

## Stage 01: Modification

At what stage is this document in the process?

# 0501A:

## Treatment of Existing Entry Capacity Rights at the Bacton ASEP to comply with EU Capacity Regulations, including capacity return option.



This Modification Proposal seeks to facilitate compliance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 984/2013 (Capacity Allocation Mechanisms) and continued compliance with Annex I to regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks with regards to the Congestion Management Procedures.



The Proposer recommends that this modification should be

- assessed by a Workgroup



High Impact:  
Shippers and National Grid NTS



Medium Impact:



Low Impact:

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## About this document:

This modification will be presented to the panel on 21 August 2014.

The panel will consider the proposer's recommendation and agree whether this modification should be referred to a workgroup for assessment.


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# 1 Summary

## Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

Self Governance procedures are not proposed because this Modification Proposal may have a material impact on National Grid NTS and Users in respect of NTS Entry Capacity at Bacton.

## Is this a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification?

Fast Track Self-Governance procedures are not proposed because the proposer does not believe that the Modification Proposal meets the self-governance criteria for the reasons stated above.

## Why Change?

On 14 October 2013 the European Commission adopted rules (EU Regulation 984/2013) establishing a Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in Gas Transmission Systems (CAM), which seek to harmonize transparent and non-discriminatory access to transmission capacity at applicable interconnection points across the European Union. These rules supplement Regulation (EC) 715/2009 and integrate with Congestion Management Procedures. As a consequence of these, changes to the UNC are required to ensure compliance.

In order to ensure that CAM/CMP procedures are only applied at Interconnection Points (IPs), the existing Bacton ASEP within the GT Licence which National Grid Gas holds in respect of the NTS will need to be split into two new ASEPs (Bacton UKCS ASEP and Bacton IP ASEP)<sup>1</sup>. Existing UNC processes would continue to apply at the new Bacton UKCS ASEP and newly developed CAM processes would then apply at the new Bacton IP ASEP.

As long-term bookings have already been allocated for NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP for the period after the planned implementation of CAM, the booked capacity will need to be either returned to National Grid NTS and/or reallocated between the two new ASEPs to ensure that CAM/CMP procedures are only applicable at the Bacton IP ASEP.

This modification proposal has been submitted as an alternative to proposal 0501 and builds on the solution set out therein. Proposal 0501 provides for only the reallocation of existing NTS entry capacity rights at Bacton between the envisaged 2 new Bacton ASEPs.

This alternative proposal allows a User to first return capacity to National Grid NTS and then, for any remaining or "Residual Capacity", to reallocate its Residual Capacity between the new Bacton ASEPs.

The proposal also provides for a User to return capacity to National Grid NTS in the event that an over-subscription at one of the new Bacton ASEPs results in the User being allocated more capacity than it requested at the other of the new Bacton ASEPs. In this event the User can specify that it wants its capacity capped at the requested level(s).

The proposer believes that this provides the following additional advantages over proposal 0501:

- Some or all of the capacity returned to National Grid NTS will be available for bundling at the Bacton IP ASEP sooner; this will better facilitate compliance with relevant objective g)
- Enabling the return of capacity will reduce the likelihood of capacity being over-subscribed at either of the new Bacton ASEPs, this will better facilitate compliance with relevant objectives b) and c)
- In the event of over-subscription, a final opportunity to return capacity in excess of that requested at a new Bacton ASEP will ensure that Users do not have unwanted capacity entitlements forced upon them and consequently reduces the likelihood of capacity being sterilised. This will better facilitate compliance with relevant objectives b) and c)

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<sup>1</sup> Note that this will be the subject of an Ofgem consultation. The process described in this Modification can only be applied once the relevant changes to the GT Licence have been directed (including the setting of the proposed Obligated levels of NTS Entry Capacity to apply at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and the Bacton IP ASEP).

- Permitting the return of entry capacity at Bacton will be more consistent with the likely early termination of enduring NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity rights and will therefore better facilitate compliance with relevant objectives b) and c).

## Solution

This modification introduces a one-off process to enable Users to indicate where they wish their Registered NTS Entry Capacity rights at the existing Bacton ASEP to be held following implementation of CAM. It also provides Users with a one-off opportunity to return capacity to National Grid NTS. The process will be held after the March 2015 auction for Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity has been allocated and will only apply to those NTS Entry Capacity rights held by Users at the existing Bacton ASEP from 01 November 2015 onwards.

