

30 August 2017

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Dear Ian

MPOC Change Request 14 July 2017

The MPOC change request dated 14 July 2017 (the GTAC Transition Change Request) provided a period of 40 Business Days between First Gas confirming that the IT system to support the GTAC was fit for purpose and the code implementation date. Submissions on the MPOC change request raised the concern that this length of time was not sufficient for Shippers to modify their IT systems to integrate with the new software introduced to support the GTAC.

To clarify our position, the 40-business day notice period allowed for notification of the GTAC Commencement Date was not intended as the period for Shipper integration of IT systems. As outlined in the information paper provided with this letter, we intend to make information available to Shippers and other pipeline users as early in the IT implementation period as possible (which we expect to commence early next year).

However, to reduce any remaining concerns in this area, we ask the GIC to add an additional requirement into the change request that commits First Gas to publish the functional specifications and data interface for the selected software 120 business days ahead of the expected GTAC implementation date. Together with user involvement in the software implementation process, we believe this commitment will provide an appropriate level of assurance that Shippers will have the information and time needed to make any adjustments required to their own systems.

The text of the proposed alteration to our change request is attached as an Appendix to this letter. We do not intend to reissue the Recommendation Request Form submitted with our original request on 14 July, but would ask that you consider both the information in that form and the contents of this letter in making your recommendation. We have also attached a revised mark-up of the MPOC which includes all the changes we are seeking.

Kind regards



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General Manager Commercial and Regulatory

Appendix: Alteration to MPOC Change Request

In clause 22.16 of the change request delete the following paragraph:

TSP may terminate every ICA and TSA simultaneously with effect at 0:00 hours on the New Code Date subject to the following conditions being satisfied not later than 40 Business Days before the New Code Date:

and replace it with:

TSP may terminate every ICA and TSA simultaneously with effect at 0:00 hours on the New Code Date provided that it has published the functional specifications and data interface of the information technology system selected to implement the New Code not later than 120 Business Days before the New Code Date and provided that the following conditions have been satisfied not later than 40 Business Days before the New Code Date: