LDZ Shrinkage Initial Proposals Gas Year 2008/09

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Revised Regulatory Environment



2008-13 Shrinkage Allowances (E8)

Revised Regulatory Regime Introduced

- Shrinkage is gas lost from the system through leakage, theft and own use gas
- Concluded there was no measurable correlation between shrinkage (leakage) and throughput
- 2007/08 allowances (volume & price) 'rolled over' for first six months to allow UNC modification proposals to be progressed
- Revised regime reduces both (weather related) volume risk and price risk

2007/08 Shrinkage Allowance

Shrinkage Factors (predefined within licence) *multiplied by* actual throughput *multiplied by* Gas Reference Price (3 month ahead price + 3.5% uplift)

2008-13 Shrinkage Allowance

Shrinkage Quantities

(predefined 'reducing' volumes within licence, broadly reflective of BPQ submission)

multiplied by

Gas Reference Price

(Day Ahead Price)

2008-13 Shrinkage Allowances (E8)

Allowed Shrinkage Quantities



Modification Proposal 0203V

Areas addressed

- For the 2008-13 Gas Distribution Networks Price Control, Ofgem fixed a volumetric allowance for Shrinkage for each LDZ, as opposed to ex ante target shrinkage factors (percentages of throughput).
 - Ofgem concluded that on the basis of evidence available, there is little correlation between shrinkage and throughput for the existing networks
- As a result, changes to Section N have been progressed:
 - to update references to LDZ Shrinkage Factors to reflect LDZ Shrinkage Quantities
 - make appropriate amendments to the content of industry notification processes, namely current Initial and Final Proposals
 - effect minor change to the classification of LDZ vented gas, consistent with the operation of the approved Leakage model calculations (vented gas is not burnt and therefore should be classed as unaccounted for gas, not own use gas)
 - update the sources of information used in the assessment process to include all inputs to the leakage model
 - System amendments (Gemini / UK Link) being considered and progressed in parallel

- Modification approved by Ofgem on 20 June 2008
 - Implementation date 1 July 2008

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Leakage

- Mains replacement:
 - 2007/8: c1800km metallic mains / services
 - 2008/9: forecast c1800km metallic mains / services
- Average System Pressure
 - Minimal change in EA, NT & WM
 - Significant reductions in EM & NW
 - Net effect decrease of 0.9mbar
- MEG concentration
 - 4% reduction
- 2008/09 Leakage: 1,850 GWh
 - 5,068,716 KWh per day



Own Use Gas (OUG)

- Fixed LDZ Specific Daily Quantity
 - Equivalent to 0.011% of 17 year Seasonal Normal consumption
- Consistent with National Average determined by Advantica in 2002
- 2008/09 OUG: 36 GWh
 97,687 KWh per day



Theft of Gas (TOG)

- Fixed LDZ Specific Daily Quantity
 - Equivalent to 0.02% of 17 year Seasonal Normal consumption
- Year on year variations in Transporter responsible theft
 - 2002: 4.4%
 - 2003: 1.2%
 - 2004: 4.0%
 - 2005: 3.1%
 - 2006: 5.4%
 - 2007: 10.1%
- 2008/09 TOG: 65 GWh
 - 177,613 KWh per day



Outer Metropolitan Area "Outer Met"

- Background
 - Shrinkage associated with Outer Met c30 GWh
 - An area fed from EA LDZ LTS
 - Supply Points aligned to EA LDZ
 - Transportation Charges levied on those Supply Points
 - However:
 - Area operated & maintained by London Network
 - 2008-13 allowed revenues aligned to where the costs are incurred
 - Transportation Charges calculated with Outer Met Shrinkage volume in London Network
 - Historic misalignment difficult to unwind
 - 2008/09 Initial Proposals
 - Proposed to consider the Outer Met Shrinkage volume to be within North Thames LDZ for the 2008/09 proposals
 - Currently (2007/08) procured in EA LDZ



Outer Met Shrinkage Volumes Impact on RbD Shippers

- Ideal Solution (would require Price Control re-opener and restructure of National Grid Operations)
 - Shipper costs associated with 'increased' RbD smear are being incurred in NT as Outer Met Shrinkage Volume is being procured in EA
 - Transportation charges are calculated with Outer Met Shrinkage costs being incurred in EA, i.e. National Grid are being funded to procure Outer Met Shrinkage Volume in EA

