

7th August 2009

Mr. Bogdan Kowalewicz,
Gas Transmission,
Ofgem,
9 Millbank,
London SW1P 3GE,
UK.

Re: Proposed disposal of part of NTS for Carbon Capture and Storage (Ref: 35/09)

Dear Mr. Kowalewicz,

We refer to the above consultation which relates to certain National Grid gas pipelines in Scotland being changed from being used as natural gas transportation pipelines to transportation of CO₂ gas.

As you may be aware, Ireland receives 95% of its natural gas supply from Moffat in South West Scotland. We are concerned that the Carbon Capture and Storage proposal may have an adverse impact on this crucial Interconnection Point and thus affect Irish supplies. We request in assessing the proposal that you take this into your fullest consideration.

In particular we would welcome if the following issues could be analysed and the results of such analysis reported prior to a decision being made on the proposal:

- Can the proposal give rise to any reduction in the level of exit capacity which can now or in the future be made available at Moffat ?
- Can the proposal impact in any way on the capability to provide reverse flow at Moffat ?
- Can the proposal impact on the services which National Grid provides to the Gas Market at Moffat ?
- Can the proposal give rise to any adverse impact on the level of flow flex which could, in the event of OFGEM so deciding, be provided to the market in the Scottish region ?

We thank you for the opportunity to respond to your consultation.

Yours sincerely,



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*cc. Stuart Cook, Director of Transmission, Ofgem
Keelin O'Brien, CER.*