For each Month over the period 01 November 2015 to 30 September 2016 and each Quarter from 01 October 2016 to 30 September 2031<sup>2</sup> (as relevant), Users will be invited to:

- Specify the quantity of their existing NTS entry capacity rights to be returned to National Grid NTS and
- For the remaining existing NTS entry capacity rights (the “Residual Capacity”) following any returns made in accordance with sub-paragraph (a), indicate how they wish their Residual Capacity to be allocated between the newly created Bacton UKCS and Bacton IP ASEPs.

In respect of Residual Capacity, where the aggregate level of Users’ capacity holdings at each new ASEP are less than or equal to the proposed new obligated levels at each of the new ASEPs, their NTS Entry Capacity reallocations will be granted in full. If this is not the case, a further invitation and allocation process will be undertaken. If after two such processes have been followed, the aggregate level of Users’ capacity holdings is still in excess of the proposed obligated levels at either of the two new ASEPs, National Grid NTS will re-apportion the holdings such that the obligated levels are not exceeded by the aggregate level of capacity holdings. In such an event, a User will have a further opportunity to return capacity to National Grid NTS but only to the extent that the allocation at an ASEP exceeds the allocation that the User had most recently requested.

National Grid NTS will write to inform Users of the results of the capacity reallocation process in [September 2015].

## Relevant Objectives

Implementation of this Modification would better facilitate the following relevant objective:

- “Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators”

## Implementation

No implementation timescales are proposed. Please note that the EU has specified the Regulation on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms will apply from 01 November 2015.

## 2 Why Change?

On 14 October 2013 the European Commission adopted rules (EU Regulation 984/2013) establishing a Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in Gas Transmission Systems (CAM) which seek to harmonize transparent and non-discriminatory access to transmission capacity at applicable interconnection points across the European Union. These rules supplement

<sup>2</sup> The invitation will specify months for the initial year of the period as the NTS Entry Capacity could have been bought through either AMSEC or QSEC auctions so different amounts of NTS Entry Capacity could be held for different months. Whereas for the period 1 October 2016 onwards, the capacity could only have been bought in QSEC auctions and so the amounts of NTS Entry Capacity will only vary per quarter.

Regulation (EC) 715/2009 and integrate with Congestion Management Procedures (CMP) and changes to the UNC are required to ensure compliance.

In order to ensure that CAM/CMP procedures are only applied at Interconnection Points (IPs), the existing Bacton ASEP within the GT Licence which National Grid Gas holds in respect of the NTS will need to be split into two new ASEPs (Bacton UKCS ASEP and Bacton IP ASEP)<sup>3</sup>. Existing UNC processes would continue to apply at the new Bacton UKCS ASEP and newly developed CAM processes would apply at the new Bacton IP ASEP.

As long-term bookings have already been placed for NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP for the period after the planned implementation of CAM, these will need to be either returned to National Grid NTS and/or reallocated between the two new ASEPs to ensure that CAM/CMP procedures are only applicable at the Bacton IP ASEP. This modification details how to achieve this.

A one-off process will be created in the UNC to allow Users to return all or some of their existing Registered<sup>4</sup> NTS Entry Capacity rights to National Grid NTS and to reallocate any remaining (Residual Capacity) between the two newly created ASEPs at Bacton (Bacton UKCS and Bacton IP) from 01 November 2015 onwards.

The return and reallocation process will take place once the March 2015 auction for Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity has been allocated and will only apply to Registered NTS Entry Capacity held by Users at the existing Bacton ASEP from 01 November 2015 onwards. The process will be completed in [September 2015] such that the changes would be effective from 01 November 2015.

