

Stage 01: Modification

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Introduction of Interconnection Points and new processes and transparency requirements to facilitate compliance with the EU Congestion Management Procedures

At what stage is this document in the process?

- 01 Modification
- 02 Workgroup Report
- 03 Draft Modification Report
- 04 Final Modification Report

This proposal seeks to facilitate compliance with Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks with regards to the Congestion Management Procedures



The Proposer recommends that this modification should be (delete as appropriate):

- assessed by a workgroup



High Impact:
Shippers and Transporters



Medium Impact:



Low Impact:

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About this document:

This modification will be presented by the proposer to the panel on 21 March 2013. The panel will consider the proposer’s recommendation, and agree whether this modification should be issued for consultation or be referred to a workgroup for assessment


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1 Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

Self Governance procedures are not proposed because this Modification Proposal would have an impact on Users and their NTS Entry and NTS Exit Capacity booking requirements at Interconnection Points.

Why Change?

On 24 August 2012 the European Commission adopted rules to reduce congestion in European gas transmission pipelines as Congestion in gas pipelines, has long been viewed as an obstacle to a well-functioning, open and integrated gas market across the European Union. The rules amend the existing Annex I to the Gas Regulation (EC) no. 715/2009 and require a number of the Congestion Management Procedures to be implemented by the 1 October 2013.

Solution

This modification will introduce a new classification of System Entry Point and NTS Exit Point within the UNC. It will also put in place an oversubscription process for the AMSEC Auction, new transparency obligations and new NTS Entry and Exit Capacity surrender processes for the following entry and exit capacity products:

- NTS Entry Capacity
 - Quarterly System Entry Capacity
 - Monthly System Entry Capacity (excluding the RMSEC Auction)
- NTS Exit Capacity
 - Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity
 - Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity

As the CMP regulations are closely linked to the proposed Capacity Allocation Mechanism (CAM) Regulation any solution will need to be reviewed as part of CAM, the CMP oversubscription and surrender solution detailed within this Modification Proposal will be facilitated via a combination of operational processes and existing Gemini system functionality.

Relevant Objectives

Implementation of this Modification would better facilitate the following relevant objective:

g) "Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators"

Implementation

No implementation timescales are proposed.

Introduction of new processes will be necessary to facilitate implementation of this Modification and will be based on the use of existing system functionality. A Rough Order Of Magnitude (ROM) request will be raised with Xoserve to confirm whether this Modification will result in changes to the Gemini system and the timeframes associated with any changes.

2 Why Change?

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The Congestion Management Procedures are to be applied only at "Interconnection Points" which is a classification of System Point that is not currently defined within the Uniform Network Code, and will cover a number of requirements:

Long Term use it or lose it
Firm Day Ahead use it or lose it
Oversubscription and Buyback
Surrender
Transparency

However of the above, only the Oversubscription and Buyback, Surrender processes and Transparency obligations are required for 1 October 2013. Whilst oversubscription and buyback are processes that are currently catered for within the UNC the AMSEC Auction will require an oversubscription process to be put in place, a number of new surrender processes and Transparency obligations will be required in order to enact the regulation.

The oversubscription and surrender processes introduced by this modification will need to be reviewed as part of the implementation of the Capacity Allocation Mechanism (CAM) Regulation, potentially requiring the development of a CMP solution that can be applied to the CAM processes when implemented. The definition of Interconnection Points, Transparency obligations, oversubscription and surrender processes will need to be reviewed as part of the CAM implementation process.

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3 Solution

It is proposed that a number of new processes and defined terms be introduced into the UNC:

New Defined Terms

- “Annual Release Process” means the release of:
 - NTS Entry Capacity following an annual capacity invitation
 - NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity following an annual capacity notification
- “Surrender Invitation” means an invitation made in advance of an annual release process informing Users that they may make surrender offers
- “Surrender Offer” means an offer to surrender System Capacity
- “Surrender Window” means the period of five Business Days specified in a in a surrender invitation during which Users may submit surrender offers
- “Surrendered Capacity” is in relation to a relevant quarter or year, the aggregate amount of system capacity in respect of which Users have submitted surrender offers in response to a surrender invitation
- “Interconnection Point” (IP) is:
 - An Aggregate System Entry Point at which gas is delivered to the Total System through an interconnector connecting the Total System to the national gas transmission system of another EU member state.
 - An NTS Exit Point at which gas is offtaken from the Total System through an interconnector connecting the Total System to the national gas transmission system of another EU member state
 - [any such point as is designated by the Authority]

Capacity Oversubscription and Surrender Processes

National Grid NTS shall only accept the surrender of a Users Available or Registered System Capacity at an Interconnection Point, where:

- The quantity offered for surrender is for a minimum of 1 calendar month but shall reflect the allocation process for which the capacity has been offered for surrender
- the Unsold NTS Entry Capacity made available for the period in the relevant Annual Release Process, for which the Surrender Offer applies, is [soldoversubscribed](#)
- the Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity for the period in the relevant Annual Release Process, for which the Surrender Offer applies, is [soldoversubscribed](#)

Available System Capacity is the System Capacity which a User holds at the IP after taking into account any System Capacity Transfer under UNC TPD B5.

