

Letter received by Email

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Abstract:

Hi Penny

Please can you send this to the Panel Chair.

Thank-you for your call indicating that some members of the Panel had concerns over the opinions expressed in my e-mail about Gas Transmission Tariffs of 4 March 2019.

The e-mail was sent in response to the Panel Chair's letter of 28 February to Ofgem requesting an extension to the 678 change proposal timeline. I now appreciate that it would appear that the Chair wrote to Ofgem in his role as Independent Chair of UNC Modification Panel rather than at the behest of the Panel, and did so in anticipation of the procedural difficulties that might face the Panel. Please convey my apologies to the Panel for this confusion - I can understand why my e-mail may have unintentionally upset Panel members who are working constructively to address the pressing challenges of the tariff regime in a timely fashion.

Upon reflection, my e-mail rather forcefully expressed the frustration, that I'm sure others feel too, about the seeming inability, so far, of our processes to deliver timely completion of necessary changes to GB's transmission charging arrangements. I should stress that this frustration was very much aimed at the widely recognised process failings rather than any individuals. I therefore hope that the e-mail should not further distract the Panel or any other actors from working to ensure that the problems inherent within our current tariff arrangements are addressed as quickly as possible to ensure that Great Britain has appropriately compliant gas transmission tariffs that are consistent with the public interest.

Please feel free to share this email more widely as you consider appropriate. For the avoidance of any doubt, although I consented to the wider circulation of my original email, I did not request this. Should the Joint Office decide to include this email and/or remove my original email from its website, that is of course entirely its own prerogative.

Best regards

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