

## Industry update from Ofgem – Up to date as of 4<sup>th</sup> April March 2016

**Certification decision on GNI(UK) Limited.** On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 Ofgem published its final decision that GNI(UK) should be certified as independent and that it is designated as a gas TSO. The documents may be found at the following locations on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/certification-decision-gniuk-limited> .

**Code Governance Review (Phase 3) Final Proposals.** On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 Ofgem published its final proposals for code governance reform, taking into account responses to our October 2015 Initial Proposals as well as feedback from our code administrator's workshop in December 2015. This includes proposed changes to the SCR process. There is also a change to the self-governance process. The documents may be found at the following locations on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/code-governance-review-phase-3-final-proposals> , <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/code-governance-review-phase-3-final-proposals-consultation-code-administration-reporting-metrics-and-performance-surveys> and <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/code-governance-review-phase-3-final-proposals-consultation-licence-modifications>

**Forward Work Programme 2016-17.** On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 Ofgem published its Forward Work Programme for 2016-17. Gas Transmission implications include provisional consultation dates for the strategy documents for RIIO GD2 and RIIO T2. The programmes may be found at the following locations on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/forward-work-programme-2016-17>

**Simplification Plan 2016-17.** On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 Ofgem published its annual Simplification Plan explaining what how it intends reduce or remove regulatory requirements which have become burdensome. The plan may be found at the following locations on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/simplification-plan-2016-17>

**Code modification/modification proposals with Ofgem for decision - indicative timetable.** On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Ofgem published an update to the table giving the indicative decision dates, and names of Ofgem experts, for code modification/amendment proposals that are with Ofgem for decision. The dates are indicative and are subject to change. The table will be updated periodically. The table may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-indicative-timetable> .

**Open letter: call for engagement on insights for future regulation.** On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 Ofgem published an open letter introducing a new process of horizon scanning to help us identify and understand changes to the energy industry, likely impacts on consumers and the implications for regulation. Parties interested in taking part in this process should contact Ofgem, who will be arranging workshops and other channels of communication in

the near future. The letter may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/open-letter-call-engagement-insights-future-regulation> . A blog post explaining the project can be found here:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/news-blog/our-blog/call-engagement-insights-future-regulation>

**RIIO-GT1 Annual Report 2014-15.** On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, Ofgem published the RIIO-GT1 Annual Report for the period 2014 – 2015. This report gives stakeholders information on the performance of NGG (NTS) against its price control obligations and incentives for the second year of the price control. The report may be found at the following location on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/riio-gt1-annual-report-2014-15> .

**Section 23 notice of modification of National Grid Gas' transporter licence to add three new exit points.** Statutory Consultation: Responses required by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016. On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Ofgem published a notice of a modification to add three new exit points to its gas transporter licence. More information, including the Section 23 notice and Consultation letter, can be found at the following location on the Ofgem website:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/section-23-notice-modification-national-grid-gas-transporter-licence-add-three-new-exit-points> . Responses should be

submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**List of all gas licensees with registered or service addresses.** On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 an up-to-date list of all gas licensees (including all gas suppliers) and their registered or service addresses was published and can be found at the following location on the Ofgem website:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/list-all-gas-licensees-registered-or-service-addresses>

**Proposal to modify Gas Transporters Licence Standard Condition 2.** Consultation:

Responses required by 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Ofgem published a consultation document proposing to modify Standard Condition 2 of the Gas Transporters Licence to remove any impression that the Authority would need the consent of the licensee to undertake certain actions. The proposed modifications would mean that this licence condition would be compliant with the requirements of the Gas Directive 2009/73/EC, which requires that the Authority be able to make independent decisions. More

information, including the consultation document, can be found at the following location on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/proposal-modify-gas-transporters-licence-standard-condition-2> . Responses should be submitted by 22<sup>nd</sup> April

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