

Legal text

Modification 0759 Enhancements to NTS Within-Day Firm Entry and Exit Capacity Allocations

NOTE: The term 'capacity allocation period' has been updated to 'entry capacity allocation period' throughout UNC Section B 2.4, 2.8 and 2.16 to reflect its applicability to entry. 'Capacity allocation period' used in Section B 3.5 and 3.6 and Annex B-1 has been updated to 'exit capacity allocation period'. The updates have been created in order to distinguish different lengths of time between the periods.

UNC Section B - Entry changes

2.4 Daily NTS Entry Capacity

2.4.3 A daily capacity bid:

- (a) may be submitted at any time from the 7th Day before the Gas Flow Day until 0~~1~~2:00 hours on the Day for which the Daily NTS Entry Capacity is applied for; and
- (b) may, subject to paragraph 2.4.4, in the case of a fixed bid be withdrawn or amended and in the case of a reducing bid withdrawn, at any time before Daily NTS Entry Capacity is allocated in respect of such bid

2.4.4 A daily capacity bid may not be withdrawn during an **entry** capacity allocation period (irrespective of whether or not the daily capacity bid is in relation to an Aggregate System Entry Point at which, for the purposes of the capacity allocation, there is Available Daily Capacity) and where a User seeks to withdraw a bid during such period, National Grid NTS will notify the User that an **entry** capacity allocation period is current and National Grid NTS may, subject to paragraph 2.4.6, accept such daily capacity bid

2.4.7 For each Day (or part of each such Day) in respect of each Aggregate System Entry Point, where Available Daily Capacity is available National Grid NTS will initiate an **entry** capacity allocation period. For the avoidance of doubt, where Daily NTS Entry Capacity in respect of an Aggregate System Entry Point is applied for on the Day for which such Daily NTS Entry Capacity is required, National Grid NTS will initiate an **entry** capacity allocation period on each of the next hour bars falling thereafter, until such daily capacity bid is no longer available in accordance with 2.4.14, up to and including 0~~1~~2:00 hours on such Day where Available Daily Capacity is available at that Aggregate System Entry Point

2.4.8 Where National Grid NTS has initiated an **entry** capacity allocation period or for the purposes of paragraph 2.4.11, Daily NTS Entry Capacity (up to the amount, if any, of the Available Daily Capacity) will be allocated in accordance with paragraph 2.7.

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(c) an "**entry** capacity allocation period" is the period of 15 minutes, in which National Grid NTS conducts capacity allocation at an Aggregate System Entry Point for a Day, and which subject to there being Available Daily Capacity and available daily capacity bids at such time: (i) first commences at 13:00 hours on the Preceding Day to that for which the Daily NTS Entry Capacity is applied for; (ii) commences on any hour bar falling thereafter up to and including 0~~1~~2:00 hours on the Day for which the Daily NTS Entry Capacity is applied for (but not thereafter);

(d) a "capacity allocation" is the allocation of Daily NTS Entry Capacity during an **entry** capacity allocation period in accordance with paragraph 2.7;

2.4.14 A daily capacity bid is "available" where:

- (a) submitted and not withdrawn prior to the start of any **entry** capacity allocation period; and

2.4.15 For the purposes of this paragraph 2.4:

(b) the "capacity allocation effective time" is:

(i) where the **entry** capacity allocation period ends prior to 03:00 hours on the Preceding Day, 05:00 on the Gas Flow Day; **or**

(ii) the hour bar following the next hour bar falling after the end of an **entry** capacity allocation period;

2.8 Capacity Constraint Management

2.8.1 National Grid NTS may, for the purposes of Capacity Management:

(a) initiate an **entry** capacity allocation period (as defined in paragraph 2.4.13(c)) in accordance with the System Management Principles; and

