

**CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No xxxx**  
**<Provision of NTS Exit Capacity Information at all relevant system points for the transitional period>**  
**Version x.x**

**Date:** 29/09/2009

**Proposed Implementation Date:** 18/12/2009

**Urgency:** Non Urgent

## **1 The Modification Proposal**

### **a) Nature and Purpose of this Proposal**

*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).*

There has been extensive Industry consultation in relation to the reform of the NTS Offtake\* arrangements, with 7 UNC Modification Proposals ultimately being considered by Ofgem (0116V, 0116CVV, 0116BV, 0116VD, 0116A, 0195 and 0195AV). This consultation culminated in Ofgem's decision on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 to implement Modification Proposal 0195AV with an implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

As a result, National Grid NTS has UNC obligations to make available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity information at all relevant NTS Exit Points (including Moffat and Bacton) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 onwards (enduring exit period). This aligns the GB regime with European obligations to make available information at all relevant system points.

However, there is no UNC obligation for National Grid NTS to publish NTS Exit Capacity data for the period from now until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (transitional exit period). National Grid NTS believes that in order for Users to access similar information for the interim period that is available in the enduring regime National Grid NTS should make available the NTS Exit Capacity information (as detailed below).

To be consistent with the enduring exit period National Grid NTS proposes to publish the following information during the transitional period on a monthly basis by System Exit Point on the first business day of each month for the period until the enduring exit period obligations begin (1<sup>st</sup> October 2012).

- Baseline NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity
- Maximum interruptible capacity available
- NTS Offtake (flat) Capacity bookings at individual Distribution Network offtakes

- NTS Exit Capacity bookings at offtakes Direct Connects to the NTS
- Aggregate NTS Exit Capacity bookings at interconnectors.
- Actual NTS interruption by offtake: currently provided on a zonal basis

National Grid NTS believe that the development of its existing information publication obligations will benefit the Industry and lead to increased transparency in the transitional exit period enabling Users to more fully understand the technical, contracted and available exit capacity for each exit point.

**b) Justification for Urgency and recommendation on the procedure and timetable to be followed (if applicable)**

n/a

**c) Recommendation on whether this Proposal should proceed to the review procedures, the Development Phase, the Consultation Phase or be referred to a Workstream for discussion.**

**2 User Pays**

**a) Classification of the Proposal as User Pays or not and justification for classification**

This modification proposal does not affect xoserve systems or procedures and therefore is not affected by User Pays governance arrangements.

**b) Identification of Users, proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and justification**

n/a

**c) Proposed charge(s) for application of Users Pays charges to Shippers**

n/a

**d) Proposed charge for inclusion in ACS – to be completed upon receipt of cost estimate from xoserve**

n/a

**3 Extent to which implementation of this Modification Proposal would better facilitate the achievement (for the purposes of each Transporter's Licence) of the Relevant Objectives**

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

This proposal increases the transparency of information at the Exit System Points.

**4 The implications of implementing this Modification Proposal on security of supply, operation of the Total System and industry fragmentation**

n/a

**5 The implications for Transporters and each Transporter of implementing this Modification Proposal, including:**

**a) The implications for operation of the System:**

n/a

**b) The development and capital cost and operating cost implications:**

n/a

**c) Whether it is appropriate to recover all or any of the costs and, if so, a proposal for the most appropriate way for these costs to be recovered:**

n/a

**d) The consequence (if any) on the level of contractual risk of each Transporter under the Uniform Network Code of the Individual Network Codes proposed to be modified by this Modification Proposal**

n/a

**6 The extent to which the implementation is required to enable each Transporter to facilitate compliance with a safety notice from the Health and Safety Executive pursuant to Standard Condition A11 (14) (Transporters Only)**

n/a

**7 The development implications and other implications for the UK Link System of the Transporter, related computer systems of each Transporter and related computer systems of Users**

n/a

**8 The implications for Users of implementing the Modification Proposal, including:**

- a) **The administrative and operational implications (including impact upon manual processes and procedures)**  
n/a
- b) **The development and capital cost and operating cost implications**  
National Grid NTS believes there is no development, capital or operation cost implications.
- c) **The consequence (if any) on the level of contractual risk of Users under the Uniform Network Code of the Individual Network Codes proposed to be modified by this Modification Proposal**  
No consequences on the level of contractual risk have been identified.
- 9 The implications of the implementation for other relevant persons (including, but without limitation, Users, Connected System Operators, Consumers, Terminal Operators, Storage Operators, Suppliers and producers and, to the extent not so otherwise addressed, any Non-Code Party)**  
n/a
- 10 Consequences on the legislative and regulatory obligations and contractual relationships of the Transporters**  
It would enable National Grid NTS to more fully meet European regulation 1775/2005 which requires information to be published by TSOs on entry and exit capacity at all relevant system points.
- 11 Analysis of any advantages or disadvantages of implementation of the Modification Proposal not otherwise identified in paragraphs 2 to 10 above**  
**Advantages**  
Identified above  
**Disadvantages**  
None identified
- 12 Summary of representations received as a result of consultation by the Proposer (to the extent that the import of those representations are not reflected elsewhere in this Proposal)**  
None
- 13 Detail of all other representations received and considered by the Proposer**  
None
- 14 Any other matter the Proposer considers needs to be addressed**

None

**15 Recommendations on the time scale for the implementation of the whole or any part of this Modification Proposal**

Draft Proposal discussed at Transmission Workstream	01-Oct-09
Proposal submitted to Mod Panel	15-Oct-09
Proposal issued for consultation (subject to Mod Panel Approval)	15-Oct-09
Closeout for representations	06-Nov-09
Modification Panel decide upon recommendation	19-Nov-09
Proposed implementation date	18-Dec-09

**16 Comments on Suggested Text**

**17 Suggested Text**

**Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs**

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**Section(s)**

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