

System Management Principles Statement Annual Consultation by National Grid Gas Transmission

January 2020

Summary

This annual consultation is being carried out in accordance with the National Grid Gas plc Gas Transporter (GT) Licence - Special Condition 8A. The consultation period will be for 28 days.

This document contains the timescales for the consultation and the background to the consultation.

Following this consultation, National Grid Gas Transmission will produce a report and submit it to the Authority in accordance with its GT Licence Special Condition 8A paragraph 21.

Consultation timescales

National Grid Gas Transmission issues consultation: 20th January 2020

Closing date for responses: 17th February 2020

National Grid Gas Transmission submits report to the Authority: 24th February 2020

Background

National Grid Gas Transmission prepares a SMP Statement in accordance with Special Condition 8A of its GT Licence. The original version (1.0) of the SMP Statement was approved by the Authority and became effective on 2nd October 2002. The current version 7.0 is available at:

<https://www.nationalgridgas.com/about-us/how-were-regulated/gas-industry-compliance>

Detailed Changes to the SMP Statement

We propose to make the following material changes to the current version of the SMP Statement:

Change Type	Description	Location
Change of wording from National Grid National Transmission System (NTS) to National Grid Gas Transmission (NGGT)	Wording has been amended to reflect how National Grid now refers to its Gas Transmission Business and to improve consistency across	Throughout document

	documents published by National Grid.	
Change of wording of “Gas Deficit Warning (GDW)” to “Gas Balancing Notification (GBN)”	All text updated to reflect the implementation of UNC Modification 0685 “Amendment of the UNC term ‘Gas Deficit Warning’ to ‘Gas Balancing Notification’”	Throughout document.

We also propose to make the following non-material changes to the current version of the SMP Statement:

Change Type	Description	Location
Format	The document has been updated to the National Grid standard template to improve user friendliness and consistency with other documents published by National Grid.	Throughout document.
Format	Contents page moved to before Modification and Document Revision History. Contents page updated to include Modification and Document Revision History and page numbers updated accordingly.	Page 1.
Housekeeping	Addition of “NBP” explanation “National Balancing Point” at first mention	Part B, section 3 paragraph 1. Page 5.
Housekeeping	Punctuation has been corrected in several sections.	Part A, section 2, paragraph 2. Page 4. Part C, section 3.1, paragraphs 1 and 2. Page 8. Part D, section 3, paragraph 1. Page 10.
Housekeeping	Text was removed or amended in several sections to make the	Part C, section 1, paragraph 3. Page 7.

	document more clear and concise without any change to meaning.	Part C, section 2, paragraph 7. Page 7. Part D, section 5, paragraph 1. Page 11.
Functional	Link to Margins Notice and Safety Monitor Report added	Part D, section 5, paragraph 4. Page 11.
Functional	Addition of NGGT to Glossary	Part F. Page 14.
Functional	Addition of Further Information Section	Part H. Page 14.

A change marked draft version of this document (version 7.1), which includes the proposed amendments for 1st April 2020, can also be found via the link above for review.

Views Sought

National Grid Gas Transmission would welcome your views on the proposed changes, as well as any wider comments on the document, within the terms of this consultation.

Please ensure that any responses to this consultation are received by close of play on Monday 17th February 2020.

Responses should be sent electronically to box.gas.market.devel@nationalgrid.com or by post to:

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We are willing to meet with you to consider modifications to the Statement. If you would like to arrange a meeting with National Grid to discuss the SMP Statement please use the contact details above.