

Compliance Statement

National Grid Gas plc

Prepared pursuant to paragraph 2 of Special Condition C20 of the gas transporter licence treated as granted to National Grid Gas plc (registered in England with number 2006000) whose registered office is at 1-3 Strand, London WC2N 5EH under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 which it holds in respect of the gas National Transmission System.

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Version Control

Version	Date of change	Summary of changes
2	19.09.05	Appendix 1 – Construction added to list of Shared Business Services. Ofgem approval not required. Letter to Ofgem confirming.
3	1.11.05	To reflect re-branding of Transco plc to National Grid Gas plc and National Grid Transco plc to National Gas plc. Courtesy letter to Ofgem to confirm.

Introduction

This Compliance Statement (“Statement”) has been prepared to secure compliance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Special Condition C20 of the gas transporter licence (“GT licence”) held by National Grid Gas plc (“National Grid Gas”) in respect of the gas National Transmission System (“NTS”). The purpose of this statement is to describe the practices, procedures and systems which National Grid Gas has adopted (or intends to adopt) to secure compliance with its obligations under:

- Standard Special Condition A6 (Conduct of the Transportation Business); and
- Standard Special Condition A35 (Prohibition of Cross-Subsidies),

of its GT licence (together, “the Conditions”)

As required by paragraph 4 of Special Condition C20, this statement sets out how National Grid Gas as the NTS licensee shall:

1. maintain appropriate managerial and operational independence of its transportation business in respect of the NTS from its transportation business in respect of its associated gas transporter business;
2. secure that no breach of the requirements of the Conditions occurs as a result of any arrangements for access by (or by any person engaged in, or

in respect of) the licensee's transportation business in respect of the associated gas transporter business to:

- (i) premises or parts of premises occupied by persons engaged in, or engaged in respect of, the management or operation of the transportation business in respect of the NTS;
 - (ii) systems for the recording, processing or storage of data to which persons engaged in, or engaged in respect of, the management or operation of the transportation business in respect of the NTS have access;
 - (iii) equipment, facilities or property employed for the management or operation of the transportation business in respect of the NTS; or
 - (iv) the services of persons who are (whether or not as their principal occupation) engaged in, or in respect of, the management or operation of the transportation business in respect of the NTS; and
3. manage the transfer of employees from the transportation business in respect of the NTS to the licensee's transportation business in respect of the associated gas transporter business.

National Grid Gas will use its best endeavours to ensure compliance with the terms of this statement.

This statement can be amended only with the approval of the Authority.

Definitions

For the purposes of this statement, the following definitions apply:

associated gas transporter business	Shall have the meaning set out in paragraph 9 of Special Condition 20 of the GT licence
Commercially Sensitive Information	includes information that is specific to an individual retained or independent Distribution Network ("DN") or to the NTS, the possession of which could confer an unfair commercial advantage on any DN through the making of operational or investment decisions BUT excludes information which <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) is disclosed by, or with the consent of, the DN to which the information relates;

(ii) is made available to all gas transporters on an equal basis; or

(iii) is publicly available;

Operational decisions

means the operational decisions made by the licensee in relation to its transportation business in respect of the NTS, including the following areas:

(i) allocating offtake rights, including Permitted Maximum Daily Quantity and pressure commitments;

(ii) contracting for flow rate flexibility and diurnal storage;

(iii) operational management of flow rate flexibility and diurnal storage; and

(iv) contracting for and calling interruption and scheduling of maintenance

Shared Business Services

means the business units within National Grid plc that provide support services to RDNs and NTS including human resources, legal, IS and procurement. A list of National Grid's Shared Business Services is attached in Appendix 1.

