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Dear Mr Streuper and Ms Ellard,

Approval of the proposed revised Interconnection Agreement and Pressure Service Charges Agreement between BBL Company V.O.F. and National Gas Transmission

On 15 September 2026, an Interconnection Agreement ("IA") and Pressure Service Charges Agreement ("PSCA") between BBL Company V.O.F. ("BBL") and National Gas Transmission ("NGT") were submitted to the Authority for approval in accordance with Standard Licence Condition ("SLC") 3 of the Gas Interconnector Licence¹ ("the Licence") – 'Compliance with bilateral agreements'. This condition states that the licensee shall enter into such bilateral agreements as may be reasonably required by any relevant gas transporter. NGT also confirmed agreement to this text.

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

Background

¹ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/energy-policy-and-regulation/industry-licensing/licences-and-licence-conditions>

BBL is the operator of a bi-directional interconnector pipeline that connects the Netherlands gas market with Great Britain. BBL is a Transmission System Operator and holder of a gas interconnector licence.

BBL first entered into an IA with NGT on 21 April 2009. The IA relates to the connection between BBL and NGT's National Transmission System at Bacton interconnection point ("Bacton"). BBL entered into a PSCA with NGT on 17 June 2022. The PSCA between BBL and NGT states the charging mechanism for the pressure service contained within the IA.

On 8 October 2025, NG raised Uniform Network Code ("UNC") 0918: 'Reintroduction of the enhanced pressure service and increased MNEPOR for BBLC' (as introduced by UNC0814). UNC0918 is an enabling modification which allows a temporary update to the Interconnector Agreement between National Gas and BBL Company to introduce the same increase to the maximum national transmission system exit point offtake rate from 184,780,632 kWh/d (7,699,193kWh/h) to 252,000,000 kWh/d (10,500,000 kWh/h) and access to an enhanced pressure service for a time limited period. On 7 May 2026, Ofgem approved UNC0918.

On 15 September 2026, BBLC submitted a revised IA and PSCA to Ofgem for approval, which incorporates the prolongation of the Enhanced Pressure Service by NGT. Amendments have been made to reflect the latest amendment and restatement versions, update operational references, correct administrative details, and amend date fields. A further change has introduced a mechanism whereby the party asking for the EPS is paying in full, which replaces a pro rata charging mechanism.

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 and the PSCA, as well as confirmation from both parties that all components have been agreed.

After careful consideration of the IA and the PSCA submitted to Ofgem on 15 September 2026, having regard to the Authority's principal objective and statutory duties, the Authority has decided to approve the IA and the PSCA in accordance with the provisions of SLC 3 of the Licence on the basis that its contents have been agreed by both parties. These are commercial terms between two market participants, and we have not identified any change in terms that would be detrimental to the market or to consumers.

If you have any questions relating to this decision, please contact:
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Yours sincerely,

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose