

ECR Consultation update

 On 13th February National Gas re-issued the proposal to consultation which closed on 20th March.

While our original proposal was to reduce the capacity release at the Milford Haven ASEP between May – Sep 2023, the amended proposal limits the restriction to periods of Gassco maintenance to shorter time periods impacting Easington supply only.

We have received 8 responses, 6 opposing, 1 in support and 1 neutral. We have responded to concerns raised in the consultation process in the **Joint response letter** shared with the industry on 20th March. All non-confidential responses have been published on **our website**.

- On 20th March we have submitted our proposal, together with the Independent Examination (IE) report, to Ofgem for consideration.
- The IE assessment is not publicly available. A copy can be obtain upon signing a confidentiality agreement. Please email anna.stankiewicz@nationalgas.com if this is of interest.
- (Rolling monthly auction), full baseline capacity will be released at the Milford Haven ASEP.

Long term solution

- The current summer Milford Haven capability is between 60-70mcm/d* this is expected to raise to approx. 80-85mcm* in the future once the <u>Western Gas Project</u> is fully commissioned (while the baseline will increase from 87 to 102mcm).
- There is uncertainty around how long GB will play the EU transit role (therefore how long we might see increased LNG flows).
- EU LNG capability is increasing. Should LNG flows be comparable to pre-Russian invasion levels, we believe the NTS can be managed with the existing constraint management tools.

- Following summer 2023, we will have another summer set of data i.e., booked capacity levels and flows, to consider. Furthermore, other upstream and downstream factors will become clearer.
- Further consideration should be given to seasonal baselines and physical network investment as a part of our RIIOT3 discussions.