

Questions and Answers for Access Review Webinar – 12th March 2019

Question	Response
Concerned about the low response from shippers, think all too busy with charging in last couple of weeks	Agree that it has been a very busy time for shippers recently, however we wanted to do some sort of meaningful engagement prior to the close out of the RIIO consultation on the 14 th March. We envisage continuous dialogue with industry on this topic, so please don't feel that there is a 'missed boat' in terms of getting your views across. We are happy to engage on a bilateral basis on any areas of interest. Please contact Malcolm.Montgomery@nationalgrid.com or Jennifer.Pemberton@nationalgrid.com
Does Grid publish total spare capacity (in KWh not %) by zone?	I think this depends on which zones you are referring to. Section 3.3.2 of the GTYS has a table (table 3.1) which totals the unsold capacity per zone in both GWh/d and %. Please check if this gives you what you are after, or please get back in touch if you need something different.
Grid do publish % of spare capacity by zone in GTYS so it would be useful to have this by KWh please	
DRSEC Process is very long, any way to have a day-ahead / within-day click and book system to reflect current requirements? Requirement is for additional capacity when all firm is sold	The DRSEC is a long-term mechanism through which National Grid may release discretionary entry capacity. For day ahead and within day auctions, then National Grid is incentivised to release additional capacity; this will be done on a risk/reward basis. There is also 'use-it-or-lose-it' Interruptible capacity released at the day ahead stage to recycle the average unutilised firm capacity back to the market, as well as the option for us to also release discretionary interruptible capacity. If there are additional tools or mechanisms you would like to see for the daily auctions then we will be happy to discuss them with you.
That RIIO process could begin to prescribe solutions rather than problems to be addressed, if problems are not adequately articulated then industry will struggle to progress solutions. This has happened before	We agree that clear problem statements should be identified, and that work should not be unnecessarily tied to the RIIO change process. The extent to which the RIIO process prescribes 'solutions' will need to be judged by Ofgem.
Malcolm has not distinguished between below and above baseline process. Below baseline NTS has an obligation to provide capacity. Below baseline capacity could be purchased.	The Substitution process and the Transfer process are used to meet demand above baseline at a particular point. The Trade process is for sold capacity, and therefore can relate to within baseline.
What is the GMaP (Gas Market Plan)?	In the Future of Gas programme, we committed to develop a long-term gas market change plan with industry and Ofgem to ensure we are developing the markets appropriately. We are working with our stakeholders to develop this over 2019. This is now called the Gas Markets Plan (GMaP). If you are interested in these developments, please sign up for updates through futureofgas.uk .