

Industry update from Ofgem – 1 March 2016

Decision letter approving the designation of an Agreement as a CSEP Ancillary Agreement in accordance with Standard Special Condition A11(18).

Our approval to designate the ‘St Fergus SEGAL NTS Connected System Exit Point Ancillary Agreement’ as a Connected System Exit Point (CSEP) Ancillary Agreement, may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/decision-letter-approving-designation-agreement-csep-ancillary-agreement-accordance-standard-special-condition-a1118>

Ofgem Guidance on Code Modification Urgency Criteria. We have made changes of a housekeeping nature to our guidance on the industry code modification urgency criteria (including proposals that contain retrospective elements). Our updated guidance may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/ofgem-guidance-code-modification-urgency-criteria-0>

Open letter: Sale of National Grid’s Gas Distribution Networks Business. In November 2015, National Grid publicly stated that it is planning to sell a majority stake in its UK Gas Distribution Network business. Our open letter, stating that the sale will require our consent in key areas, may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/open-letter-sale-national-grid-s-gas-distribution-networks-business>

Code modification/modification proposals with Ofgem for decision - indicative timetable. The table giving the indicative decision dates, and names of Ofgem experts, for code modification/amendment proposals that are with Ofgem for decision may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-indicative-timetable>

Innovation in a transforming energy system. Presentations made by Ofgem, Innovate UK and the Financial Conduct Authority, from an event on 9 February 2016, that explore the types of innovation coming to the energy market, the challenges innovators are facing and the implications for regulation may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/innovation-transforming-energy-system> and <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/martins-view-innovation-transforming-energy-system>

Upcoming deadline to submit for initial screening for the 2016 Gas Network Innovation Competition (NIC). Our publication advising that the submission deadline for this year’s Initial Screening Process will be 13 April 2016, may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/upcoming-deadline-submit-initial-screening-2016-gas-network-innovation-competition-nic>

Uniform Network Code (UNC) 504: Demand Side Response (DSR) Methodology Implementation. UNC504 introduces a gas demand-side response (DSR) mechanism into the UNC. This mechanism allows large consumers to make gas available to National Grid at times of system stress. Our approval of this modification may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/uniform-network-code-unc-504-demand-side-response-dsr-methodology-implementation>