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<p><b>Purpose of Modification:</b></p> <p>This is an enabling Modification which will allow National Grid to amend the interconnection agreement (IA) with Interconnector Limited (IL). This will allow the IA to reflect latest standards and practices in gas quality and general operations.</p>									
<p><b>Next Steps:</b></p> <p>The Proposer recommends that this Modification should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>subject to Self-Governance</li><li>assessed by a Workgroup</li></ul> <p>This Modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on <b>21 October 2021</b>. The Panel will consider the Proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.</p>									
<p><b>Impacted Parties:</b></p> <p>High: none.</p> <p>Low: Interconnector Ltd.; National Grid; Shippers</p> <p>None:</p>									
<p><b>Impacted Codes:</b> None.</p>									

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Pre-Modification Discussed	02 September 2021		Transporter: National Grid Gas
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First Workgroup Meeting	04 November 2021		 07970 114460
Workgroup Report to be presented to Panel	12 <del>0</del> January 2022		Systems Provider: Xoserve
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	21 <del>0</del> January 2022		 <a href="mailto:UKLink@xoserve.com">UKLink@xoserve.com</a>
Consultation Close-out for representations	10 February 2022		
Final Modification Report available for Panel	11 February 2022		
Modification Panel decision	17 February 2022		

## 1 Summary

### What

Changes to the Interconnection Agreement (IA) between National Grid Gas (NGG) and Interconnector Limited (IL) are being proposed. These changes relate to network exit provisions and are designed to bring the agreement up to date with latest standards and preferred ways of working between operators. Amendments relate to gas quality, flow rates, PRISMA, and communications between operators. (note: changes to pressure arrangements will be covered independently in a separate UNC Modification Proposal.)

### Why

The changes can largely be characterised as a rationalisation and simplification of the existing text. This will make the document more reflective of current operational practises and allow the agreement to move to preferred standards. This will improve the functioning of the document.

### How

This Modification Proposal provides the governance for the proposed changes in accordance with UNC European Interconnector Document (EID) A4.1.3(b). This states that 'National Grid NTS will not agree with the Adjacent TSO to amend the Relevant Interconnection Provisions in relation to an Interconnection Point except...pursuant to a Code Modification which authorises such agreement'.

## 2 Governance

### Justification for Self-Governance

This is a facilitating modification and requires no changes to the UNC. NGG believes that none of the changes proposed within the IA are of sufficient materiality to warrant Authority intervention, and therefore self-governance is proposed.

### Requested Next Steps

This Modification should:

- be considered a non-material change and subject to Self-Governance.
- be assessed by a Workgroup.

## 3 Why Change?

The changes can largely be characterised as a simplification and rationalisation of the existing text. This will make the document more reflective of current operational practises and allow the agreement to move to preferred standards (e.g. with gas quality). Not changing the IA will leave some parts out of date, and the document will be sub-optimal with regards to documenting the processes between the operators. This change will therefore improve the functioning of the document.

## 4 Code Specific Matters

### Reference Documents

None.

### Knowledge/Skills

None.

## 5 Solution

Amend the IL Interconnection Agreement.

### Overview of changes (for info)

<a href="#">ARIA 2021 Ref</a>	<a href="#">Proposed Drafting Change</a>	<a href="#">Comment</a>
<a href="#">General</a>	<a href="#">Change of company name from "Interconnector (UK) Limited" to "Interconnector Limited" and use of "Interconnector" in place of "IUK"</a>	
<a href="#">Annex A-2 Gas Entry Conditions Table A</a>	<a href="#">Water Dewpoint units changed from "from 1 to 69 barg" to "at 69 barg"</a>	<a href="#">To correct technical units.</a>
<a href="#">Annex A-2 Odour</a>	<a href="#">Deletion of previous paragraph 3 on "Odour"</a>	<a href="#">Paragraph is obsolete as NTS is now unodourised.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-1 Network Exit Provisions: General and Interpretation - para 4.2</a>	<a href="#">Deletion of reference to paragraph 2.2 of Annex B-3</a>	<a href="#">Cross referenced paragraph is now deleted.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-2 Gas Quality para 1.1</a>	<a href="#">Deletion of reference to payment</a>	<a href="#">King's Lynn compressors only run to support pressure.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-2 para 1.2</a>	<a href="#">Deletion of reference to payment</a>	<a href="#">King's Lynn compressors only run to support pressure.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-2 old paras 1.3 &amp; 1.4</a>	<a href="#">Deletion of previous paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4</a>	<a href="#">Considered no longer relevant for IA and no similar language in other IAs.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-2 old para 1.6</a>	<a href="#">Deletion of reference to forecasts of WI and CV.</a>	<a href="#">Obsolete and no longer required.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-2 Table A</a>	<a href="#">Max temperature limit changed to 38°C</a>	<a href="#">To correct previous typo.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-2 Table A</a>	<a href="#">Water Dewpoint units changed from "from 1 to 69 barg" to "at 69 barg"</a>	<a href="#">To correct technical units.</a>