Once the return and reallocation process has started, certain existing processes within the UNC surrounding NTS Entry Capacity **at the existing Bacton ASEP** will need to be suspended until the return and reallocation process is complete in order to ensure that the split of NTS Entry Capacity between the two newly created ASEPs for the period commencing 01 November 2015 can be correctly carried out. The suspended processes **at the existing Bacton ASEP** will be:

- Transfers of NTS Entry Capacity in accordance with TPD B5 for the period 01 November 2015 onwards
- Any new Capacity Constraint Management agreements that National Grid NTS may wish to tender for in accordance with TPD B2.8 for the period 01 November 2015 onwards
- RMT&TSEC auction held in October 2015 for November 2015 NTS Entry Capacity
- Relevant daily auctions held in October 2015 for November 2015 NTS Entry Capacity

Once the return and reallocation process has been completed, the relevant UNC processes at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and where relevant, the Bacton IP ASEP will be reinstated. Note that the processes and arrangements concerning NTS Interconnector Entry Capacity held at the Bacton IP ASEP will be subject to the wider implementation of the CAM Regulation.

### 3 Solution

It is proposed that a number of new processes and terms be introduced into the UNC in relation to the process being undertaken regarding NTS Entry Capacity currently held by Users at the Bacton ASEP:

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<sup>3</sup> Note that this will be the subject of an Ofgem consultation. The process described in this Modification can only be applied once the relevant changes to the GT Licence have been directed (including the setting of the proposed Obligated levels of NTS Entry Capacity to apply at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and the Bacton IP ASEP).

<sup>4</sup> The Modification has been drafted regarding the reallocation of Registered NTS Entry Capacity as we understand that only limited System Transfers (under UNC TPD B5) have taken place for the relevant period. If further System Transfers were to be completed, this assumption may need to be revisited, such that reallocation of Available NTS Entry Capacity is considered

## 1 New Terms<sup>5</sup>

1. “**Adjacent Transporter**” means the operator of a transmission system connected to (or designated as connected to) the National Transmission System at an Interconnection Point
2. “**Bacton Capacity Final Reallocation Invitation**” means a second (and final) invitation made to surrender Residual Capacity rights at the existing Bacton ASEP to be reallocated as either NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and/or NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity at the Bacton IP ASEP. This invitation is only triggered if the Bacton Capacity Return and Initial Reallocation Invitation does not completely reallocate all of the Residual Capacity rights at the existing Bacton ASEP.
3. “**Bacton Capacity Return and Initial Reallocation Invitation**” means an invitation to return NTS Entry Capacity rights at the existing Bacton ASEP to National Grid NTS (and for the allocation and/or registration of these rights to Users to be cancelled) and to reallocate the Residual Capacity as either NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and/or NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity at the Bacton IP ASEP
4. “**Bacton Capacity Return and Reallocation Process**” means the process by which (a) Users can return NTS Entry Capacity Rights to National Grid NTS (and which rights, and obligations pertaining to those rights, are therefore cancelled by National Grid NTS), (b) National Grid NTS reallocates the Residual Capacity at the existing Bacton ASEP as either NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and/or NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity at the Bacton IP ASEP and (c) Users have a final opportunity to return capacity to National Grid NTS in circumstances where their allocation of capacity at a new Bacton ASEP exceeds the level they requested
5. “**Final Capacity Reallocation**” means the result of the second (and final) application of the Bacton Capacity Return and Reallocation Process in respect of Residual Capacity
6. “**Initial Capacity Reallocation**” means the result of the first application of the Bacton Capacity Return and Reallocation Process
7. “**NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity**” means NTS Entry Capacity at an Interconnection Point.
8. “Residual Capacity” means a User’s remaining NTS Entry Capacity rights following the User’s return of existing Capacity rights under the Bacton Capacity Return and Initial Reallocation Invitation.
9. “**Unbundled NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity**” means NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity at an Interconnection Point which has been auctioned separately at that Interconnection Point, from capacity rights provided by any Adjacent Transporter.

## 2 High level view of the reallocation process

1. Users are invited to specify the quantity of their existing Registered NTS Entry Capacity rights that they want to return to National Grid NTS and to indicate where they wish their remaining existing Registered NTS Entry Capacity rights (Residual Capacity) at the existing Bacton ASEP, from 01 November 2015 onwards, to be split between the two new ASEPs. For the avoidance of doubt, a User can indicate that they require all of their Residual Capacity at the existing Bacton ASEP for any relevant period to be allocated to only one of the two new ASEPs (i.e. that they require zero at the other new ASEP for that period).

