

June 2015 Invitation

Northern Gas Networks' Interruption Requirements

Introduction

In March 2007, Ofgem announced its intention to modify the regime for interruptible contracts. These revised arrangements took effect from 1st April 2008 and allow Distribution Networks to publish their specific interruption requirements and invite offers for interruptible terms through a tender process. The next auction will take place between 1st and 12th June 2015, and will cover the period from 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2023.

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NGN requires interruption in 1 geographic zone. The zone where interruption is required and the number of days of interruption per year for the zone are shown on the map and table in Appendix A, and can also be found on the "Contracted Interruption" page of our website at <http://www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk/your-connections/business/contracted-interruption/>.

To assist further, all postcodes within an NGN zone requiring interruption and containing at least one eligible supply point are shown in Appendix B or can be found at the website described above.

Eligibility

All supply points with a registered Annual Quantity (AQ) greater than 5,860,000 kWh (200,000 therms) are eligible to make an offer, whether or not they are Daily Metered (DM) or Non-daily metered (NDM). Any supply point whose offer is accepted must be Daily Metered and be able to interrupt their supply when instructed by the first day of the interruption contract period.

Offers and Acceptance

Details of the bidding process have been sent by Xoserve to all shippers with eligible supply points within NGN's area. Offers should consist of an Interruption Option price (in pence per kWh) and an Interruption Exercise price (in pence per kWh per day). An Interruption Calculator has been developed to assist in preparing offers, and can be accessed via NGN's website using the link above.

Interruption offers must be for a whole number of days. The required number of days for the June 2015 process is 9 in Zone 11 as specified in the chart in Appendix A. There is no requirement for interruption in any other zone.

Offers can be made for any number of years from 1 to 5, but these must be consecutive (e.g. an offer for three years commencing October 2018 is allowable, but an offer for two years, the first commencing October 2018 and the second commencing October 2020 is not).

In Zone 11, offers will be considered for years 2018/19 to 2022/23. There are no additional interruption requirements for the years up to 2017/18 over and above the interruption contracts already in place.

Multiple offers may be made for a single supply point.

Offers for a single supply point may be made in tranches, but the minimum tranche size is for an AQ of 5,860,000 kWh (i.e. the minimum tranche size is 16,000 kWh per day). Where offers are made in tranches, the hourly consumption for each tranche (SHQ) must be provided. The maximum allowable number of tranches for a single supply point is nine.

Linked offers may be made for a single supply point provided they each meet the eligibility criteria. The appropriate SHQ should be provided for each linked offer.

NGN will assess all eligible offers in accordance with the DN Interruptible Capacity Methodology Statement. A copy of this document can be found on the Joint Office website at

http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sites/default/files/InterruptibleCapacityMethodologyStatement_0.pdf

From 1st October 2011 all supply points have been considered Firm for DN transportation purposes, paying Firm LDZ capacity and commodity charges. Shippers for those sites whose interruption offers are accepted will receive payments based on their Option and Exercise prices. Payment for the Option price will be made monthly in arrears for the year(s) covered by the contract. The Exercise price will be paid each time the site is interrupted by the DN.

Key Dates for the June 2015 Interruption Tender Process

1st May 2015 – Interruption Requirements published to shippers via Xoserve

1st June 2015 – Offer window opens

12th June 2015 – Offer window closes (17:00 GMT)

23rd July 2015 – Tender results notified to shippers by Xoserve

Further Information

NGN is keen to encourage tenders for interruption and we are happy to meet with any shippers or customers to discuss any issues relating to the interruption process.

Further information is available at <http://www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk/your-connections/business/contracted-interruption/>

In addition you can email interruption@northerngas.co.uk or talk direct to one of the contacts below:

