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Dear Colleague,

<u>Early Closure of Annual Invitation to Participate in Auction</u> <u>of Quarterly System Entry Capacity</u>

In accordance with paragraph B2.2.19 of the UNC, National Grid has closed the Annual Invitation for Quarterly System Entry Capacity early. This has occurred because the Stability Groups (as determined in accordance with section B2.2.17 of the UNC) that changed between the first Interim Bid Window held on Monday 7th March and the second Interim Bid Window held on Tuesday 8th March were zero.

The final allocation will be determined by application of the tests described in National Grids Incremental Entry Capacity Release (IECR) statement.

National Grid will inform Users of their QSEC capacity allocation within Gemini (via the bid information screen) no later than two calendar months after the last annual invitation date and therefore, at the latest by 18th May 2016.

The following information will be published by National Grid within Gemini (via the MoS reports) and also on the National Grid website not later than one calendar day after informing Users of their QSEC capacity allocation and therefore, by 19th May 2016.

For each ASEP and each relevant period;

- Volume of Baseline, Obligated Incremental and Non-Obligated Incremental capacity allocated
- Revenue from sales of Baseline, Obligated Incremental and Non-Obligated Incremental capacity
- Amount of unallocated Baseline Capacity
- Clearing Price (This will be the same as the highest, lowest and weighted average prices)
- The number of Users who submitted successful capacity bids

National Grid is a trading name for: National Grid Gas plc Registered Office: 1-3 Strand, London WC2N 5EH Registered in England and Wales, No 2006000 The number of Users who submitted unsuccessful capacity bids

 Where there is an allocation of QSEC in a period - number of Users who submitted bids at each price level

Website address: http://marketinformation.natgrid.co.uk/Gas/CapacityReports.aspx .

Select the following criteria:

Auction Type: Quarterly System Entry Capacity

Report Type: Allocation Results

From Month/Year: Oct-17
To Month/Year: Sep-32

Please note that this message is being sent by email via the Joint Office and an Automated Notification Service (ANS) message will also be issued informing users that the invitation has been published.

If you have any queries with regards to entry capacity, the auction mechanism, Gemini or information provision then please do not hesitate to contact me on +44 (0)1926 65 4057. Alternatively you can e-mail the capacity team regarding any capacity issues at capacityauctions@nationalgrid.com.

Yours sincerely

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