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<sup>5</sup> These terms are included within the modification proposal to assist the reader. The eventual legal drafting may result in different terms and definitions being introduced into the UNC.

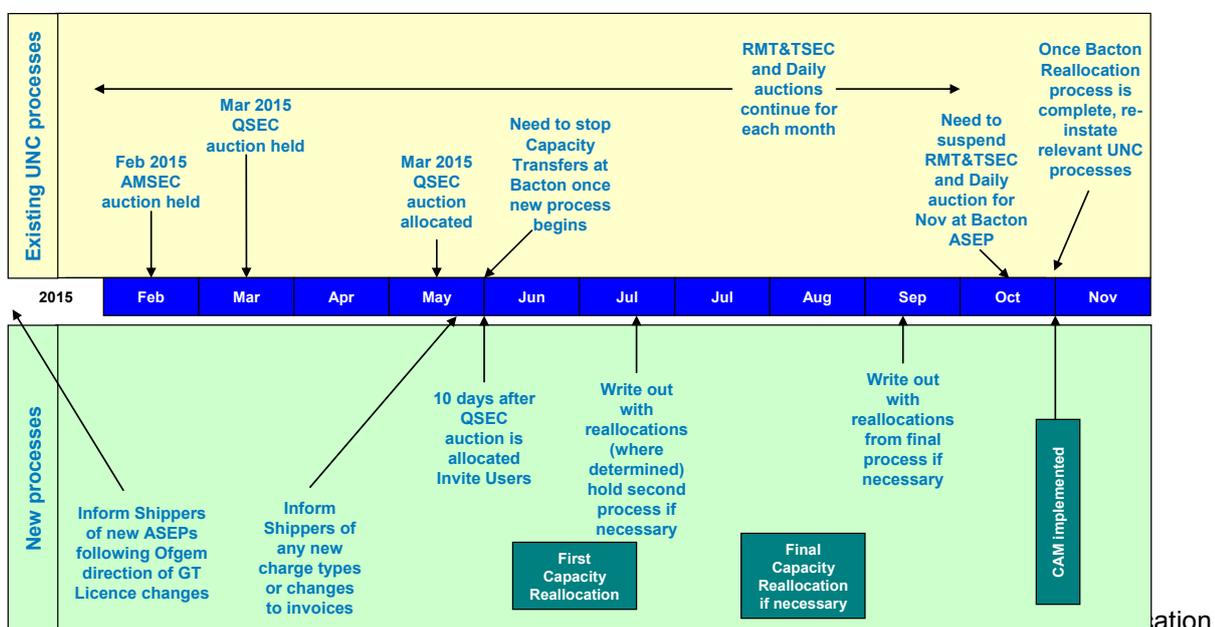
Note existing definition for an Interconnection Point within TPD A1.8 is being retained.

2. Residual Capacity rights at the existing Bacton ASEP will be reallocated (by National Grid NTS on behalf of the User) at the new ASEPs at Bacton.
3. At the new Bacton IP ASEP, Users will be registered as holding NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity. Existing UNC rules and processes will apply to this type of NTS Entry Capacity but note that certain processes and arrangements concerning NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity held at the Bacton IP ASEP will be subject to the wider implementation of the CAM Regulation.
4. At the Bacton UKCS ASEP, Users will be registered as holding NTS Entry Capacity and all the existing UNC rules and processes will continue to apply to this NTS Entry Capacity.
5. National Grid NTS will only reallocate the NTS Entry Capacity/NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity in full where it is less than or equal to the Obligated level for that ASEP for the relevant Month/Quarter.
6. NTS Entry Capacity will be registered to the User for the relevant Month or Quarter at the new Bacton UKCS ASEP at effectively the same unit price as was originally bid by that User for their NTS Entry Capacity rights at the Bacton ASEP by using the volume weighted average price of that User's NTS Entry Capacity over all the auctions during which they previously purchased NTS Entry Capacity (QSEC and AMSEC) for the relevant Month or Quarter at the Bacton ASEP.
7. Similarly, NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity will be registered to the User for the relevant Month or Quarter at the new Bacton IP ASEP at effectively the same unit price as was originally bid by that User for their NTS Entry Capacity rights at the Bacton ASEP by using the volume weighted average price of that User's NTS Entry Capacity over all the auctions during which they previously purchased NTS Entry Capacity (QSEC and AMSEC) for the relevant Month or Quarter.