NTS Entry Capacity Surrender and Oversubscription Processes

QSEC Auction Surrender Process

- No less than [fifteen] Business Days prior to the notification of the Annual Invitation for Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity, National Grid NTS will invite Users to surrender Available System Capacity at an IP (the Surrender Invitation), for allocation to Users requesting capacity in the QSEC auction.

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- A surrendering User shall remain liable for all charges and liabilities associated with the Surrendered Capacity irrespective of whether it is subsequently allocated.
- Until Surrendered Capacity is allocated the surrendering Users Available System Capacity shall remain unchanged.
- The Surrender Invitation will state:
 - The IP
 - The duration of the Surrender Window, which shall be [five] Business Days
 - The details of how Users can provide their Surrender Offer(s) at an IP
 - The Minimum Eligible Amount which will be 100,000 kWh/day.
 - That a User cannot offer to surrender a quantity greater than their Available Firm NTS Entry Capacity i.e. net of NTS Entry Capacity trades at that IP for the Quarter(s) that they are offering to surrender capacity for.
- Users wishing to take part in the QSEC auction Surrender process must, between 0800 and 1700 on the dates specified, provide the following information to National Grid NTS:
 - The IP
 - User ID
 - The amount that they are offering to surrender. This must be equal to or greater than the Minimum Eligible Amount of 100,000kWh/day
 - The minimum amount that they are offering to surrender. This must be equal to or greater than the Minimum Eligible Amount of 100,000kWh/day and less than or equal to the amount that is being offered for surrender
 - The calendar quarter(s) for which the Surrender Offer applies (these do not have to be consecutive quarters).
- By submitting a Surrender Offer the surrendering User agrees to surrender Available System Capacity up to the amount offered and is confirming that they have sufficient Available System Capacity to fulfill the Surrender Offer.
- Where the User does not have sufficient Available System Capacity to fulfill the Surrender Offer National Grid NTS will not accept the Surrender Offer.
- Users may submit more than one Surrender Offer but may not submit more than one Surrender Offer per calendar quarter per IP. A submitted offer may cover multiple quarters and must fall within the quarters that can be allocated within the relevant QSEC auction
- Users can amend or withdraw their Surrender Offer(s) at any time between 08:00 and 17:00 hours on each Day of the Surrender Window until 17:00 hours on the last Day of the Surrender Window
- Users will be informed by the QSEC invitation of Available System Capacity that has been offered for surrender and the quarter(s) that it has been offered.
- Where National Grid NTS has received Capacity Bids that in aggregate exceed the quantity of Unsold NTS Entry Capacity that has been made available in the QSEC auction, surrendered Available System Capacity will be allocated as Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity before both any other such Additional

Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity that National Grid NTS in its own discretion make available to Users and Incremental NTS Entry Capacity.

- The surrendered Available System Capacity is allocated to Users as Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity and will feed into the capacity neutrality arrangements as a Relevant Capacity Revenue.
- A User(s) will pay in respect of each Day, when due, NTS Entry Capacity Charges for any Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity allocated i.e. the quantity multiplied by the Applicable Daily Rate. For the avoidance of doubt this will be either the applicable Reserve Price or Cleared Price.
- Surrendered Available System Capacity allocated through this process shall be;
 - utilised in respect of overrun calculations i.e. a User's Available NTS Entry Capacity will reflect either the Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity bought or Available System Capacity surrendered as applicable and the allocated price will be considered in the calculation of the System Entry Overrun Charge.
 - subject to the provisions of UNC Section V3, as for all other allocation processes, if a User fails to meet these provisions then their Capacity Bids will be rejected.
- Where more than one User has surrendered Available System Capacity, the Unsold NTS Entry Capacity made available has been allocated and the aggregate quantity of surrendered Available System Capacity exceeds the remaining unsatisfied bid quantities, the Surrender Offers will be prorated. Where a Surrender Offers resulting prorated quantity is less than the minimum amount specified by the User then the Surrender Offer will be rejected and the proration recalculated for the remaining Surrender Offers.
- When prorating the Surrender Offers results in Surrender Offers not being accepted and there remain unsatisfied Capacity Bids the Surrender Offers will be accepted (subject to the surrendering Users specified minimum amount) in order of time stamp i.e. Surrender Offers will be taken based on the time and date that they were received by National Grid NTS with the earliest received taken first.
- Where Surrendered Available System Capacity is allocated National Grid NTS will undertake the surrender on the Users behalf
- National Grid NTS will undertake the surrender through a Forward Agreement(s). This will not require the User(s) to undertake any actions on National Grid NTS' systems or for National Grid NTS to issue a Forward Agreement Tender Invitation Notice.
- National Grid NTS will use a Forward Agreement(s) to adjust the surrendering Users Available System Capacity to reflect the Users quantity of surrendered Available System Capacity allocated as Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity in the QSEC auction for the relevant quarter(s).
- National Grid NTS will update its systems with the details of the Forward Agreement(s) within [Five] Business Days of the allocation of the Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity
- Each Forward Agreement will detail:
 - IP
 - User ID
 - The duration, this may be for a quarter or number of quarters (non consecutive quarters may be reflected through the use of multiple Forward Agreements)

