

Notice under Section 7(5) of the Gas Act 1986

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority") hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 7(5) of the Gas Act 1986 ("the Act") as follows:

1. The Authority proposes to grant a gas transporter licence ("the Licence") under Section 7(2) of the Act to Fulcrum Pipelines Limited (company number 06006362), whose registered office is situated at 1-3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH, Great Britain ("the Company").
2. The Licence, if awarded, will authorise the Company to:
 - a. convey gas through pipes to any premises in Great Britain; and
 - b. convey gas through pipes to any pipe-line system operated by another gas transporter which is designed to receive gas at an operating pressure not exceeding 7 bar gauge.
3. The reasons why the Authority proposes to grant the Licence are:
 - a. to secure that the reasonable demands for gas in Great Britain are met; and
 - b. to secure effective competition in the supply of gas through pipes.
4. Fulcrum Pipelines Limited has provided the Authority with information regarding its financial ring fencing obligations (under standard licence conditions 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47). Fulcrum Pipelines Limited has also provided the Authority with details relating to separation of financial, physical, staffing and information arrangements between it and the other Fulcrum companies.
5. Fulcrum Pipelines Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fulcrum Connections Limited which is part of the National Grid group. Other subsidiaries of Fulcrum Connections Limited are Fulcrum Gas Services Limited and Fulcrum Infrastructure Services Limited. Fulcrum Pipelines Limited was created to develop, own and operate gas pipeline networks.
6. The Authority has consulted on its proposed policy for dealing with affiliate Independent Gas Transporters and a decision document has been published on the Ofgem website.
7. Any representations or objections with respect to the proposed Licence may be made on or before 6 June 2007 and should be addressed to Catherine Wheeler at 9 Millbank, London, SW1P 3GE or catherine.wheeler@ofgem.gov.uk.



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Mark Feather
Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority

30 March 2007