### 3 The Bacton Capacity Return and Reallocation process

1. This process will begin after the March 2015 auction in respect of Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity is allocated and is anticipated to be completed by [September 2015] to be effective from 01 November 2015. An indicative timeline for the reallocation process is shown below (the return process will run concurrently with the reallocation process):

## Timeline for Bacton Reallocation process



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2. National Grid NTS will invite all Users who currently hold Registered NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP from 01 November 2015 onwards to (a) return to National Grid NTS some (which might be zero) or all of their Registered NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP and (b) reallocate their Residual Capacity

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for all Months from 01 November 2015 until 30 September 2016 and for all Quarters from 01 October 2016 onwards<sup>6</sup> to the new Bacton UKCS ASEP or Bacton IP ASEP. For the avoidance of doubt, the definition of Registered NTS Entry Capacity within UNC TPD B5 will be applied throughout this Modification.

3. Within Ten Business Days following the allocation of the March 2015 auction in respect of Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity, National Grid NTS will invite (the Bacton Capacity Return and Initial Reallocation Invitation) all Users who at that time hold Registered NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP from 01 November 2015 onwards to indicate what quantity of their Registered NTS Entry Capacity rights they want to be returned to National Grid NTS and what quantity of the Residual Capacity they want be held in future at the Bacton UKCS ASEP or the Bacton IP ASEP. Note that Users will be allocated NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity at the Bacton IP ASEP. As NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity is a type of NTS Entry Capacity, we use the term NTS Entry Capacity in the following paragraphs to mean both.
4. The Bacton Capacity Return and Initial Reallocation Invitation will state:
  - a. The Initial Period (Months from 01 November 2015 to 30 September 2016 and Quarters from 01 October 2016 to 30 September 2031) for which returns and reallocations of NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP to the Bacton UKCS and Bacton IP ASEPs are being sought
  - b. The existing Registered NTS Entry Capacity held by the User at the Bacton ASEP for each of the relevant Months/Quarters of the Initial Period
  - c. The existing weighted average price of that User's existing Registered NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP for each of the relevant Months/Quarters of the Initial Period
  - d. The date [within 20 business days of invite] and means (fax) by which Users can signal their required return and reallocation for each of the relevant Months/Quarters
  - e. Where a quantity of Registered NTS Entry Capacity is to be allocated for a particular Month/Quarter, it must be greater than or equal to the Minimum Eligible Amount (100,000 kWh/day)<sup>7</sup>
  - f. That a User cannot request reallocation of a quantity less than or greater than their Residual Capacity for the Month/Quarter in question at the existing Bacton ASEP
  - g. The date by which National Grid NTS will provide back to Users the result of the Initial Capacity Reallocation.
5. If a User does not respond to the Bacton Capacity Return and Initial Reallocation Invitation by the date indicated, National Grid NTS will assume that the User wants to reallocate its Registered NTS Entry Capacity for each of the relevant Months or Quarters of the Initial Period for which that User holds Registered NTS Entry Capacity between the Bacton UKCS ASEP and Bacton IP ASEP in the same proportion as given by the Obligated levels at the two new ASEPs.
6. Within [five] business days after the date by which Users needed to respond to the Bacton Capacity Return and Initial Reallocation Invitation, National Grid NTS will undertake the Initial Capacity Reallocation and notify Users by fax of the outcome. This will include a statement of the quantities of capacity returned to National Grid NTS and confirmation that the allocation and/or registration of the returned capacity quantities will be cancelled.
7. The process that National Grid NTS will utilise for the Initial Capacity Reallocation is as follows:
  - a. National Grid NTS will calculate the aggregate level of NTS Entry Capacity rights requested by Users for each Month/Quarter at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and the Bacton IP ASEP
  - b. Provided that the aggregate level of NTS Entry Capacity rights requested is above the Minimum Eligible Amount and below the relevant Obligated level of NTS Entry Capacity at each of the Bacton UKCS ASEP and the Bacton IP ASEP for a given Month/Quarter,

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<sup>6</sup> The invitation will specify months for the initial year of the period as the NTS Entry Capacity could have been bought through either AMSEC or QSEC auctions so different amounts of NTS Entry Capacity could be held for different months. Whereas for the period 1 October 2016 onwards, the capacity could only have been bought in QSEC auctions and so the amounts of NTS Entry Capacity will only vary per quarter.

