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From:

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Gill

Difficult issues. I'll speak to Rebecca and Duncan re the change to TEL.

Re the tie agreement I agree with your view. The position is clear that the Council approved the changes as per what was advised to them at the time. That position has now changed. It was always the case that the agreement would be signed just before signing the Infraco suite. It was only because of this that we did not make the tie agreement suspensive of Tom's approval as per the Dec report. I agree that if tie want it signed now then it should be made suspensive in its terms as opposed to under a side letter. All that would then be required is the letter of authorisation from Tom which is required from BBS's perspective in any event. As you note, BBS are aware of the fact, so should not be an issue for them or indeed tie.

I have chased Duncan and Rebecca this morning re tie closing out the other issues from the B team's list.

Kind regards

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From: Gill Lindsay Sent: 08 May 2008 09:03

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Nick, you can try if we have client support. Bigger issues for me is to resolve the outstanding issues Colin advised existed end last week. It is imperative that this is not a current issue for the beginning of next week.

Principal issue at present re OA's is that Tie and Tel and TPB want the Tie Agreement signed now. They advise current position is not supporting negotiations with BBS in current climate. As the wording in Agreement expressly permits and requires Tie to conclude the contracts my view is that we accommodated