

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7B(9)(c) OF THE GAS ACT 1986 OF THE GRANT OF FIVE
NEW ADDITIONAL GAS TRANSPORTER LICENCES**

Pursuant to section 7B(9)(c) of the Gas Act 1986 ("the Act"), the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority") hereby gives notice that on 5 November 2004 five new additional gas transporter ("GT") licences were granted under section 7(2) of the Act to Transco plc (company number 2006000) whose registered office is situated at 1-3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH, authorising it to convey gas through pipes to any premises in Great Britain and to pipe-line systems operated by other gas transporters.

Copies of the new additional GT licences are available from the Ofgem Library, 9 Millbank, London, SW1P 3GE (020 7901 7003) or by email at library@ofgem.gov.uk. Alternatively, copies are also available from the Ofgem website: <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/ofgem/work/index.jsp?section=/areasofwork/gasdistributionnetworksale>

The new additional GT licences were issued as part of Transco plc's proposed sale of one or more of its local gas distribution networks ("DNs").¹

The grant of the new additional GT licences should not raise any expectations on the part of Transco plc, National Grid Transco plc, DN purchasers or any other person as to what the Authority's final decision in relation to the proposed transaction may be or as to the regulatory framework which may be implemented if the Authority consents to the proposed transaction.

The grant of the new additional GT licences should not be construed as granting any rights to any person or imposing any obligations on the Authority in relation to Transco plc's proposed sale of its DNs.

The Authority's discretion in relation to Transco plc's proposed sale of DNs will not be fettered by the grant of the new additional GT licences to Transco plc.



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Maxine Frerk
Duly authorised on behalf
of the Authority

Date: 5 November 2004

¹ See notice issued by Ofgem pursuant to Section 7(5) and 8(4) of the Gas Act 1986 on 23 July 2004: http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/7942_Transco_new_notice.pdf