<sup>7</sup> The Minimum Eligible Amount only applies where a User has indicated an amount above zero.

National Grid NTS will allocate that NTS Entry Capacity in accordance with the User's individual requests

- c. If in any Month/Quarter and at either ASEP, the aggregate level of NTS Entry Capacity rights is above the relevant Obligated level of NTS Entry Capacity, National Grid NTS will not allocate any NTS Entry Capacity rights to Users for that Month or Quarter (but will allocate for the other Months or Quarters)
  - d. National Grid will write to relevant Users to inform the results of the Initial Capacity Reallocation which will show the aggregate and the User's individual reallocations of NTS Entry Capacity for each of the two new ASEPs in the form:
    - i. Relevant Months or Quarters
    - ii. ASEP
    - iii. Quantity in kWh/day allocated
  - e. National Grid will also inform relevant Users of any Months or Quarters which are not reallocated as the aggregate level of NTS Entry Capacity rights requested was above the relevant Obligated level of NTS Entry Capacity at either new ASEP and therefore that a second invitation (the Bacton Capacity Final Reallocation Invitation) will be issued.
8. If the Initial Capacity Reallocation does not fully reallocate all Residual Capacity for all Months/Quarters to the two new ASEPs, National Grid NTS will issue a Bacton Capacity Final Reallocation Invitation to all Users who at that time hold Registered NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP for the particular Months/Quarters affected to re-indicate where they would wish their Residual Capacity rights to be held in future; either at the Bacton UKCS ASEP or the Bacton IP ASEP.
9. The Bacton Capacity Final Reallocation Invitation will state:
- a. The relevant Months/Quarters within the Initial Period for which reallocations of Residual Capacity at the Bacton ASEP to the Bacton UKCS and Bacton IP ASEPs are being re-sought, together with the aggregate quantity of Residual Capacity which was requested for the relevant Months/Quarters during the Initial Capacity Reallocation. Note that this will only be for periods where no reallocation took place following the Initial Capacity Reallocation as the aggregate level of NTS Entry Capacity rights requested was above the relevant Obligated level of NTS Entry Capacity at either new ASEP.
  - b. The Residual Capacity held by the User at the Bacton ASEP for each of the relevant Months/Quarters of the Initial Period
  - c. The existing weighted average price of that User's Residual Capacity at the Bacton ASEP for each of the relevant Months/Quarters of the Initial Period
  - d. The date [within 20 business days] and means (fax) by which Users can signal their required reallocation for each of the relevant Months/Quarters
  - e. Where a quantity of Residual Capacity is to be allocated for a particular Month/Quarter, it must be greater than or equal to the Minimum Eligible Amount (100,000 kWh/day)<sup>8</sup>
  - f. That a User cannot request reallocation of a quantity less than or greater than their Residual Capacity for the Month/Quarter in question at the existing Bacton ASEP
  - g. That, in the event of a User being allocated capacity in excess of the quantity it requests at either the Bacton UKCS or Bacton IP ASEP, the User can specify that the allocation be capped at the requested level and the excess capacity be returned to National Grid NTS.
  - h. The date by which National Grid NTS will provide back to Users the result of the Final Capacity Reallocation.
10. If a User does not respond to the Bacton Capacity Final Reallocation Invitation by the date indicated, National Grid NTS will assume that the User wants to reallocate its Residual Capacity for each of the relevant Months or Quarters for which that User holds Residual Capacity within the Initial Period between the Bacton UKCS ASEP and Bacton IP ASEP in the same proportion as given by the Obligated levels at the two new ASEPs.
11. Within [five] business days after the date by which Users needed to respond to the Bacton Capacity Final Reallocation Invitation, National Grid NTS will undertake the Final Capacity Reallocation and notify Users of the outcome. This will include a statement of the quantities of capacity returned to National Grid NTS as a consequence of the capping option and confirmation that the allocation and/or registration of the returned capacity quantities will be cancelled.

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<sup>8</sup> The Minimum Eligible Amount only applies where a User has indicated an amount above zero.

