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Dear Nicola,

Approval of National Grid Gas Plc's ("NGG") proposal for Rough Storage (Storage Site) Zero Baseline Capacity Entry Point to be included in the definition of "relevant points".

Thank you for your letter and report received on 12 September 2022 on the classification of a relevant point under the EU Gas Regulation for a new NTS Zero Baseline Capacity Entry Point in which you proposed that Rough Storage (Storage Site) Zero Baseline Capacity Entry Point (the "Entry Point") be included in the definition of "relevant points". We¹ have decided to approve this proposal.

Background

Under Article 18(3) of Gas Regulation (EC) No. 715/2009 (the "Regulation"),² classification as a "relevant point" requires NGG as the Transmission System Operator to make information on the technical, contractual and available capacity available to the public on a regular and rolling basis. In accordance with Article 18(4) of the Regulation, consultation with network users and approval by Ofgem of the classification of new NTS Entry Point as a "relevant point", or not, is required.

Proposal

¹ The terms "we", "us", "our" and "the Authority" are used to refer to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.

² Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005 [[EUR-Lex - 32009R0715 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)]

Your report sets out your proposal that Rough Storage should be defined as a Storage Site in the Zero Baseline Capacity table and therefore included in the definition of “relevant points”. Rough Storage is an existing site which is being re-opened as a storage facility for operation in winter 2022/23. On 4 August 2022, the Entry Point was added to the Zero Licence Baseline Capacity table.³

Our decision

In view of your letter and report, the Authority considers that NGG has complied with its licence and EU Gas Regulation by its consultation on the Entry Point with network users from 9 August 2022 to 9 September 2022, and subsequent submission of a report to the Authority. In respect of approval of the Entry Point as a “relevant point” pursuant to Article 18(4), we agree that the entry point satisfies the criteria for being considered a relevant point and therefore agree with your proposal that the Entry Point should be defined as a Storage Site and be treated as a relevant point.

We approve the proposal to include Rough Storage Zero Baseline Capacity Entry Point in the definition of “relevant points”.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Richardson

Head of Energy Security of Supply

³ In accordance with National Grid Gas Plc (NTS), Gas Transporter Licence Special Condition 9.13 Part E.