

0595:

Amendment to the Arrangements between National Grid NTS and GNI at the Moffat IP to provide for Interruption of Virtual Reverse Flow



Proposer: National Grid NTS

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Why change?



- Republic of Ireland TSO Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) has requested a change to the interconnection arrangements in place at the Moffat Interconnection Point (IP)
 - To provide for interruption of a User's Virtual Reverse Flow capacity entitlement
- Certain changes to interconnection arrangements (including this one) require consent of GB Users at Moffat
- UNC prescribes that this consent can be obtained by either the express approval of each User, or via an 'enabling' UNC Modification
- Historically, National Grid NTS has used the 'enabling' Modification route

Options



- Methods of securing User consent: UNC EID Section A 4.1.3
 - Option 1: “...*the approval of each User which for the time being holds Available Interconnection Point Capacity at the Interconnection Point...*”
 - Option 2: “...*pursuant to a Code Modification which authorises such agreement...*”
- Practical issues with meeting requirements of Option 1
- Historically, option 2 preferred to maximise transparency

Solution



- No specific changes to the UNC
 - 0595 is an ‘Enabling’ Modification to effectively secure consent of GB Users to change National Grid / GNI interconnection arrangements
- Change to interconnection arrangements with GNI
 - To enable GNI to revise a GNI User’s nomination as a consequence of interruption (such a reduction needs to be reflected in the Users allocation which is normally equal to the User’s nominations on a day)
 - To ensure the GNI adjusted nomination value prevails in the nominations matching process
- GB User impact: such a reduction would be reflected in the corresponding GB User’s nomination at the IP

Recommended Steps



- The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:
 - Subject to self-governance
 - Subject to Workgroup assessment to develop the modification for up to 2 months
- NB: Pre-modification discussion took place at Transmission Workgroup on 1st September 2016
 - Clarity sought in respect of :
 - Compliance with Capacity Allocation Mechanism (CAM)
 - Reflection of Moffat as an Entry Point in the GT Licence
 - GB Entry Capacity arrangements at the Moffat IP
 - No specific changes requested to the draft Modification Proposal