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Dear Rudi & Phil,

Approval of the proposed Interconnection Agreement between BBLC and National Gas Transmission

On 15 December 2025, BBL Company V.O.F. ("**BBLC**") submitted the amended and restated Interconnection Agreement ("**IA**") between BBLC and National Gas Transmission PLC ("**NGT**") to the Authority¹ for approval in accordance with Standard Licence Condition ("**SLC**") 3 of the Gas Interconnector Licence² – 'Compliance with bilateral agreements'. This condition requires that the licensee shall enter into such bilateral agreements as may be

¹ References to the "Authority", "Ofgem", "we" and "our" are used interchangeably in this document. The Authority refers to GEMA, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) supports GEMA in its day to day work. This decision is made by or on behalf of GEMA.

² [Standard Licence Condition \("SLC"\)](#)

reasonably required by any relevant gas transporter and any such agreements must be provided by the licensee to the Authority for its approval. NG also confirmed agreement to this text.

This letter sets out our decision to approve the IA on the basis that its contents have been agreed by both parties.

Background

BBL operates the BBL interconnector, a bi-directional pipeline connecting the Netherlands gas market with Great Britain at the Bacton interconnection point. BBLC is a certified Transmission System Operator and holds a gas interconnector licence. The IA governs the technical and operational arrangements at Bacton between BBLC and NGT.

On 6 April 2023, the Gas Safety (Management) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 ("GS(M)(A)R 2023")³ entered into force, with updates to Schedule 3 (content and other characteristics of gas) of the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996 to reduce the lower Wobbe Index limit for gas conveyed in GB networks. To implement these statutory changes within industry contracts and network interfaces, NG raised Uniform Network Code ("UNC") Modification 0870 – "Amendments to Wobbe Index and Calorific Value Lower Limits at NGT System Entry Points" on 11 March 2024. The UNC Panel approved the Final Modification Report ("FMR") on 16 January 2025 for implementation, and Ofgem approved UNC0870⁴ on 21 March 2025.

Consistent with GS(M)(A)R 2023 and UNC0870, amendments have been made to the IA making the necessary updates to gas-quality parameters, including reflecting the lower Wobbe limit in the applicable ranges, alongside related clarifications and formatting normalisations in the Network Entry/Exit provisions and Measurements and Local Operating Procedures ("LOP") appendices. These updates mirror the approach taken at Bacton for adjacent TSOs and are limited to ensuring legal and contractual alignment of the IA's gas-quality provision.

Authority Decision

SLC 3.1 requires that bilateral agreements, and any amendments to these agreements, must be submitted to the Authority for approval. We have received a request to approve the amended IA, as well as confirmation from both parties that all components have been agreed.

³ GS(M)(A)R 2023 (Statutory Instrument 2023/284) – [explanatory memorandum and detail on changes to Schedule 3 \(gas characteristics\)](#) ; [and UK Parliament SI record](#)

⁴ [UNC0870](#)

After careful consideration of the IA submitted to Ofgem on 15 December 2025, having regard to the Authority's principal objective and statutory duties, the Authority has decided to approve the IA in accordance with the provisions of SLC 3 of the Licence on the basis that its contents have been agreed by both parties.⁵

Ongoing Obligations and monitoring

It remains the responsibility of BBLC and NG to ensure the IA is implemented and operated in full compliance with all applicable licence and regulatory requirements, including giving full and timely effect to any relevant legally binding decision of ACER or the European Commission, and to ensure arrangements remain transparent and non-discriminatory. Any future amendments to the IA must be submitted to the Authority for approval in accordance with SLC 3 before they become effective.

Ofgem may request further information and may conduct additional checks or reviews as necessary, including where market or operational conditions change, to monitor compliance with licence and regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions relating to this decision, please contact: Komal Vyas
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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

⁵ [Gas Interconnector Standard Licence Conditions](#)