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Dear ESC Licensing team

Thank you for your letter dated 27 April 2022 and the opportunity to review and consent to the revised licence variation proposal. Apologies for the delay in providing our response. We have the following comments to make:

- 1. Notice for change of Control (clause 6.2) The requirement to notify the Commission "in any case not later than <u>3 Business Days</u> after the Licensee becomes aware of the event or circumstances or makes the decision" is very short and not in line with the 10 Business Days timeline set out in Gas Networks Victoria's Distribution Licence or in licences held by Tas Gas Holdings in other jurisdictions (for example WA where it is also 10 Business Days). Given the confidential nature of a change of control, and the necessary delay in communication that may occur, we
- 2. Tas Gas Retail would like confirmation that the below clause will be included into their licence when it is issued in the new format (noting that Brookfield Regional Networks Pty Ltd (BRN) should now read Gas Networks Victoria Pty Ltd (GNV) and reference to "BRN" be updated to "GNV"):

ask that the notification requirement in the new retail licence is also amended to 10 Business Days.

28. Exemption from requirement to register with AEMO

- 28.1. In respect of the activities conducted under this Licence, the Licensee is exempt from the requirement to register with AEMO and to comply with the RMPs. The exemption does not apply if:
 - a. any of the pipelines in Victoria used by Brookfield Regional Networks Pty Ltd (BRN) to provide gas distribution services become 'covered' under the National Gas Law; or
 - b. any of the pipelines used by BRN to provide gas distribution services become part of the Victorian 'declared distribution system' under the *National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008* (Vic).
- 28.2. If the Licensee is not obliged to comply with the RMPs, the Licensee must comply with the Customer Transfer and Reconciliation Code (CTR Code) published by BRN. The CTR Code is subject to the approval of the Commission, and may be amended by the Commission at its discretion.

We would be grateful if you could give the above your consideration and advise us accordingly following which we will be happy to provide our consent.

Regards





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