

CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No xxxx
Provision of day ahead nomination data at major Aggregated System Entry Points
Version 0.1

Date: 01/09/2008

Proposed Implementation Date: Q2/3 2009

Urgency: Non Urgent

Proposer's preferred route through modification procedures and if applicable, justification for Urgency

(see the criteria at http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/11700_Urgency_Criteria.pdf)

It is anticipated that this proposal will be discussed at the September Transmission Workstream before proceeding through normal modification procedures.

Nature and Purpose of Proposal (including consequence of non implementation)

Where capitalised words and phrases are used within this Modification Proposal, those words and phrases shall usually have the meaning given within the Uniform Network Code (unless they are otherwise defined in this Modification Proposal). Key UNC defined terms used in this Modification Proposal are highlighted by an asterisk () when first used. This Modification Proposal*, as with all Modification Proposals, should be read in conjunction with the prevailing UNC.*

Background: National Grid NTS* participates in the Gas Regional Initiative North West (GRI NW). This was formed under an initiative of European Regulator's Group for Electricity and Gas (ERGEG) of which Ofgem is a member.

One of the key priorities for GRI NW is a Transparency project which is aimed at delivering improved and consistent publication of capacity and flow data amongst GRI NW members in order to facilitate the requirements of market participants, and to act as a step towards a regional (and ultimately a single European) energy market.

It should be noted that whilst the GRI NW transparency project is concerned only with points of import and export from each Transporters' System, this Proposal seeks to avoid undue discrimination by including all major Aggregated System Entry Points* (ASEP(s)) within its scope.

National Grid NTS already publishes most of the data agreed to be made available to the market as a part of the GRI NW transparency project, but the publication of aggregate day-ahead nominations has been identified as a gap in the information provided.

It is proposed that:

By 18.00 on D-1 National Grid NTS should publish on its website;

- Aggregate prevailing Input Nominations* for each ASEP excluding those ASEPs which are not capable of flowing more than 10 MCMD per day into the Total System*. Or;
- Where an ASEP (excluding those ASEPs which are not capable of flowing more than

10 MCMD per day) has an associated System Exit Point* (e.g. due to a Connected System Exit Point* or Storage Connection Point*) then the aggregate prevailing Input Nomination should be combined with any Output Nominations* at the associated System Exit Point and the **net** value should be published.

It is envisaged that by publishing daily aggregate day-ahead nominations (as described above), Users will be better enabled to make an assessment of any available capacities at these points. It can be argued that such information provision will enable Users to adjust their nominations to utilise unused capacity and result in a more efficient utilisation of the existing infrastructure.

Consequence of non-implementation

If this proposal is not implemented then the benefit identified above will not be realised.

Basis upon which the Proposer considers that it will better facilitate the achievement of the Relevant Objectives, specified in Standard Special Condition A11.1 and 2 of the Gas Transporters Licence

Implementation of this proposal would better facilitate the relevant objectives A11.1 (b) the coordinated, efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system of one or more relevant gas transporters; and (d) the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers as this proposal increases transparency at key points thus increasing the efficient import of the gas to the GB System.

In addition, the GRI NW transparency project is a small but important step towards the creation of a more effective European gas market which should result in increased efficiencies and improved supply security and hence also better facilitate A11.1(e).

Any further information (Optional), likely impact on systems, processes or procedures, Proposer's view on implementation timescales and suggested text

This proposal will require changes to National Grid's web publication system and Gemini in order to extract and publish the required data. It is envisaged that this system development work can take place in parallel to MIPI phase 2 rollout and therefore be delivered during 2009. [more precise date to be confirmed]

Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs

Uniform Network Code

Transportation Principal Document

Section(s) Section V – Annex V-1

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