

Proposal for Review

Review of Flexibility Bid Restrictions

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Proposal Implementation

Date: To be Agreed

Introduction

The current flexibility mechanism rules restrict the number of bids which may be outstanding on the flexibility mechanism for any gas flow day. With operational experience it is thought that system operations may benefit from a less restrictive regime. This review would investigate the implications of modifying the rules and recommend any potential revisions to flexibility bid restrictions.

Area of Network Code Concerned

D2.3 Bid Restrictions

Nature of Proposals

In order to consider the proposals, a review group needs to be set up to examine the following areas:

- 1 The implications of allowing Flexibility Bids to be made where flow rate changes are less than 0.05 MCM/day.
- 2 The implications of raising/lowering the number of Flexibility Bids for System Entry Buys or System Entry Sells from two where the flow rate changes are less than 0.5 MCM/Day.
- 3 The implications of restricting the number of Flexibility Bids for System Entry Buys or System Entry Sells where the flow rate changes are not less than 0.5 MCM/Day.
- 4 The implications of raising/lowering the number of System Exit Buys or System Exit Sells for Flexibility Eligible System Exit Points.
- 5 The consequential effects of using Balancing Margins Gas.
- 6 Consultation process with relevant parties.
- 7 Timescales for implementation.
- 8 System implications.

Purpose of Proposal

This proposal would ensure that the current rules associated with operation of the flexibility mechanism are reviewed in light of experience to date in order to better facilitate system operations.

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