



The Company Secretary  
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**Consent given to National Grid Gas plc by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority pursuant to paragraph 3 of Special Condition C15 of the gas transporter licence in respect of the NTS.**

1. This Consent is given by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the "Authority") under Special Condition C15 of the gas transporter licence in respect of the NTS (the "Licence") granted or treated as granted under Section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (the "Act") to National Grid Gas plc (the "Licensee").
2. Paragraph 2 of Special Condition C15 provides that the licensee shall before 1st July in each formula year (or such later date in each formula year as the Authority may approve) prepare and submit for approval by the Authority an incremental entry capacity release ("IECR") methodology statement setting out (consistently with the licensee's duties under the Act, and the standard, Standard Special and Special Conditions) the methodology by which it will determine whether to make incremental entry capacity available for sale to gas shippers.
3. Paragraph 3 of Special Condition C15 of the Licence ("paragraph 3") provides that unless the Authority otherwise consents, the IECR methodology statement shall be accompanied by a statement from appropriate auditors confirming that they have carried out an investigation, the scope of which shall have been established by the licensee and approved by the Authority, and giving their opinion as to the extent to which the licensee has developed a methodology that is consistent with the licensee's duties under the Act and the standard, Standard Special and Special Conditions.
4. The IECR model being prepared for 1 July 2009 is the same as the model approved by the Authority in 2008. Hence, there is little or no benefit to be gained from obtaining the auditors' statement referred to in paragraph 3.

THEREFORE

5. The Authority hereby consents to the Licensee submitting an IECR methodology statement before 1 July 2009 for formula year 2009 without a statement from auditors as referred to in paragraph 3.

Dated: 22 June 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Cook', written over a horizontal line.

**Signed on behalf of the Authority**

**Stuart Cook – Director, Transmission**

**Authorised for that purpose by the Authority**