

**OPERATING MARGINS  
GAS PROCUREMENT  
TENDER INVITATION  
NOTICE  
GPT 4-17**

**Issued 19th April 2017**

**Network Capability and Operations, Gas  
System Operator  
National Grid Gas plc  
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

This document should be read in conjunction with the documents entitled;

- **Gas Procurement Tender Offer Notice GPT 4-17**
- **Gas Procurement Tender Rules GPTR1.0**
- **Gas Procurement Tender Terms GPTT1.0**

Each of these documents can be found at:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry%20information/Gas%20transmission%20system%20operations/Balancing/Operating%20margins/>

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**Reference No: GPT 4-17**

**GAS PROCUREMENT TENDER INVITATION NOTICE**

1. This Gas Procurement Tender Invitation Notice (“**Gas Procurement Tender Invitation Notice**”) is issued in accordance with, and is subject to:
  - the Uniform Network Code
  - the Gas Procurement Tender Rules with reference number GPTR1.0 (the “**Gas Procurement Tender Rules**”)
  - the Gas Procurement Tender Terms with the reference number GPTT1.0 (the “**Gas Procurement Tender Terms**”)
2. Defined terms used in this Gas Procurement Tender Invitation Notice shall, unless the context otherwise requires or otherwise defined herein, have the meanings given to them in the Gas Procurement Tender Terms.
3. Users are invited to submit Gas Procurement Tender Offers in accordance with, and subject to, this Gas Procurement Tender Invitation Notice, the Gas Procurement Tender Rules and the Gas Procurement Tender Terms. Each of such Gas Procurement Tender Offers shall be for the sale by the Tendering User to National Grid Gas of gas for Operating Margins purposes pursuant to Section K of the Uniform Network Code.
4. Each Gas Procurement Tender Offer must be in respect of one only of the following Delivery Methods:
  - NBP Trade
  - Storage Gas Transfer
5. When a completed Gas Procurement Offer Notice is submitted to National Grid Gas for delivery by Storage Gas Transfer, it must also be accompanied by written confirmation from the tenderer that they have an arrangement with the facility operator to hold and offer gas in store at the relevant facility effective for the period commencing 01<sup>st</sup> May 2017. National Grid Gas will then seek similar confirmation from the facility operator and if either confirmation is not forthcoming by 15:00 hours on Market Day, the Offer will be treated by National Grid Gas as invalid.
6. Each Gas Procurement Tender Offer must also be in respect of:
  - a. A specific Delivery Period, such Delivery Period being dependent on the Delivery Method and as per the table below; and
  - b. A volume of gas, specifying a Tranche being for a minimum Tendered Quantity of 500,000 kWh of gas and for a maximum not exceeding that specified in the table below.

<b>Delivery Method</b>	<b>Delivery Period (all Gas days inclusive)</b>	<b>Max Quantity kWh for delivery period (absolute)</b>
Storage Gas Transfer in the Aldbrough Storage facility	01 May 2017	5,027,816
Storage Gas Transfer in the Hornsea Storage facility	01 May 2017	93,000,000
Storage Gas Transfer in the Stublach Storage facility	01 May 2017	90,000,000
Storage Gas Transfer in the Holford Storage facility	01 May 2017	8,792,130
Storage Gas Transfer in the Hatfield Moor Storage facility	01 May 2017	3,794,418
Storage Gas Transfer in the Humbly Grove Storage Facility	01 May 2017	40,000,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>240,614,364</b>
And / or		
NBP Trade	01-30 Jun 2017 (inclusive)	123,000,000
NBP Trade	17 Jun 2017	43,264,513
NBP Trade	18 Jun 2017	43,264,513
NBP Trade	19 Jun 2017	5,714,286
NBP Trade	20 Jun 2017	5,714,286
NBP Trade	21 Jun 2017	5,714,286
NBP Trade	22 Jun 2017	5,714,286
NBP Trade	23 Jun 2017	5,714,286
NBP Trade	24 Jun 2017	1,256,954
NBP Trade	25 Jun 2017	1,256,954
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>240,614,364</b>

7. For the avoidance of doubt, Tendering Users may submit up to ten Gas Procurement Tender Offers for each quantity of gas offered for each Delivery Method specified in the table above, with each Gas Procurement Tender Offer being in the format described herein.
8. The Price in each Gas Procurement Tender Offer must be in pence per kWh and be to no more than four decimal places.
9. The maximum aggregate quantity of gas which National Grid Gas anticipates it will require pursuant to this Gas Procurement Tender Invitation Notice is 240,614,364 kWh. For the avoidance of doubt, National Grid Gas shall not be obliged to accept Gas Procurement Tender Offers in aggregate for the full amount of the above quantity, nor shall it be prevented from accepting Gas Procurement Tender Offers in aggregate for amounts exceeding such quantity.

10. The Offer Window Period within which Gas Procurement Tender Offers must be received by National Grid Gas is between 08:00 hours and 10:00 hours on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
11. Gas Procurement Tender Offers must be made in writing by completing in full the Gas Procurement Tender Offer Notice with the above Reference Number (or a direct copy thereof).
12. If National Grid Gas accepts, whether in whole or in part, a Gas Procurement Tender Offer, it shall use its reasonable endeavours to send a Gas Procurement Tender Acceptance to the relevant Tendering User in a Gas Procurement Tender Acceptance Notice no later than 16:00 hours on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
13. Gas Procurement Tender Offer Notices must be submitted to National Grid Gas by facsimile to facsimile number 01926 65 6613, marked for the attention of Mike McCluskey.
14. Any questions regarding this Gas Procurement Tender Invitation Notice may be made prior to the end of the Offer Window Period between 09:00 hours and 17:00 hours Monday to Friday (bank holidays excepted) by telephone to Mike McCluskey on 01926 654100.
15. The Gas Procurement Tender Rules and Gas Procurement Tender Terms have been published in the Operating Margins section of the National Grid website under the Re-profiling Tender tab.

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry%20information/Gas%20transmission%20system%20operations/Balancing/Operating%20margins/>

If a User is not in possession of either the Gas Procurement Tender Rules or the Gas Procurement Tender Terms, or if a User requires additional copies thereof, these should be obtained by contacting Mike McCluskey on 01926 654100.