

Notice of NTS Entry Capacity Retention Charges used from 24th January 2010

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National Grid is publishing this notice of revised transportation charges at least two months in advance of the retainer request window to be held in advance of the March 2010 Quarterly System Entry Capacity (QSEC) auction, consistent with our Licence and Uniform Network Code (UNC) obligations.

The retainer charge shall be 0.2922 pence per kWh of entry capacity retained (this equates to 0.0001 p/kWh/d for 32 quarters). This charge is applicable to all Aggregated System Entry Points (ASEPs).

This notice of revised charges is issued in anticipation of the Authority approving National Grid's proposed Entry Capacity Substitution Methodology Statement. It is also subject to the non-veto by the authority of Gas Charging Consultation Paper GCM18 – 'NTS Entry Capacity Retention Charges' and the implementation of UNC Modification Proposal 265 – 'Creation of an NTS Entry Capacity Retention Charge within the UNC'. In the event that any of these changes are not implemented, there will be no request process for retainers and National Grid will not open the retainer window as proposed in the Entry Capacity Substitution Methodology Statement. In the event of GCM18 and UNC Modification Proposal 265 being approved and the substitution methodology vetoed, then similarly there will be no request process for retainers.

It is anticipated that a decision on the proposal and consultations will be made by the Authority in December 2009.

National Grid will be publishing a separate notice that will give at least two months advanced notice of the next QSEC Step Prices along with the revised reserve prices.

The full Transportation Charges Statement can be found on our website under Gas Charging /Methodology and Charging Statements.

If you have any questions relating to this notice, or NTS charges in general, please contact the Transmission Charging & Revenue team on 01926 654633.