2.16 Class A Contingencies

2.16.1 During the period of a Class A Contingency:

(a) where due to a Class A Contingency no capacity allocations of Daily NTS Entry Capacity in respect of a relevant Day are made by National Grid NTS within the **entry** capacity allocation period (in accordance with paragraph 2.4.13(c)) the System Entry Overrun Charge payable by Users in respect of the relevant Day will not apply;

UNC Section B – Exit changes

3.5 Release of Daily NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity

3.5.2 For the purposes of Annex B-1, in relation to the capacity invitation pursuant to this paragraph 3.5 in respect of a Day (D):

(a) there will be an **exit** capacity allocation period commencing at:

(i) 15:00 hours on Day D-1; **and**

(ii) ~~08:00, 14:00, 18:00, 22:00 and 01:00~~ **06:00 and thereafter on each hour bar until 01:00** hours on Day D;

(b) National Grid NTS may elect to have one or more further **exit** capacity allocation periods, commencing at any time (up to but not later than 02:00 hours) on Day D, by giving notice to Users not later than sixty (60) minutes before the commencement of each such **exit** capacity allocation period;

(c) the amount of Daily NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity subject to such capacity invitation in respect of each NTS Exit Point shall be:

(i) the Remaining Available NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity on Day D and such additional amount, if any, of Daily NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity as National Grid NTS may in its discretion choose to make available for the Day;

(ii) in the case of each other **exit** capacity allocation period, such amount, if any, of Daily NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity as National Grid NTS may in its discretion choose to make available for the Day.

3.6.2 For the purposes of Annex B-1, in relation to the capacity invitation pursuant to this paragraph 3.6 in respect of a Day (D): (a) there will be an **exit** capacity allocation period commencing at 15:00 hours on Day D-1;

Annex B-1

2.1 In accordance with Section B3:

(a) National Grid NTS will each Gas Year issue an annual capacity notification to Users not later than twenty eight (28) days before the commencement of the Annual Application Window;

(b) in relation to any daily capacity invitation in respect of NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity, Users are entitled to submit bids or offers without the issue of a specific invitation by National Grid NTS (but the relevant provision of Section B3 determines whether or not there is any **exit** capacity allocation period or capacity selection period);

2.3 In relation to any daily capacity invitation, National Grid NTS will carry out the allocation process provided for in paragraph 4 on one or more occasions, on the Day and/or the Preceding Day, subject to and as provided in the relevant provision of Section B3, on each such occasion:

(a) in relation to capacity bids **within a period not exceeding thirty (30) minutes, such period being an "exit capacity allocation period"**; and

(b) in relation to capacity offers **within a period not exceeding sixty (60) minutes, such period being a "capacity selection period"**.

3.2 A User may submit:

(a) a capacity application in relation to an annual capacity notification during the Annual Application Window;

(b) a capacity bid or capacity offer in relation to a daily capacity invitation (in relation to Day D):

(i) for NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity at any time from 05:00 hours on Day D-7 until:

(1) 09:00 hours on Day D for capacity bids;

(2) 01:00 hours on Day D for capacity offers;

(ii) for Off-peak Daily NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity at any time from 05:00 hours on Day D-7 until 14:00 hours on D-1

(provided that bids or offers submitted after the commencement of an **exit** capacity allocation period or capacity selection period will not participate in the relevant allocation).

3.4 A User may withdraw or modify:

(a) a capacity application, at any time before the expiry of the Annual Application Window;

(b) a daily capacity bid or capacity offer for Firm Daily NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity, at any time (at which such bid or offer has not been accepted) other than during an **exit** capacity allocation period or (as the case may be) capacity selection period; and where a User seeks to withdraw or modify a bid or offer during such a period, National Grid NTS will notify the User that a capacity allocation period or capacity selection period is current and National Grid NTS may, subject to paragraph 3.5, accept such capacity bid or capacity offer;

Defined Terms

entry capacity allocation period TPD B2.4.13(c)

exit capacity allocation period TPD Annex B-1 2.3(a)