










UNC Modification	At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1 data-bbox="132 320 657 412">UNC 0786:</h1> <h2 data-bbox="132 450 1174 656">Amendment of the framework for the Bacton exit pressure service to interconnectors</h2>	<div data-bbox="1209 309 1468 627"> <div>01 Modification</div> <div>02 Workgroup Report</div> <div>03 Draft Modification Report</div> <div>04 Final Modification Report</div> </div>
<p>Purpose of Modification:</p> <p>This is an enabling modification which will allow National Grid to provide a consistent pressure service to interconnectors off-taking gas at Bacton.</p>	
<p>Next Steps:</p> <p>The Proposer recommends that this Modification should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> subject to Self-Governance assessed by a Workgroup <p>This Modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on 21 October 2021. The Panel will consider the Proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.</p>	
<p>Impacted Parties:</p> <p>High: BBL; Interconnector Ltd.</p> <p>Low: National Grid; Shippers</p> <p>None:</p>	
<p>Impacted Codes: None.</p>	

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Timetable		
Modification timetable:		Contact: Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Pre-Modification Discussed	02 September 2021	 enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk
Date Modification Raised	12 September 2021	 0121 288 2107
New Modification to be considered by Panel	21 October 2021	Proposer: Malcolm Montgomery
First Workgroup Meeting	04 November 2021	 Malcolm.montgomery@nationalgrid.com
Workgroup Report to be presented to Panel	10 January 2022	 telephone
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	20 January 2022	Transporter: National Grid Gas
Consultation Close-out for representations	10 February 2022	 Malcolm.montgomery@nationalgrid.com
Final Modification Report available for Panel	11 February 2022	 telephone
Modification Panel decision	17 February 2022	Systems Provider: Xoserve
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1 Summary

What

The assured operating pressure at Bacton is 45 bar. There is currently a pressure service contained within the interconnection agreement (IA) between National Grid Gas (NGG) and Interconnector Limited (IL), that allows IL to request pressures above this level. Since the implementation of UNC Modification 675s, The BBL Interconnector has been able to receive and transport gas exported from the National Transmission System (NTS) at Bacton, however their IA contains no concept of a pressure service. This Modification Proposal is to provide the governance to amend the BBL and IL interconnection agreements, to provide a framework that enables National Grid to offer an amended pressure service in excess of 45 bar to either BBL and IL upon their request.

Why

It is necessary that both BBL and IL have the option of accessing equivalent services from National Grid, and therefore an amended framework should be introduced that is consistent for both parties. The language around pressure and the pressure service will at the same time be simplified within the IL interconnection agreement.

How

The pressure service agreement shall be amended and inserted into the BBL interconnection agreement. The IL interconnector agreement shall also be amended to reflect the new framework. This Modification Proposal provides the governance for the change in accordance with UNC European Interconnector Document (EID) A4.1.3(b). This states that 'National Grid NTS will not agree with the Adjacent TSO to amend the Relevant Interconnection Provisions in relation to an Interconnection Point except...pursuant to a Code Modification which authorises such agreement'.

2 Governance

Justification for Self-Governance

This is a facilitating modification and requires no changes to the UNC, however the change is necessary to ensure a consistent service offering to both BBL and IL interconnectors. As the same framework is being offered to both interconnectors operating at Bacton then this proposal can be considered for self-governance.

Requested Next Steps

This Modification should:

- be considered a non-material change and subject to Self-Governance.
- be assessed by a Workgroup.

3 Why Change?

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a pressure service. This Modification Proposal is to provide the governance to amend the BBL and IL interconnection agreements, to provide a framework that enables National Grid to offer a pressure service in excess of 45 bar to both BBL and IL upon their request.

A pressure service is of benefit to interconnectors by facilitating higher volumes of flow going through, and/or helping to operate the asset more effectively. It is necessary that both BBL and IL have the option of accessing equivalent services from National Grid.

No direct changes to the UNC are required, however where changes are made to the Relevant Interconnection Provisions within an Interconnection Agreement then the governance arrangements, as stated in EID A4.1.3, stipulate that a Code Modification is one route by which the change can be given effect.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

None.

Knowledge/Skills

None.

5 Solution

To confirm: no changes to UNC text is required or proposed, but there will be changes to Relevant Provisions within the interconnection agreements for BBL and IL.

Insert the amended pressure service framework agreement into the BBL and IL interconnection agreements.

IA text to be provided in due course.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

Does this Modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

No.

Consumer Impacts

Slightly positive. This proposal facilitates a level playing field for the export of gas from the NTS through the interconnectors at Bacton, and so is of primary benefit to GB exporters rather to GB consumers. However, it is noted that there is a seasonal nature to the interconnector flow as they generally export over summer and import over winter, therefore gas 'leaving' the NTS over summer can be viewed as 'returning' to the NTS later in the year. It also gives suppliers to the NTS additional options which helps maintain the attractiveness of the GB market to new supply. Additional export capability should not therefore be seen as having a detrimental impact upon GB consumers, even if on a single gas day exports are seen to be higher.

What is the current consumer experience and what would the new consumer experience be?

As an arrangement between operators then there is no direct upon consumer experience.

Impact of the change on Consumer Benefit Areas:	
Area	Identified impact
Improved safety and reliability n/a	None
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case n/a	None
Reduced environmental damage n/a	None
Improved quality of service n/a	None
Benefits for society as a whole n/a	None

Cross-Code Impacts

None.

EU Code Impacts

None.

Central Systems Impacts

None.

7 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the Modification on the Transporters' 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.	None

c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
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.	Positive
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.	None

This modification will provide a consistent service to BBL and IL shippers by ensuring that the operators of the respective pipelines are offered the same level of service by National Grid.

8 Implementation

As Self-Governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Modification Panel decision to implement, subject to no Appeal being raised.

9 Legal Text

Text Commentary

No changes to UNC

Text

No changes to UNC, however a draft of the IA will be provided in a separate document.

10 Recommendations

Proposer's Recommendation to Panel

Panel is asked to:

- Agree that Self-Governance procedures should apply.
- Refer this proposal to a Workgroup for assessment.