- The Maximum Forward Quantity (kWh/day) – The Users Available System Capacity that has been surrendered (and subsequently allocated as Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity)
- Price – the price that is to be paid to the User for the surrendered Available System Capacity which in this instance will be the relevant Cleared Price or Reserve Price of the relevant quarter(s) in the QSEC auction
- Once National Grid NTS has updated the relevant systems it will provide each surrendering User at the IP details of their accepted Surrender Offers i.e.
 - The duration
 - IP
 - The Maximum Forward Quantity (kWh/day) – The Available System Capacity that has been surrendered (and subsequently allocated as Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity)
 - Price
- Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity that is allocated shall be included in the allocated User’s aggregate Available NTS Entry Capacity (determined as fully adjusted) to determine the Users Overrun Quantity and be considered when calculating the System Entry Overrun Charge.
- A Users Available System Capacity that is allocated as Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity shall be deducted from their aggregate Available NTS Entry Capacity (determined as fully adjusted) for the period for which it has been surrendered, to determine the Users Overrun Quantity and be considered when calculating the Overrun Price.
- The Forward Agreement will be treated as a Relevant Capacity Cost and feed into the Capacity Neutrality Arrangements in accordance with UNC TPD B2.13.2. For the avoidance of doubt the Relevant Capacity Costs feed into the National Grid NTS constraint management incentive.
- Amounts payable from the Forward Agreement will be treated as NTS Entry Capacity Surrender Charges and be invoiced and payable in accordance UNC TPD Section S.
- The surrendering User will be invoiced for their Registered NTS Entry Capacity (which is unaffected by the surrender of Available System Capacity) and will receive a credit for their surrendered Available System Capacity allocated as Additional Quarterly NTS Entry Capacity. This will be done via the existing invoicing processes.

AMSEC Auction Surrender and Oversubscription processes

- No less than [fifteen] Business Days prior to the notification of Annual Invitation for Monthly System Entry Capacity National Grid NTS will invite Users to surrender Available System Capacity at an IP (the Surrender Invitation), for allocation to Users requesting capacity in the AMSEC auction.
- A surrendering User shall remain liable for all charges and liabilities associated with the Surrendered Capacity irrespective of whether it is subsequently allocated.
- Until Surrendered Capacity is allocated the surrendering Users Available System Capacity shall remain unchanged.
- The Surrender Invitation will state:
 - The IP

- The duration of the Surrender Window, which shall be [five] Business Days
 - The details of how Users can provide their Surrender Offer(s) at an IP.
 - The Minimum Eligible Amount which will be 100,000 kWh/day.
 - That a User cannot offer to surrender a quantity greater than their Available Firm NTS Entry Capacity i.e. net of NTS Entry Capacity at that IP for the month(s) that they are offering to surrender capacity for.
- Users wishing to take part in the AMSEC auction surrender process must, between 0800 and 1700 on the dates specified, provide the following information to National Grid NTS:
 - The IP
 - User ID
 - The amount that they are offering to surrender. This must be equal to or greater than the Minimum Eligible Amount of 100,000kWh/day
 - The minimum amount that they are offering to surrender. This must be equal to or greater than the Minimum Eligible Amount of 100,000kWh/day and less than or equal to the amount that is being offered for surrender
 - The calendar month(s) for which the Surrender Offer applies (these do not have to be consecutive months).
 - By submitting a Surrender Offer the surrendering User agrees to surrender Available System Capacity up to the amount offered and is confirming that they have sufficient Available System Capacity to fulfill the Surrender Offer.
 - When the surrendering User does not have sufficient Available System Capacity to fulfil the Surrender Offer National Grid NTS will not accept the Surrender Offer.
 - Users may submit more than one Surrender Offer but may not submit more than one Surrender Offer per calendar month per IP. A submitted offer may cover multiple months and must fall within the months that can be allocated within the relevant AMSEC auction.
 - Users can amend or withdraw their Surrender Offers at any time between 08:00 and 17:00 hours on each Day of the Surrender Window until 17:00 hours on the last Day of the Surrender Window
 - Users will be informed by the AMSEC invitation of the Available System Capacity that has been offered for surrender and the months that it has been offered.
 - National Grid NTS may also choose to make additional Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity available through this process.
 - When National Grid NTS has received Capacity Bids that in aggregate exceed the quantity of Unsold NTS Entry Capacity that has been made available in tranche 4 of the AMSEC auction, unsatisfied Tranche 4 Capacity Bids will be allocated surrendered Available System Capacity as Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity.
 - If there is no or insufficient surrendered Available System Capacity National Grid NTS may also allocate unsatisfied tranche 4 bids Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity which National Grid NTS in its sole discretion may make available to Users. This will be done via an adhoc allocation process (the AMSEC Surrender and Oversubscription Auction)