1. Managerial independence of NTS from its associated gas transporter business

National Grid Gas will adopt an organisational structure in respect of NTS to secure that Standard Special Condition A6 is not breached through any inappropriate managerial decision in relation to the NTS. To secure this:

- each of the NTS and the associated gas transporter business will have management which is independent of the other transportation business operated by the licensee. Each will have a separate lead director, who will be responsible solely for the operational and financial performance of the transportation business in respect of which he has been appointed. Each such lead director will be part of and will be supported by a separate managerial board: one for each of the NTS and the associated gas transporter business. Those managerial boards shall be responsible for

directing the affairs and taking all substantial business decisions relating to the business in respect of which they have been established. Each of those managerial boards shall contain at least two National Grid Gas directors, and each board member shall fulfil their role in relation to the taking of such decisions as if he or she were a director of a legally incorporated company whose sole business is the business in respect of which the managerial board he or she is a member has been established;

- two separate compliance committees shall be appointed, to which the Business Separation Compliance Officer (whose role is described below) shall report: one to deal with matters relating to the NTS and one to deal with matters relating to the associated gas transporter business. Each compliance committee will include the Director of Regulation (or equivalent position) having responsibility for National Grid Gas. To ensure separate reporting lines, each compliance committee will report directly to the board of National Grid Gas; and
- each of the two compliance committees will also report to the group Audit Committee of National Grid plc. The Audit Committee includes both executive and non-executive directors of National Grid plc in its membership and is directly responsible to the board of National Grid plc.

This governance structure is set out in Appendix 2.

National Grid Gas will also appoint a new Business Separation Compliance Officer (“BSCO”) on a permanent basis to perform inter alia all of the duties set out at paragraph 6 of Special Condition C21.

The BSCO will also :

- review recommendations to and decisions made by the management boards;
- where appropriate, provide advice and guidance to the members of the management boards who are also directors of National Grid Gas in respect of compliance with the conditions; and
- where appropriate and, in particular, where the advice given to the members of the management boards who are also directors of National Grid Gas is not followed by those directors, make a report to the Compliance Committee that has been appointed to oversee the decisions of the relevant management board in respect of the conditions and automatically forward a copy of any such report to the Audit Committee, a sub-committee of the board of National Grid plc.

The independence of the BSCO is secured through:

- reporting to the General Counsel;
- a separate reporting line to the Compliance Committees established in respect of NTS and the associated gas transporter business; and
- a strong stewardship link to the Audit Committee of National Grid plc, which includes non-executive directors in its membership.

The duties of the Audit Committee include audit and review of internal controls, risk assessment and compliance. As part of these duties, it is envisaged that the Audit Committee will review the activities of the BSCO twice yearly (except that in the first year there will be an additional review by the Audit Committee after approximately three months to coincide with the nearest Audit Committee meeting) and, additionally, will consider with immediate effect any breaches/potential breaches of this Compliance Statement, brought to its attention by the BSCO through the automatic reporting procedure discussed above.

2. Operational Independence of NTS from associated gas transporter business

National Grid Gas will implement appropriate systems to ensure that its staff involved in the operation of the NTS will not unduly discriminate in favour of the associated gas transporter business over the Independent Distribution Networks (“IDNs”) in the way that they make operational decisions, consistently with paragraph 1 of Standard Special Condition A6.

In particular, National Grid Gas will ensure that:

- (i) NTS System Operation activities and the associated gas transporter business System Operation activities are conducted in geographically separate locations;
- (ii) an appropriate degree of targeted operational separation will be in place. This is explained in further detail in Paragraph 3 below; and
- (iii) a code of compliance (“Compliance Rules”) will be implemented for making operational decisions:
 - applicable to all NTS staff with the responsibility for making operational decisions which prohibits those staff from taking operational decisions which would unduly discriminate in favour of the associated gas transporter business and against other system users, in particular the IDNs; and
 - applicable to staff of the associated gas transporter business, which prohibits them from soliciting operational decisions from NTS which would unduly discriminate in favour of the associated gas transporter business and against other system users

Section 7 outlines the scope for the Compliance Rules.

3. NTS accommodation and information systems

As part of ensuring that no unfair commercial advantage arises from access by any staff of associated gas transporter business (or any of its staff or agents) to Commercially Sensitive Information concerning the NTS, National Grid Gas will ensure that appropriate controls are put in place so that no Commercially Sensitive Information concerning the NTS becomes available to the associated gas transporter business as a result of access by the staff or agents of the associated gas transporter business to:

- (i) premises occupied by the staff and agents of the NTS or
- (ii) information systems used by the NTS.

