

## **Note For DISG 4<sup>th</sup> May**

### **System Operation Managed Service Agreement (SOMSA)**

#### **Miscellaneous and Ancillary Services**

##### **Background**

NGT has been asked by DISG to provide a description of the miscellaneous and ancillary services provided under the SOMSA.

In this note Transco, as the provider of these services, is referred to as the Area Control Centre (ACC). The DN owner as the recipient of the services is referred to as the DN.

##### **Miscellaneous Services**

There are 3 miscellaneous services:

**Leakage Surveys** – When weather temperatures have been below an agreed level for more a prescribed time period these could lead to DNs having to carry out additional leakage surveys on part of its system. The service comprises the ACC using information provided by its contract with the Met Office to inform the DN when the agreed temperature criteria have been reached.

**NExAs** – Where large loads are connected to the DN system a Network Exit Agreement (NExA) may exist. The NExA includes provisions for operational communications and information transfer, ramp rates and associated notice periods. The ACC, acting on behalf of the DN receives operational data from the Supply Point, which it uses to manage the system. The miscellaneous service provided by the ACC involves the comparison of Offtake Profile Notice information and actual flows, and notification to the DN where there is an anticipated risk to the operation of the network.

**Interruptible Supply Points** – The ACC instigates interruption of Network Sensitive Loads (NSLs) on behalf of the DN in accordance with demand trigger levels provided by the DN. The miscellaneous service relates to new NSLs. If requested by the DN ACC staff will visit the NSL to explain the impact on the local supply system of being an NSL, along with the importance of being able to comply with requests to interrupt.

##### **Ancillary Services**

The ancillary services are specific to particular DNs.

Three services are envisaged:

**Third Party Sites.** - Some DNs have entered into agreements with end users downstream of the connection points to the DNs system to monitor the system and provide a call out facility. Where monitoring is via telemetry routed to the ACC Control System the ACC informs the DN of any faults occurring on the system.

**Nomination Services** – The service comprises gas nomination services in respect of the Scottish Independent Undertakings.

**On Shore Gas Fields and Direct LDZ Inputs.** - Where there are inputs directly into a DN system there will be a Network Entry Agreement. The ACC will act on behalf of the DN in respect of the daily operation of these arrangements.

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