	Gas Price	£30,000	/GWh	Outer Met	30 GWh		
RbD Shipper	Market Share		Value of Outer Met Shrinkage Volume on RbD Shippers (Gas Price x Volume x Market Share)		Transportation Cost incurred by RbD Shippers (c80% of transportation costs incurred by RbD)		Theoretical Cost to Shipper
	EA	NT	EA	NT	EA	NT	
Shipper A	10%	40%	£90,000	£360,000	£72,000	£288,000	£432,000
Shipper B	50%	50%	£450,000	£450,000	£360,000	£360,000	£810,000
Shipper C	40% 10%		£360,000	£90,000	£288,000	£72,000	£378,000
			£900,000	£900,000	£720,000	£720,000	£1,620,000

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Outer Met Shrinkage Volumes Impact on RbD Shippers

- Current Situation (in operation in the current 2007/08 Gas Year)
 - Shipper costs associated with 'increased' RbD smear are being incurred in NT as Outer Met Shrinkage Volume is being procured in EA
 - Transportation charges are calculated with Outer Met Shrinkage costs being incurred in NT, i.e. National Grid are being funded to procure Outer Met Shrinkage Volume in NT

	Gas Price	£30,000	/GWh	Outer Met	30	GWh			
RbD Shipper	Market Share		Value of Outer Met Shrinkage Volume on RbD Shippers (Gas Price x Volume x Market Share)		Transportation Cost incurred by RbD Shippers (c80% of transportation costs incurred by RbD)		Theoretical Cost to Shipper	Theoretical Cost to Shipper of 'Ideal' Solution	Variance from 'Ideal' Solution
	EA	NT	EA	NT	EA	NT			
Shipper A	10%	40%	£90,000	£360,000	£72,000	£288,000	£648,000	£432,000	(£216,000)
Shipper B	50%	50%	£450,000	£450,000	£360,000	£360,000	£810,000	£810,000	£0
Shipper C	40%	10%	£360,000	£90,000	£288,000	£72,000	£162,000	£378,000	£216,000
			£900,000	£900,000	£720,000	£720,000	£1,620,000	£1,620,000	

Outer Met Shrinkage Volumes

Impact on RbD Shippers

Proposed Way Forward (2008/09 Initial Proposals)

- Shipper costs associated with 'increased' RbD smear are being incurred in EA as Outer Met Shrinkage Volume is being procured in NT
- Transportation charges are calculated with Outer Met Shrinkage costs being incurred in NT, i.e. National Grid are being funded to procure Outer Met Shrinkage Volume in NT

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	EA	NT	EA	NT	EA	NT			
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In the 2008/09 Initial Proposals, National Grid are proposing the option that minimises the variance from the 'ideal', which is to procure the Outer Met Shrinkage Volume in NT LDZ

Reference Data / Tables

Table 1 Proposed LDZ Shrinkage Quantity values for the 2008/09 Gas Year

LDZ	Existing 2	Shrinka 007/08 (ige Qua (GWh)	ntities	Proposed Shrinkage Quantities 2008/09 (GWh)			
	Leakage	OUG	Theft	Total	Leakage	OUG	Theft	Total
Eastern	303	6	10	320	250	5	10	265
East Midlands	379	10	16	404	359	8	15	382
North Thames	341	8	13	362	363	7	13	382
North West	508	10	17	535	471	9	17	496
West Midlands	412	7	12	431	408	6	11	425
National Grid	1,944	41	68	2,052	1,850	36	65	1,951

Table 2Proposed LDZ Daily Shrinkage Quantity Values

LDZ	Daily Shrinkage
Eastern	726,479
East Midlands	1,046,687
North Thames	1,046,960
North West	1,359,379
West Midlands	1,164,510
National Grid	5,344,016

LDZ	Leakage (GWh)	OUG (GWh)	Theft (GWh)	Total (GWh)
Eastern	250	5	10	265
East Midlands	359	8	15	382
North Thames	363	7	13	382
North West	471	9	17	496
West Midlands	408	6	11	425
National Grid	1850	36	65	1951

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