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- National Grid NTS will undertake the AMSEC Surrender and Oversubscription Auction on behalf of Users via a DRSEC auction.
- National Grid NTS will place all unsatisfied AMSEC tranche 4 Capacity Bids in the Surrender and Oversubscription Auction and each Capacity Bid shall specify (please note that these bids will be the same as the original AMSEC bid(s) submitted in tranche 4 of the AMSEC auction except where pro-rated in the tranche 4 allocation):
 - User ID
 - The IP
 - The Month(s) for which NTS Entry Capacity is applied for
 - The amount , which shall not be less than the Minimum Eligible Amount of 100,000kWh/day
 - The minimum amount which the User is willing to be allocated (except where a bid has been part allocated within Tranche 4), which shall not be less than the Minimum Eligible Amount
 - The Bid Price which the User is willing to pay by way of NTS Entry Capacity Charges, which shall not be less than the Reserve Price at the IP at which the User had placed its original Capacity Bid
- National Grid NTS will reject a bid where:
 - Any requirements of the paragraph above are not complied with
 - In accordance with UNC TPD Section V3
- Surrendered Available System Capacity and any additional Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity that National Grid NTS releases, will be allocated as follows:
 - All Capacity Bids will be ranked in order of price with the highest ranked first
 - Surrendered Available System Capacity will be allocated first to the highest priced bid(s)
 - Where the amount of NTS Entry Capacity applied for under a Bid exceeds any remaining unallocated Surrendered System Capacity, after allocation to higher priced bids and National Grid NTS does not choose to release Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity, the User will be allocated an amount equal to the remaining unallocated amount (subject to the minimum amount criteria unless previously part allocated within Tranche 4)
 - Where two or more bids specify the same Bid Price and the amount of NTS Entry Capacity applied for exceeds any remaining unallocated Surrendered System Capacity, where National Grid NTS does not choose to release Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity, the bids will be allocated prorata to the amounts applied for in each such bid (subject to the minimum amount criteria unless previously part allocated within Tranche 4). Where any such bids are rejected (due to the minimum amount) the remaining bid(s) at that price shall be allocated/pro-rated.
 - Bids may be allocated with a combination of both Surrendered Available System Capacity and additional Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity however additional Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity will be only be allocated when:
 - National Grid NTS in its sole discretion chooses to make it available; and

