094 in the first year they are available. This date would be consistent with the earliest implementation date proposed in CAP094. In order for this date to be achieved I request that the Authority consents to a shorter notice period for revising charges to Users, as required by Section 2.15 of the CUSC. Given the products proposed by CAP094 are new for which there are no existing charges, I believe the benefit of implementing these proposals on this date outweighs the possible detriment of a shorter notice period.

If such consent is not provided, I have proposed an alternative implementation date of 8 May 2006. In this case, I request that the decision on CAP094 is delayed until 21 April 2006 (ten business days prior to 8 May 2006) so that the implementation of the CUSC amendment and the charging modification are aligned. This date would also be compatible with the implementation timescales proposed for CAP094.

With respect to the requirement in Condition C4 of National Grid's Transmission Licence to give the Authority 150 days notice of changes the Transmission Network Use of System charges, this was provided on 1 November 2005.

Please contact myself or Adam Brown (on 01926 655839) if you have any queries regarding these proposals.

Yours sincerely

[by email]

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