National Grid Gas considers that the primary areas in which there is potential for the associated gas transporter business to gain an unfair commercial advantage by accessing Commercially Sensitive Information are in relation to system operation and investment planning activities. These are areas of particular focus for National Grid Gas when considering its obligations in relation to the Conditions.

National Grid Gas considers that a greater degree of control is necessary for system operation and investment planning activities than for other activities. As a result, it proposes the following: -

(A) NTS accommodation : National Grid Gas will:

- locate system operations for the NTS in separate accommodation from that of the associated gas transporter business;
- locate the associated gas transporter business control centre (“DNCC”) and the gas network control centre (“GNCC”) at separate sites;
- locate NTS and associated gas transporter business staff performing investment planning functions in separate accommodation to prevent any inappropriate sharing of Commercially Sensitive Information; and
- transfer staff who are currently NTS operations staff but who operate the DNCC to the associated gas transporter business.
- ensure that where an employee is designated to a particular building he will only have swipe access to that building. If the employee visits a building that is not his normal place of work he will be treated as an external visitor.

(B) NTS information systems : National Grid Gas will

- restrict access to computer systems as required by the provisions of paragraph 4 of Condition C20 to prevent the sharing of Commercially Sensitive Information,
- ensure that it does not circulate management accounting information about the NTS to the associated gas transporter business.

National Grid Gas will also reinforce its culture of 'non discrimination' through the adoption of the Compliance Rules, which will be applicable to the staff and agents of each of the NTS, the associated gas transporter business and Shared Business Services.

4. Use of equipment, facilities, property and personnel employed by NTS

National Grid Gas will ensure that no unfair commercial advantage and/or cross subsidy is provided to associated gas transporter business by the NTS through:

- the transparent and cost reflective allocation of the charges for equipment, property and personnel (together "facilities") employed by the NTS which are utilised for the provision of works or services to the associated gas transporter business and
- ensuring that any use of facilities owned or operated by the NTS by the associated gas transporter business is charged at an appropriate rate to avoid any discrimination or cross-subsidy in favour of the associated gas transporter business.

5. Transfer of employees from NTS

National Grid Gas will manage the transfer of employees from NTS to the associated gas transporter business to ensure that any NTS employee who transfers to the associated gas transporter business does not possess Commercially Sensitive Information that was acquired less than three months before the date of any such transfer.

6. Emergency assistance

In the event of an emergency it may be necessary for the NTS and associated gas transporter business system operations to be run from one control room for the duration of the emergency in accordance with emergency procedures. During this time and for a limited period while the emergency is being dealt with information about the NTS and associated gas transporter business may be visible to each other for the duration of the emergency. The associated gas transporter business will be required not to use any confidential information

received during such emergency for any purpose not connected with the emergency. During this time records of emergency duration and staff attendance shall be kept in accordance with existing emergency procedures.

7 Compliance Rules

National Grid Gas will put in place a set of Compliance Rules to drive the correct staff behaviour and reinforce business separation as set out in this Statement. The Scope of the Compliance Rules includes guidance on:

- NTS operational decisions,
- Disclosure of Commercially Sensitive Information about the NTS,
- Managing the delivery of NTS commercial agreements, and
- Correct allocation of costs to avoid cross subsidy between NTS and the associated gas transporter business

The Compliance Rules will provide that any deliberate breach of the Rules will be treated by National Grid Gas as a disciplinary offence.

Further information

Requests for further information about this statement should be addressed for the attention of the Business Separation Compliance Officer at :

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Appendix 1

Shared Business Services

- Procurement & Logistics
- Legal
- Regulation
- UK Property
- Human Resources
- Communications
- Information Systems
- Health, Safety and Environment
- Construction

**Appendix 2
National Grid plc UK Governance Structure – With Compliance
Committees**