- no Available System Capacity has been surrendered; or
 - the surrendered Available System Capacity has been allocated
- Each User whose Capacity Bid is allocated will be registered as holding NTS Entry Capacity (for the amount allocated) for the relevant Month(s) at that IP
- The surrendered Available System Capacity is allocated to Users as Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity and will feed into the capacity neutrality arrangements as a Relevant Capacity Revenue
- A User(s) will pay in respect of each Day, when due, NTS Entry Capacity Charges for any Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity allocated through this process i.e. the quantity of NTS Entry Capacity allocated multiplied by the bid price tendered multiplied by the relevant period.
- The surrendering User will receive the Weighted Average Price of all the bids allocated surrendered Available System Capacity for that month at that IP.
- Surrendered Available System Capacity allocated through this process shall be;
 - utilised in respect of System Entry Overrun Charge calculations i.e. a User's Available System Capacity will reflect either the Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity bought or Available System Capacity surrendered as applicable and the allocated price will be considered in the calculation of the System Entry Overrun Charge.
 - subject to the provisions of UNC Section V3, as for all other allocation processes, if a User fails to meet these provisions then their Capacity Bids will be rejected.
- No later than two Business Days prior to the first day of the period to which the AMSEC auction relates, National Grid NTS will inform a User of:
 - those of its Capacity Bids that have been accepted,
 - the amount of Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity which it is registered as holding for the IP and the period (for clarification the relevant period will be the period for which the capacity has been allocated) via the AMSEC Surrender and Oversubscription process.
- No later than one Business Day prior to the first day of the period to which the AMSEC relates, National Grid NTS will provide information to all Users in accordance with UNC Section B paragraph 2.14.2 other than sub paragraphs (a), (b) and (h).
- When more than one User has surrendered Available System Capacity, the Unsold NTS Entry Capacity made available has been allocated and the aggregate quantity of surrendered Available System Capacity exceeds the remaining unsatisfied bid quantities, the Surrender Offers will be prorated. When a Surrender Offers resulting prorated quantity is less than the minimum amount specified by the surrender User then the Surrender Offer will be rejected and the proration recalculated for the remaining Surrender Offers.
- When prorating the Surrender Offers results in Surrender Offers not being accepted and there remain unsatisfied Capacity Bids the Surrender Offers will be accepted (subject to the surrendering Users specified minimum amount) in order of time stamp i.e. Surrender Offers will be taken based on the time and date that they were received by National Grid NTS with the earliest received taken first.
- When Surrendered Available System Capacity is allocated National Grid NTS will undertake the surrender on the Users behalf.

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- National Grid NTS will reject or prorate a Surrender Offer where a User does not hold sufficient Available System Capacity at that IP for the period for which the Surrender Offer has been made.
- National Grid NTS will undertake the surrender through a Forward Agreement(s). This will not require the User(s) to undertake any actions on National Grid NTS' systems or for National Grid NTS to issue a Forward Agreement Tender Invitation Notice.
- National Grid NTS will use a Forward Agreement(s) to adjust the surrendering Users Available System Capacity to reflect the Users quantity of surrendered Available System Capacity allocated as Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity in the AMSEC Surrender and Oversubscription Auction for the relevant month(s)
- National Grid NTS will update its systems with the details of the Forward Agreement(s) within [Five] Business Days of the allocation of Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity
- Each Forward Agreement will detail:
 - IP
 - User ID
 - The duration, this may be for a Month or consecutive months
 - The Maximum Forward Quantity (kWh/day) for each month(s) – The Users Available System Capacity that has been surrendered (and subsequently allocated as Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity)
 - Price – the price that is to be paid to the User for the surrendered Available System Capacity which in this instance will be the Weighted Average Price (WAP) in respect of all Capacity Bids allocated with surrendered Available System Capacity for the relevant month in the AMSEC Surrender and Oversubscription Auction
 - A separate WAP may be applicable for each relevant month
- Once National Grid NTS has updated the relevant systems it will provide each surrendering User at the IP details of their accepted Surrenders i.e.
 - The duration
 - IP
 - The Maximum Forward Quantity (kWh/day)
 - Price
- Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity that is allocated shall be included in the allocated Users aggregate Available NTS Entry Capacity (determined as fully adjusted) to determine the Users Overrun Quantity and be considered when calculating the System Entry Overrun Charge.
- A surrendering Users Available System Capacity that is allocated as Discretionary NTS Entry capacity shall be deducted from their aggregate Available NTS Entry Capacity (determined as fully adjusted) to determine the User's Overrun Quantity and be considered when calculating the System Entry Overrun Charge.
- The Forward Agreement will be treated as a Relevant Capacity Cost and feed into the Capacity Neutrality Arrangements in accordance with UNC TPD B2.13.2. For the avoidance of doubt the Relevant Capacity Cost feeds into the National Grid NTS Constraint Management Incentive.

- Amounts payable under the Forward Agreement will be invoiced and payable in accordance with UNC TPD Section S.
- The surrendering User will be invoiced for their Registered NTS Entry Capacity (which is unaffected by the surrender of Available System Capacity) and will receive a credit for their surrendered Available System Capacity allocated as Discretionary NTS Entry Capacity. This will be done via the existing invoicing processes.

