






UNC Modification	At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1 data-bbox="132 320 657 412">UNC 0787:</h1> <h2 data-bbox="132 450 1043 808">Introducing amendments to the interconnection agreement with Interconnector Limited to reflect latest operational standards and practices</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 amend the interconnection agreement (IA) with Interconnector Limited (IL). This will allow the IA to reflect latest standards and practices in gas quality and general operations.</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: none.</p> <p>Low: Interconnector Ltd.; National Grid; Shippers</p> <p>None:</p>	
<p>Impacted Codes: None.</p>	

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Timetable		 07970 114460
Modification timetable:		Transporter: National Grid Gas
Pre-Modification Discussed	02 September 2021	 Malcolm.montgomery@nationalgrid.com
Date Modification Raised	12 September 2021	
New Modification to be considered by Panel	21 October 2021	 07970 114460
First Workgroup Meeting	04 November 2021	
Workgroup Report to be presented to Panel	10 January 2022	Systems Provider: Xoserve
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	20 January 2022	
Consultation Close-out for representations	10 February 2022	 UKLink@xoserve.com
Final Modification Report available for Panel	11 February 2022	
Modification Panel decision	17 February 2022	

1 Summary

What

Changes to the Interconnection Agreement (IA) between National Grid Gas (NGG) and Interconnector Limited (IL) are being proposed. These changes relate to network exit provisions and are designed to bring the agreement up to date with latest standards and preferred ways of working between operators. Amendments relate to gas quality, flow rates, PRISMA, and communications between operators. (note: changes to pressure arrangements will be covered independently in an separate UNC Modification Proposal.)

Why

The changes can largely be characterised as a rationalisation and simplification of the existing text. This will make the document more reflective of current operational practises and allow the agreement to move to preferred standards. This will improve the functioning of the document.

How

This Modification Proposal provides the governance for the proposed changes 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. NGG believes that none of the changes proposed within the IA are of sufficient materiality to warrant Authority intervention, and therefore self-governance is proposed.

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?

The changes can largely be characterised as a simplification and rationalisation of the existing text. This will make the document more reflective of current operational practises and allow the agreement to move to preferred standards (e.g. with gas quality). Not changing the IA will leave some parts out of date, and the document will be sub-optimal with regards to documenting the processes between the operators. This change will therefore improve the functioning of the document.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

None.

Knowledge/Skills

None.

5 Solution

Amend the IL Interconnection Agreement.

Overview of changes (for info)

Topic	Section	Description	Reason
Gas Quality	A-2 and B-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update water dewpoint units. Lower the WI. Increase Temp. upper limit. Deletion of texts relating to Odour, forecasts of WI & CV and Hydrocarbon dewpoint. Updated text on C02. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To correct technical units. Align to lower legal limit in BE. Current standard. Texts considered obsolete. Reflect latest operational arrangements.
Flow Rate Rules	B-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated various texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to better reflect operational practice, and for drafting clarity and consistency.
Capacity	Annex D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> deletion of 'common services' and 'services' w.r.t. PRISMA service contract. remove text that says INT not using PRISMA for Transfers and Surrenders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> change in terms in PRISMA service contract. obsolete. INT now do use PRISMA for this purpose.
Various	General, Annexes C,E,G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated various texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical or drafting clarifications; consistency; better reflect current operational practices.

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

Insert text here.

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

This is an operator to operator agreement that is not expected to have any direct impact 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 Moving the operator – operator interconnector agreement to the latest standards and practices should improve the effective operation of a mid-stream part of the value chain.	Positive
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	Positive

(i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	
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.	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.	None

This Modification will allow for improved co-ordination with an adjacent operator, hence facilitating efficient operation of the NTS.

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.

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.