

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0454: Introduction of a Long Term Non Firm Capacity Product

Date referred from Panel: 16 May 2013

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0454

Solution

It is proposed to introduce a Long Term Non Firm capacity product for both NTS Entry and Exit Capacity. Long Term Non Firm Capacity would be made available via the release of Firm NTS Entry/Exit (Flat) Capacity with an associated Option Agreement. This change would allow a customer access to the NTS prior to the effective date of the Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity/Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity allocated to (or as the case may be, reserved by) the customer following the receipt of an incremental capacity signal from that customer.

Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve objective
- Development of Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of potential impacts of the modification
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Assessment of legal text.

Outputs

Produce a Workgroup Report for submission to the Modification Panel, containing the assessment and recommendations of the Workgroup.

Composition of Workgroup

The Workgroup is open to any party that wishes to attend or participate.

A Workgroup meeting will be quorate provided at least two Transporter and two User representatives are present.

Meeting Arrangements

Meetings will be administered by the Joint Office and conducted in accordance with the Code Administration Code of Practice.