NTS Exit Capacity Surrender Processes

Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Surrender Process

- [Specify steps: Invite-window opening-results](#) No less than [fifteen] Business Days prior to the notification to participate in the NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Annual Application Window (the July Application Window) National Grid NTS will invite Users to surrender Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity at an IP from their Registered System Capacity (the Surrender Invitation), for allocation to Users requesting Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity in the July Application Window (for the purposes of this Modification such capacity will be described as Surrendered Capacity) at that IP.
- Surrendered System Capacity that is not allocated as part of this process shall remain as part of the surrendering Users Registered System Capacity.
- The Surrender Invitation will state:
 - The IP(s)
 - The duration of the Surrender Window, which shall be ~~a~~ [five] Business Days [and shall open no less than \[5\] business days after the invite is issued](#)
 - The details of how Users can provide their Surrender Offers at an IP.
 - The Minimum Eligible Amount which will be 100,000 kWh/day.
 - That a User cannot offer to surrender a quantity greater than their Available System Capacity -i.e. net of NTS Exit Capacity Transfers, Reductions and Assignments (including any Reduction Notices that [have been or have been](#)are submitted within ~~the a~~ July Reduction Window which National Grid NTS has not yet given effect) at that IP for the period that they are offering to surrender Registered System Capacity for [\[i.e. Reductions take precedence\]](#)
- Users wishing to take part in the surrender process must, between 0800 and 1700 on the dates specified, provide the following information to National Grid NTS:
 - The IP
 - User ID
 - The amount that they are offering to surrender. This must be equal to or greater than the Minimum Eligible Amount of 100,000kWh/day
 - The minimum amount that they are offering to surrender. This must be equal to or greater than the Minimum Eligible Amount of 100,000kWh/day and less than or equal to the amount that is being offered for surrender

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- The start date for which the Surrender Offer applies, which must be the 1st day of a calendar month and cannot be earlier than ~~the-1~~-October Y+4 or later than 1 October Y+6
- By submitting a Surrender Offer the surrendering User agrees to surrender Registered System Capacity up to the amount offered and is confirming that they have sufficient Registered and Available System Capacity to fulfil the Surrender Offer.
- Where the surrendering User does not have sufficient Registered and/or Available System Capacity to fulfil the Surrender Offer National Grid NTS will not accept the Surrender Offer.
- For the avoidance of doubt an allocated Surrender Offer cannot result in a User having negative Registered and/or Available System Capacity.
- Users may submit no more than one Surrender Offer per IP per start date in this surrender process.
- Users can amend or withdraw their Surrender Offer at any time between 08:00 and 17:00 hours on each Day of the Surrender Window until 17:00 hours on the last Day of the Surrender Window.
- Users will be informed of the aggregate quantities of Registered System Capacity that ~~has~~ been offered for surrender and the calendar month(s) from which it is has been offered, via the Notification to participate in the July Application Window.
- When National Grid NTS has received applications for Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity that in aggregate exceed the quantity of Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity that has been made available at an IP in the July Application Window, surrendered Registered System Capacity will be allocated after the Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity but before incremental Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be met by substitution)
- Surrendered Registered System Capacity will be allocated as Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity
- For the avoidance of doubt allocated Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity will be subject to user commitment as determined in accordance with the principles of the prevailing Exit Capacity Release Methodology Statement (which may be amended to accommodate this Modification)
- A User allocated surrendered Registered System Capacity as Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity, will pay the Applicable Daily Rate at the IP
- Surrendered Registered System Capacity allocated through this process shall be;
 - Utilised in determining whether there is a Chargeable NTS Exit (Flat) Overrun and the NTS Exit (Flat) Overrun Charge i.e. a User's Registered and Available Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity will reflect the amount of Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity allocated or surrendered as applicable.
 - subject to the provisions of UNC Section V3, as for all other allocation processes, if a User fails to meet these provisions then their Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity application will be rejected.
- When more than one User has surrendered Registered System Capacity, the Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity can be allocated and the aggregate quantity of surrendered Registered System Capacity exceeds the remaining application quantities, the Surrender Offers will be prorated. When

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the resulting prorated quantity is less than the minimum amount specified by the surrendering User then the Surrender Offer will be rejected and the proration recalculated for the remaining Surrender Offers.

- When prorating the Surrender Offers results in Surrender Offers not being accepted and there remain unsatisfied applications for Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity the Surrender Offers will be accepted (subject to the surrendering Users specified minimum amount) in order of time stamp i.e. Surrender Offers will be taken based on the time and date that they were received by National Grid NTS with the earliest received taken first.
- National Grid NTS will undertake the surrender of Registered System Capacity on behalf of the surrendering User through the existing Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Reduction process functionality. This will not require the surrendering User(s) to undertake any actions on the National Grid NTS computer systems.
- National Grid NTS will update its computer systems on behalf of each surrendering User after the closure of the July Application Window and no later than five Business Days after the completion of the Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity allocation process on 30 September in Gas Year Y.
- National Grid NTS will then notify the surrendering User of the following:
 - IP
 - The User Reduction Date, which must be the 1st Day of a calendar month and cannot be earlier than 1 October Y+4 or later than 1 October Y+6
 - The amount of Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity that the User will be registered as holding at the IP from the User Reduction Date
- When allocated, surrendered Registered System Capacity shall be included in the allocated Users Registered and Available Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity (determined as fully adjusted), at the IP when determining a Chargeable NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Overrun. [Is this duplicated?](#)
- When allocated, surrendered Registered System Capacity shall be deducted from the surrendering Users Registered and Available Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity (determined as fully adjusted), at the IP when determining a Chargeable NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Overrun. [Is this duplicated?](#)
- The surrendering User shall not be invoiced or credited for any surrendered Registered System Capacity that is allocated through this process.

Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Surrender Process

- No less than [fifteen] Business Days prior to the notification to participate in the NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity Annual Application Window (the July Application Window) National Grid NTS will invite Users to surrender Available System Capacity at an IP (the Surrender Invitation), for allocation to Users requesting Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity in the July Application Window (for the purposes of this Modification such capacity will be described as Surrendered Capacity) at that IP.
- A surrendering User shall remain liable for all charges and liabilities associated with the Surrendered Capacity irrespective of whether it is subsequently allocated.

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- Until Surrendered Capacity is allocated the surrendering Users Available System Capacity shall remain unchanged.
- The Surrender Invitation will state:
 - IP(s)
 - The duration of the Surrender Window, which shall be [five] Business Days
 - The details of how Users can provide their Surrender Offers at an IP.
 - The Minimum Eligible Amount which will be 100,000 kWh/day.
 - That Users cannot offer to surrender a quantity greater than their Available System Capacity i.e. net of NTS Exit Capacity Transfers and Assignments for that Gas Year at that IP
- Users wishing to take part in the surrender process must, between 0800 and 1700 on the dates specified, provide the following information to National Grid NTS:
 - User ID
 - The IP
 - The amount that they are offering to surrender. This must be equal to or greater than the Minimum Eligible Amount of 100,000kWh/day
 - The minimum amount that they are offering to surrender. This must be equal to or greater than the Minimum Eligible Amount of 100,000kWh/day and less than or equal to the amount that is being offered for surrender
 - The start date of the surrender offer which shall be 1 October Y+1
- By submitting a Surrender Offer the surrendering User agrees to surrender Available System Capacity up to the amount offered and is confirming that they have sufficient Available System Capacity to fulfil the Surrender Offer.
- Where the surrendering User does not have sufficient Available System Capacity to fulfil the Surrender Offer National Grid NTS will not accept the Surrender Offer.
- Users may submit one Surrender Offer per IP in this surrender process
- Users can amend or withdraw their Surrender Offer at any time between 08:00 and 17:00 hours on each Day of the Surrender Window until 17:00 hours on the last Day of the Surrender Window
- Users will be informed of the aggregate quantity of Available System Capacity made available for surrender and the period (i.e. from 1 October to 30 September in Y+1) via the notification to participate in the July Application Window.
- When National Grid NTS has received applications for Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity that in aggregate exceed the quantity of Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity that has been made available in the July Application Window for Y+1, Surrendered Available System Capacity will be allocated after the Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity as additional Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity above the Baseline NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity.
- Surrendered Available System Capacity allocated through this process shall be;
 - Utilised in determining whether there is a Chargeable NTS Exit (Flat) Overrun and the NTS Exit (Flat) Overrun Charge i.e. the User's Registered and/or Available Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity will reflect

the amount of Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity either bought or surrendered as applicable.

- subject to the provisions of UNC Section V3, as for all other allocation processes if a User fails to meet these provisions then their NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity applications will be rejected.
- When the Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity has been allocated, more than one User has surrendered Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity and the aggregate quantity of surrendered Available System Capacity exceeds the requested application quantities, the Surrender Offers will be prorated. When a Surrender Offers resulting prorated quantity is less than the minimum amount specified by the surrender User then the Surrender Offer will be rejected and the proration will be recalculated for the remaining Surrender Offers.
- When prorating the Surrender Offers results in Surrender Offers not being accepted and there remain unsatisfied applications for Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity the Surrender Offers will be accepted (subject to the surrendering Users specified minimum amount) in order of time stamp i.e. Surrender Offers will be taken based on the time and date that they were received by National Grid NTS with the earliest received taken first.
- When Surrendered Available System Capacity is to be allocated National Grid NTS will undertake the surrender on the Users behalf
- National Grid NTS will reject or prorate a Surrender Offer where a User does not hold sufficient Available System Capacity at that IP for the period for which the Surrender Offer has been made.
- National Grid NTS will undertake the surrender through a Forward Agreement. This will not require the User(s) to undertake any actions on National Grid NTS' systems or for National Grid NTS to issue a Forward Agreement Tender Invitation Notice.
- National Grid NTS will use a Forward Agreement to adjust the surrendering Users Available System Capacity to reflect the Users quantity of surrendered Available System Capacity allocated as additional Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity.
- National Grid NTS will update its systems with the details of the Forward Agreement(s) within [Five] Business Days of the allocation of the additional Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity
- Each Forward Agreement will detail:
 - User ID
 - IP
 - The duration – which will be 1 October Y+1 to 30 September Y+1 [or more years](#)
 - The Maximum Forward Quantity (kWh/day) ([i.e. —The Users Available System Capacity that has been surrendered \(and subsequently allocated as additional Annual NTS Exit \(Flat\) Capacity\)\)](#))
 - ~~Price—€~~[The price amount](#) that is paid ~~to be paid~~ to the User for the surrendered Available System Capacity ~~which will be based on the prevailing charge for the period in which the capacity can be utilised~~[price set out in National Grid NTS's Transportation Statement prevailing in the Gas Year preceding the capacity period in respect of which the the Annual NTS Exit \(Flat\) Capacity is to be held](#)
- Once National Grid NTS has updated the relevant systems it will provide each surrendering User at the IP details of their accepted Surrenders i.e.