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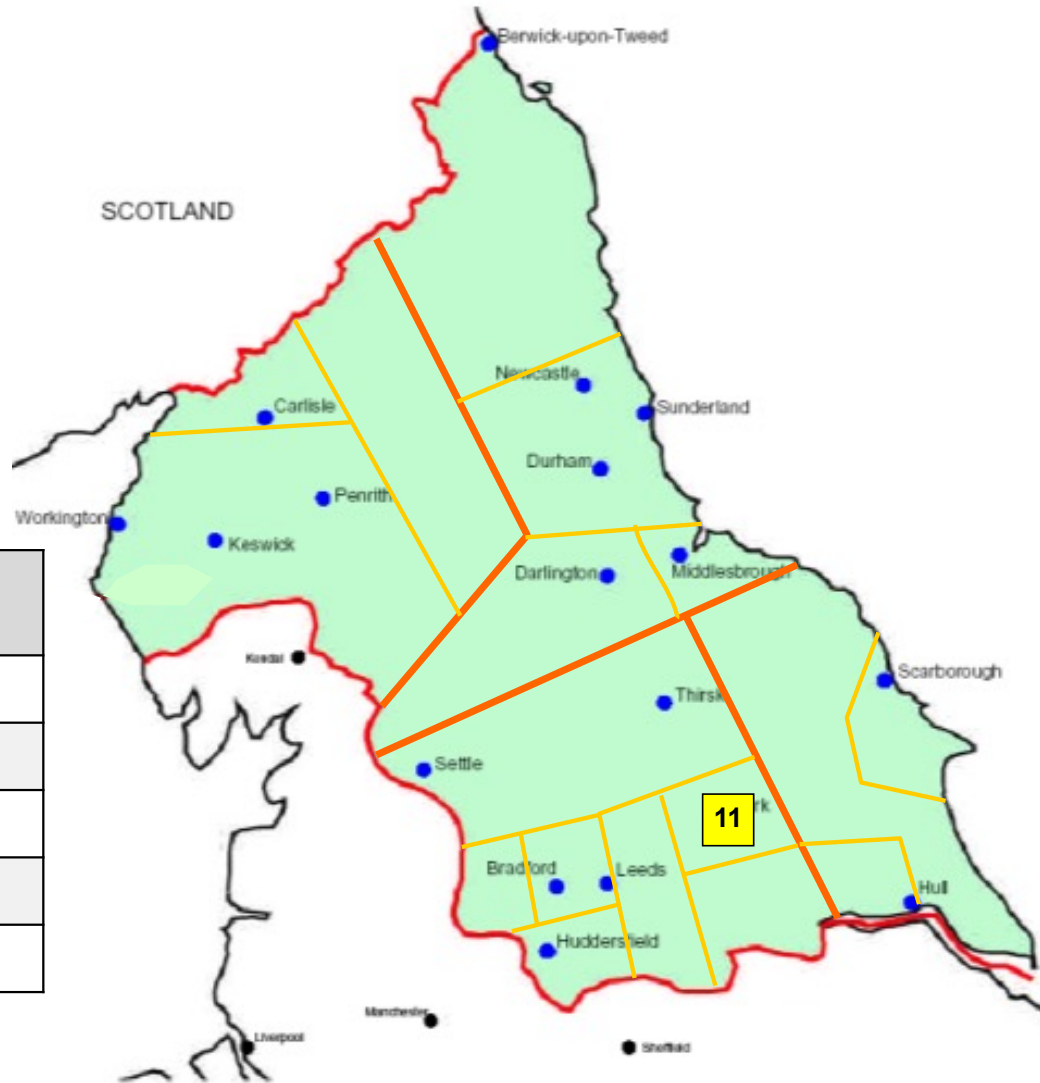
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Appendix A



Interruption Zones for June 2015 Tenders

Year	Zones Where Tenders Invited
2018/19	11
2019/20	11
2020/21	11
2021/22	11
2022/23	11



Interruption Requirements 2017/18 to 2021/22 (Y+4 to Y+8)

Capacities in kWh/day

Zone	Description	Applicable period (Y+4 = 1 Oct 2018 - 30 Sept 2019)	Total Number of Interruption Days Required	Aggregate Interruptible Capacity Required	Period 1 (days)	Minimum Capacity required in Period 1	Period 2 (days)	Minimum Capacity required in Period 2	Period 3 (days)	Minimum Capacity required in Period 3
GT3150011	Vale of York	Y+4 to Y+8	9	54,906	9	54,906	Single period of 9 days only required			

Appendix B

Zone IDs and Descriptions as they will appear in the Interruption Invitations
GT3150011
Vale of York
YO2
YO10
YO23
YO24
YO26
YO31
YO32
YO41
YO43
YO61
YO91