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Subject

Consultation on the Bacton site re-development – final preferred option

Dear Graham,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to your consultation on Ofgem’s final preferred option with regard to the Bacton site re-development.

BBL Company (BBLC) owns and operates the BBL gas Interconnector pipeline (BBL) between The Netherlands and Great Britain. BBL is connected to National Gas’ National Transmission System (NTS) at the Bacton Interconnector Point (IP). The physical BBL connection point is located within the Bacton gas reception facilities. This pipeline provides a significant source of gas to the GB market. It also enables trading between the NBP gas market and the main gas trading hub in Europe (TTF) and contributes towards the security of energy supply to GB energy consumers.

Given the above, BBLC is reliant on the Bacton IP and adjacent network infrastructure and any change in this infrastructure’s performance would directly impact BBLC’s commercial business and that of its customers. For this reason, we find it important to respond to your consultation.

BBLC’s views on the questions asked within your consultation are set out below:

Question 4.1: Do respondents agree with our assessment of the evidence presented in the Final Option Selection Report?

Yes.

Question 5.1: Do respondents agree with our proposed Final Preferred Option?

Yes.

Question 5.2: Do respondents agree with our proposed direction to establish a new Re-opener window?

Yes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Rudi Streuper', written in a cursive style.

Rudi Streuper
Commercial Manager