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ARIA 2021 Ref	Proposed Drafting Change	Comment
<a href="#">Annex B-2 para 3</a>	<a href="#">Updated text to reflect current operating arrangements and limitations on carbon dioxide</a>	
<a href="#">Annex B-2 old paras 6 to 8</a>	<a href="#">Deletion of references to payment and hydrocarbon dewpoint</a>	<a href="#">Text is now obsolete.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-4 Flow Rate Rules</a>	<a href="#">Title changed to Flow Rate Rules</a>	<a href="#">To better reflect content and consistency with other IAs.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-4 para 1.5</a>	<a href="#">Updated drafting to reflect deletion of the definition of "Curtailement Notice".</a>	<a href="#">To better reflect current operational practises.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-4 para 1.6</a>	<a href="#">Deletions and amendments to defined terms used in Annex B-4.</a>	
<a href="#">Annex B-4 para 2</a>	<a href="#">Renamed as "Offtake Profile Notice" and various updates to reflect actual operational practise.</a>	<a href="#">Drafting simplified significantly as a general update and to reflect actual operational practise.</a>
<a href="#">Annex B-4 Appendix A</a>	<a href="#">Deleted as template also used in Annex G-1 Schedule C</a>	<a href="#">To avoid inconsistency in template forms.</a>
<a href="#">Annex C Measurement Provisions</a>	<a href="#">Updates for technical reasons and for drafting clarity and consistency: "Primary Meters" becomes "Flow Measurement Equipment"; "verification" becomes "validation"; Inclusion of additional references to ISO standards. Updated diagram in Appendix 1.</a>	
<a href="#">Annex D Capacity para 1.1 &amp; 4.2(a)</a>	<a href="#">Deletion of definition of "Common Services" and "Services", as they no longer fit the revised Service Contract with PRISMA.</a>	<a href="#">PRISMA have implemented a new TSO Service Contract changing the definition of services offered to TSOs</a>
<a href="#">Annex D para 4.3(g)</a>	<a href="#">New text to recognise INT has implemented PRISMA Secondary for transfers and surrenders</a>	
<a href="#">Annex E Nominations and Matching - old para 2</a>	<a href="#">Deletion</a>	<a href="#">Text now obsolete.</a>

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Topic	Section	Description	Reason
Gas Quality	A-2 and B-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update water dewpoint units.</li> <li>• Lower the WI.</li> <li>• Increase Temp. upper limit.</li> <li>• Deletion of texts relating to Odour, forecasts of WI &amp; CV and Hydrocarbon dewpoint.</li> <li>• Updated text on CO2.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To correct technical units.</li> <li>• Align to lower legal limit in BE.</li> <li>• Current standard.</li> <li>• Texts considered obsolete.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflect latest operational arrangements.</li> </ul>
Flow Rate Rules	B-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated various texts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to better reflect operational practice, and for drafting clarity and consistency.</li> </ul>
Capacity	Annex D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>deletion of 'common services' and 'services' w.r.t. PRISMA service contract.</li> <li>remove text that says INT not using PRISMA for Transfers and Surrenders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>change in terms in PRISMA service contract.</li> <li>obsolete. INT now do use PRISMA for this purpose.</li> </ul>
Various	General, Annexes C, E, G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated various texts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical or drafting clarifications; consistency; better reflect current operational practices.</li> </ul>

## 6 Impacts & Other Considerations

**Does this Modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?**

No.

### Consumer Impacts

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**What is the current consumer experience and what would the new consumer experience be?**

This is an operator to operator agreement that is not expected to have any direct impact upon consumer experience, [but noting the consumer benefit identified below.](#)

#### Impact of the change on Consumer Benefit Areas:

Area	Identified impact
Improved safety and reliability n/a	None
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case Moving the operator – operator interconnector agreement to the latest standards and practices should improve the effective operation of a mid-stream part of the value chain.	Positive
Reduced environmental damage n/a	None

Improved quality of service n/a	None
Benefits for society as a whole n/a	None

### Cross-Code Impacts

None.

### EU Code Impacts

None.

### Central Systems Impacts

None.

## 7 Relevant Objectives

### Impact of the Modification on the Transporters' 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.	Positive
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.	None

This Modification will allow for improved co-ordination with an adjacent operator, hence facilitating efficient operation of the NTS.

## 8 Implementation

As Self-Governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a Modification Panel decision to implement, subject to no Appeal being raised.

## 9 Legal Text

### Text Commentary

No changes to UNC

### Text

No changes to UNC, however a draft of the IA will be provided.

## 10 Recommendations

### Proposer's Recommendation to Panel

Panel is asked to:

- Agree that Self-Governance procedures should apply.
- Refer this proposal to a Workgroup for assessment.