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Decision on the revision of the System Management Principles Statement

Thank you¹ for submitting your proposal on 23 February 2026 to amend the System Management Principles Statement (SMPS), in accordance with special condition 9.19.13 of the Gas Transporter Licence (the Licence). This letter sets out our² decision to approve the proposed changes, which will come into effect immediately.

Background

Special Condition 9.19.8 of the Licence requires National Gas Transmission (NGT) to have in place and comply with a statement which outlines the principles and criteria for operating the National Transmission System (NTS). This statement should include:

- which System Management Services the licensee will use to assist it in the operation of the NTS; and
- when and for what purpose the licensee would resort to measures not involving the use of these services in the operation of the NTS.

Special Condition 9.19.13 provides that the licensee must review the SMPS at least once each Regulatory Year. This condition also requires the NGT to:

- consult parties mentioned in that condition;

¹ References to the "you" and "your" are used in this document to refer to National Gas Transmission Plc.

² References to the "Authority", "Ofgem", "we" and "our" are used interchangeably in this document to refer 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.

- submit a report to the Authority within seven days of the consultation period ending; and
- include the outcome of the review, consultation responses and proposed changes, objections or representations to the SMPS.

NGT may only make revisions to the SMPS with the consent of the Authority, according to section 9.19.16 of its licence.

Proposed Amendments

In the Consultation Report provided, you stated that NGT are not proposing any substantive changes to the SMPS, with only minor housekeeping changes made (such as updating links, dates, and references).

We note that there was one response to the consultation, which raised questions regarding information provision on incentive schemes, NGT decision making on system management tool usage, and historical use of such tools.

NGT responded to these queries through the addition of text to the SMPS and by pointing the respondent to where the requested information is published, which we consider to be sufficient.

Having reviewed the revised SMPS and the accompanying documents we are satisfied that the changes proposed are non-substantive, in that they do not impact the meaning or intent of the document.

Our decision

In accordance with Special Condition 9.19.16, we consent to NGT making the proposed changes to the SMPS.³ These revisions will take effect from 1 April 2026.

If you have any questions concerning this consent notice, please contact Gas.Systems@Ofgem.gov.uk

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For and on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

³ National Grid Transmission's original SMPS submission can be viewed [here](#).