Date: 4 August 2004

Our Ref: P163

Your Ref: BV/JG

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



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Dear Chris

Modification of the Balancing and Settlement Code ("BSC"): Modification Proposal P163

On 4 August 2004 National Grid Company plc ("NGC") received notice from the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority that it had decided not to direct NGC to make Modification Proposal P163 to the Balancing and Settlement Code.

Accordingly, NGC hereby gives notice of such notification to the Modification Secretary pursuant to Paragraph 1.1.4 of Section F of the Balancing and Settlement Code.

Yours sincerely

John Greasley for and on behalf of National Grid Company plc