12. The process National Grid NTS will utilise for the Final Capacity Reallocation is as follows:
- a. National Grid will calculate the aggregate level of Residual Capacity rights requested by Users for each relevant Month/Quarter at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and the Bacton IP ASEP
  - b. Provided that the aggregate level of Residual Capacity rights requested is above the Minimum Eligible Amount and below the relevant Obligated level at each of the Bacton UKCS ASEP and the Bacton IP ASEP for the particular Month/Quarter, National Grid NTS will allocate that Residual Capacity in accordance with the User's individual requests
  - c. If in any Month/Quarter and at either ASEP, the aggregate level of Residual Capacity rights requested is above the relevant Obligated level of NTS Entry Capacity, National Grid NTS will allocate the relevant Residual Capacity for that Month/ASEP or Quarter/ASEP combination pro rata the aggregate amount applied for by all Users (where the prorated amount to be allocated is less than the Minimum Eligible Amount that amount will be disregarded and a revised allocation will be made between the remaining Users' requests). Subject to sub-paragraph d below, the Users' remaining Residual Capacity after the proration has taken place will be allocated to the other new Bacton ASEP (Bacton UKCS or Bacton IP as relevant)
  - d. In the event that a User has specified that the allocation of its Residual Capacity at a new Bacton ASEP should be capped at the requested level and the allocation under sub-paragraph c above would have been in excess of the requested level, the allocation will be the requested level and the quantity of (excess) capacity not allocated as a consequence will be returned to National Grid NTS.
  - e. National Grid will write to relevant Users to inform the results of the Final Capacity Reallocation which will show the aggregate and the User's individual returns and reallocations of Residual Capacity for each of the two new ASEPs in the form:
    - i. Relevant Months or Quarters
    - ii. ASEP
    - iii. Quantity returned and reallocated in kWh/day

13. Following the completion of the Initial Capacity Reallocation and where relevant the Final Capacity Reallocation, National Grid will undertake the return and reallocation of the NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP on the Users' behalf. This will not require the Users to undertake any actions on National Grid NTS' systems or for National Grid NTS to issue any general invitation to Users.

14. National Grid NTS will:

- a. set the relevant User's Registered NTS Entry Capacity at the new Bacton UKCS ASEP to reflect the results of the Initial Capacity Reallocation (and where relevant the Final Capacity Reallocation) and set the price for each Month/Quarter to be the relevant weighted average price at the Bacton ASEP for that User for its Registered NTS Entry Capacity for the relevant Month or Quarter and
- b. set the relevant User's Registered NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity at the new Bacton IP ASEP to reflect the results of the Initial Capacity Reallocation (and where relevant the Final Capacity Reallocation) and set the price for each Month/Quarter to be the relevant weighted average price at the Bacton ASEP for that User for its Registered NTS Entry Capacity for the relevant Month or Quarter<sup>9</sup>.

15. National Grid NTS will update its computer system(s) with the above details within [ten] Business Days of writing to Users to inform them of their NTS Entry Capacity returns and reallocations.

16. National Grid NTS will publish the aggregate results of the Bacton Capacity Return and Reallocation Process to all Users.

17. Following the completion of the Bacton Capacity Return and Reallocation Process, Users will effectively only be liable to pay NTS Entry Capacity Charges for the period from 1 November 2015 for the reallocated NTS Entry Capacity rights at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and/or Bacton IP ASEP as

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<sup>9</sup> The NTS Interconnector Entry Capacity will be flagged as Unbundled NTS Interconnector Entry Capacity in Gemini and will be deemed to be in monthly strips for the period 1 November 2015 to 30 September 2016 and in quarterly strips for the periods beyond 1 October 2016.

appropriate<sup>10</sup>. For the avoidance of doubt, Users will not be liable to pay for any capacity returned to National Grid NTS as the allocation and/or registration of such capacity will be cancelled. These NTS Entry Capacity Charges will be invoiced in accordance with the existing provisions of the UNC.

