# Capacity Methodology Statements: Informal Consultation for EU updates







Transmission Workgroup: 8th January 2015

#### **Background**

- Each of the methodology statements are currently being drafted to align to Modifications 0500 and 0501/0501A/0501B/0501C:
  - ExCR: Exit Capacity Release
  - ECR: Entry Capacity Release
  - ExCS: Exit Capacity Substitution and Exit Baseline Revision
  - ECS: Entry Capacity Substitution
  - T&T: Entry Capacity Transfer and Entry Capacity Trade
- Informal consultation was published 18th December 2014
- Formal consultation anticipated to be Summer 2015

#### **Entry & Exit Capacity Release**

- Addition of a chapter to cover new UNC processes being introduced by Modification 0500.
- Minor changes elsewhere to reflect where existing processes only apply at non-Interconnection Points (Modification 0500)
- ECR: Noted any transitional changes to UNC processes at Bacton ASEP as well as the proposed Bacton UKCS ASEP and Bacton IP ASEP (Modification 0501/0501A/0501B/0501C)
- ExCR: Transitional arrangements for Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity at IPs
- New Terminology & References (Modification 0500)
- Note: There can be no Incremental Obligated Entry or Exit Capacity release at Interconnection Points until the Incremental element of CAM is developed and implemented.

# **Entry & Exit Substitution**

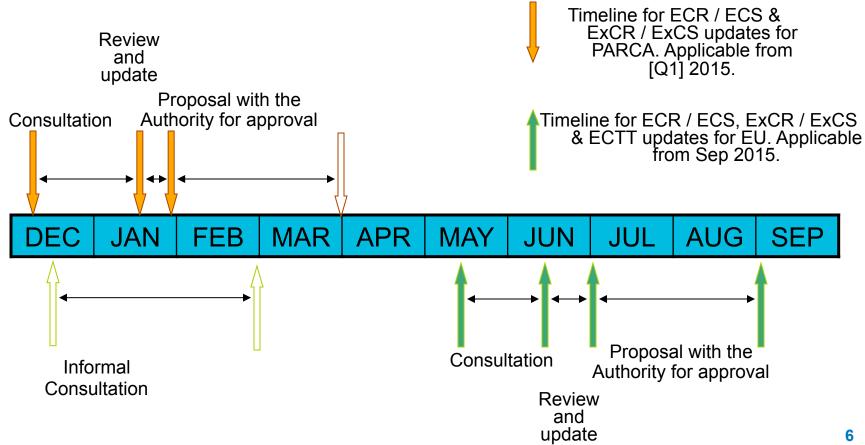
- Inclusion of references to new EU processes (Modification 0500)
- New Terminology & References (Modification 0500)
- ECS: Split of Bacton ASEP in Appendix 1 Entry Capacity Zone table – Modification 0501/0501A/0501B/0501C
- ECS: Clarification of Retainer and refund processes for Retainers taken out at Bacton ASEP
- Note: There can be no Incremental Obligated Entry or Exit Capacity release at Interconnection Points until the Incremental element of CAM is developed and implemented, hence currently there is no way to trigger substitution to an IP.
- Note: currently substitution at IPs is treated differently in the ECS and ExCS (ExCS has a limit on substitution of Technical Capacity), we would welcome comments on whether these rules should be aligned and if so what they should be.

#### **Entry Capacity Transfer & Trade**

- Minor changes to reflect that the processes described in the ECTT will no longer apply to Interconnection Points
- Note that the September 2015 Transfer & Trade process (covering capacity in October 2015) will be the final process that includes the "Bacton ASEP" (Mod 0501/0501A/0501B/0501C)

#### **Timetable**

Consultation on the various methodology statements is expected to broadly follow the timetable outlined below.



# **Informal Consultation Timings**

- Timings:
  - Consultation Start: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014
  - Consultation End: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015
- The methodology statements and consultation documents will be available on the National Grid Website:
  - http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/industry-information/gas-capacity-methodologies/
- Responses / queries to be sent to National Grid by <u>27<sup>th</sup> February</u> <u>2015</u>, via email to:
  - <u>box.transmissioncapacityandcharging@nationalgrid.com</u>