- The duration
- IP
- The Maximum Forward Quantity (kWh/day)

○ ~~Price~~

- ~~Additional~~ Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity allocated ~~above the Baseline~~ NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity shall be included in the allocated Users aggregate Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity (determined as fully adjusted) to determine whether there is a Chargeable NTS Exit (Flat) Overrun and the NTS Exit (Flat) Overrun Charge
- A surrendering Users Available System Capacity that is allocated as ~~additional~~ Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity shall be deducted from the surrendering Users aggregate Available Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity (determined as fully adjusted) to determine whether there is a Chargeable NTS Exit (Flat) Overrun and the NTS Exit (Flat) Overrun Charge
- Amounts payable under Forward Agreement will be invoiced and payable in accordance UNC TPD Section S.
- The surrendering User will be invoiced for their Registered Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity (which is unaffected by the surrender of Available System Capacity) and will receive a credit for their surrendered Available System Capacity allocated as additional Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity. This will be done via existing invoicing processes.

Transparency Obligations

The CMP Transparency obligations require that National Grid NTS publish, and it is proposed that NTS will, for IPs only, on a [quarterly] [monthly] basis;

- For Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity and Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity, the occurrences and volumes of valid requests for Firm Capacity with a duration of one month or longer including the number and volume of unsuccessful requests i.e.
 - The IP
 - Contract type, which will be whether the occurrence is an application for Enduring Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity or Annual NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity
 - Application start date, -which is the Gas Year in respect of which the application is made
 - Application quantity, which is the amount of NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity applied for
 - Allocated amount, which is the amount of NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity allocated
- The total Firm NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity made available via:
 - The CMP surrender process[es]
 - The CMP oversubscription and buyback process[es]
- The total Firm NTS Entry Capacity made available via:
 - The CMP surrender process[es]
 - The CMP oversubscription and buyback process[es]
- The above information will be published no later than [5 Business Days] after the last Day of each calendar quarter.

At an IP for Firm Quarterly and Monthly NTS Entry Capacity allocation processes i.e. Auctions with a duration of one month or longer, where and when they have cleared at prices higher than the Reserve Price, National Grid NTS will publish;

- The IP
- The allocation process
- The reserve price
- The cleared price, which will be;
 - The relevant QSEC clearing (Step) price
 - The AMSEC [WAP] [Maximum Price] by tranche
 - The RMSEC [WAP] [Maximum Price]
- This information will be published no later than [5 Business Days] after the allocation of the relevant auction process

At IPs, where and when no Firm Capacity with a duration of one month or longer has been offered in the allocation process, National Grid NTS will publish;

- The IP
- The relevant allocation process
- This information will be published no later than [5 Business Days] after allocation of the relevant auction and/or application process.

User Pays
Classification of the modification as User Pays, or not, and the justification for such classification
This modification is not proposed to be User Pays as existing system functionality will be utilised.
Identification of Users of the service, the proposed split of the recovery between Gas Transporters and Users for User Pays costs and the justification for such view
NA
Proposed charge(s) for application of User Pays charges to Shippers
NA
Proposed charge for inclusion in the Agency Charging Statement (ACS) – to be completed upon receipt of a cost estimate from Xoserve
NA

4 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	None
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code	None
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators	Positive

Implementation of this Modification would better facilitate the following relevant objective.

g) "Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators"

5 Implementation

- No implementation timescales are proposed.

6 Legal Text

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7 Recommendation

The Proposer invites the Panel to:

- Determine that this modification should not be subject to self-governance
- Determine that this modification should progress to Workgroup assessment

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