#### 4 Implications of running the Bacton Capacity Reallocation process

1. Once the Bacton Capacity Return and Reallocation process has started, certain existing processes within the UNC surrounding NTS Entry Capacity **at the existing Bacton ASEP** will need to be suspended until the return and reallocation process is complete in order to ensure that the split of NTS Entry Capacity between the two newly created ASEPs for the period commencing 01 November 2015 can be correctly carried out. The suspended processes **at the existing Bacton ASEP** will be:
  - Transfers of NTS Entry Capacity in accordance with TPD B5 for the period 01 November 2015 onwards
  - Any new Capacity Constraint Management agreements that National Grid NTS may wish to tender for in accordance with TPD B2.8 for the period 01 November 2015 onwards
  - RMT&TSEC auction held in October 2015 for November 2015 NTS Entry Capacity
  - Relevant daily auctions held in October 2015 for November 2015 NTS Entry Capacity
2. Once the Bacton Capacity Return and Reallocation process has completed, the relevant UNC processes at the Bacton UKCS ASEP and where relevant, the Bacton IP ASEP will be reinstated. Note that the processes and arrangements concerning NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity held at the Bacton IP ASEP will be subject to wider implementation of the CAM Regulation.
3. NTS Entry Capacity Charges (covering NTS Entry Capacity or NTS Interconnection Point Entry Capacity as appropriate), NTS Entry Commodity Charges and Capacity Surrender Charges will apply as per TPD B2.11 (and TPD Section Y).
4. Overrun charges will continue to apply at the two new ASEPs as per TPD B2.12.
5. Capacity Neutrality arrangements will continue to apply as per TPD B2.13.
6. The arrangements regarding the operation of the NTS Optional Commodity Rate will continue to apply as per TPD B3.12, but Users will need to make a Supply Point Commodity Rate Renomination for the new ASEPs in accordance with TPD G2.3.
7. Entry arrangements at the two new ASEPs will apply as per TPD Section I.
8. TBE publication data in accordance with TPD Section O will now cover the two new ASEPs at Bacton.
9. Invoicing and payment to cover the two new ASEPs will continue to apply as per TPD Section S.
10. Credit arrangements/termination will continue to apply as per TPD Section V.

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<sup>10</sup> Note that the current assumption is that the existing bids for NTS Entry Capacity at the Bacton ASEP will remain in Gemini and so Users will still receive an invoice for these, but Users will also receive a credit for this NTS Entry Capacity, such that the two transactions will net off to zero.

<b>User Pays</b>
Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification.
No User Pays service would be created or amended by implementation of this modification and it is not, therefore, classified as a User Pays Modification.
Identification of Users of the service, the proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and the justification for such view.
Not applicable
Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers.
Not applicable
Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve.
Not applicable

## 4 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	Positive
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	Positive
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	None
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None

f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	None
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	Positive

**b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of**

- (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/or
- (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters

This modification proposal will provide for the timely bundling of capacity at the Bacton IP ASEP and will therefore better facilitate the coordinated approach to adjacent pipe-line system access envisaged by CAM. A reduction in the likelihood of capacity being sterilised at either of the new ASEPS, due to Users being allocated quantities in excess of their requirements, will result in the efficient recycling and bundling of capacity. This will promote more efficient use of the NTS pipeline system and adjacent pipe-line systems. It is envisaged that Enduring NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity rights at IPs will be end-dated (possibly by 2018) which will be conducive the intentions of CAM. This modification proposal provides for similar benefits to be conferred on Bacton entry capacity.

**c) Efficient discharge of the licensee’s obligations**

Essentially, the argument in the above paragraph can be repeated here. The efficient return and reallocation of capacity will ensure that Users’ requirements are more accurately accounted for at an early stage. This will help to reduce the likelihood of artificial congestion at either of the new Bacton ASEPS and provide Users with more ready access to entry capacity. One of the key obligations on the licensee will be to comply with the CAM network code and this modification proposal will allow the licensee to do this, in respect of Bacton entry capacity, in a more efficient manner.

**g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators**

This modification facilitates that the compliance with European legislative requirements can be applied only at Interconnection Points on the NTS.

## 5 Implementation

No implementation timescales are proposed. The European Commission has specified that the relevant regulation should come into effect on 01 November 2015.

## 6 Legal Text

Legal Text shall be provided at a suitable stage during development.

## 7 Recommendation

The Proposer invites the Panel to:

- issue to this modification to Workgroup for assessment