Date: 17 December 2004

Our Ref: BV/CT



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Chris Rowell Modification Secretary Elexon Limited 5th Floor 350 Euston Road LONDON NW1 3AW

Dear Chris

Modification of the Balancing and Settlement Code ("BSC"): Alternative Modification Proposal P169

Reference is made to the direction to National Grid Company plc ("NGC") to modify the BSC issued by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority") and dated 17 December 2004 ("the Direction") which is annexed to the hard copy of this modification instrument.

The Direction has been made by the Authority pursuant to Condition C3.5(a) of NGC's licence to transmit electricity granted under Section 6 (1) of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the Transmission Licence").

The Implementation Date for this approved Alternative Modification Proposal P169 is 5 January 2005.

In accordance with Condition C3.5(b) of the Transmission Licence, the BSC is hereby modified in accordance with the attached Direction.

Yours sincerely

John Greasley for and on behalf of National Grid Company plc



