

National Grid LNG Special Storage Capacity Invitation

Glenmavis LNG Storage Facility

National Grid has today (Tuesday 1st November 2005) announced the launch of a second Special Storage Capacity Invitation at its Glenmavis LNG Storage facility in Scotland. The capacity is being offered for the remainder of the 2005/06 Storage Year¹ in accordance with the provisions of the Unified Network Code.

Background:

National Grid primarily offers LNG storage capacity on annual basis, through the Annual Storage Invitation (ASI). However no capacity was offered at the Glenmavis facility in the 2005/06 ASI due the replacement of the injection plant, which is due to be completed August 2006.

Following the close of the ASI in April 2005, National Grid investigated the technical and commercial viability of tankering LNG from the Dynevor Arms facility, in South Wales, to Glenmavis. The establishment of such a service led to National Grid offering an initial 90 GWh of Special Storage Capacity at Glenmavis in September for the remainder of the 2005/06 storage year.

The road tankering, which took place between 23 September to 31 October, has proved to work well and so we intend to extend the tankering run, thereby allowing a second Special Storage Capacity Invitation at Glenmavis.

Capacity to be offered:

A total of 50,000,000 kWh of space, 25,000,000 kWh of deliverability² and 2,500,000 kWh of Injectability³ will be made available at Glenmavis via a one stage tender process, which will close on Thursday 10th November 2005.

The commercial injection service will be offered at Glenmavis between the dates of 11th November and 30th November inclusive. National Grid will manage the road tankering of LNG from the Dynevor Arms Storage facility.

The results of this invitation will also be published on the Thursday 10th November 2005 to allow commercial injection programmes to commence on Friday 11th November 2005.

¹ The standard Storage Year runs from 1st May to 30 April

² Deliverability – The quantity of gas that can be withdrawn on a gas day.

³ Injectability – The quantity of gas that can be injected on a gas day