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Dear Colleague

Consultation on “relevant points” of a transmission system for the purposes of Article 6(4) Gas Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005

Article 6 (4) of Gas Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005 requires the competent authorities to approve, after consultation with network users, the relevant points of a transmission system on which certain information must be made public.

Paragraph 3.2 of the Guidelines in the Annex of Gas Regulation (EC) 1775/2005 defines “relevant points” for transparency requirements as including at least:

- (a) all entry points to a network operated by a transmission system operator;*
- (b) the most important exit points and exit zones covering at least 50 % of total exit capacity of the network of a given transmission system operator, including all exit points or exit zones covering more than 2 % of total exit capacity of the network;*
- (c) all points connecting different networks of transmission system operators;*
- (d) all points connecting the network of a transmission system operator with an LNG terminal;*
- (e) all essential points within the network of a given transmission system operator including points connecting to gas hubs. All points are considered essential which, based on experience, are likely to experience physical congestion;*
- (f) all points connecting the network of a given transmission system operator to infrastructure necessary for providing ancillary services as defined by Article 2(14) of Directive 2003/55/EC.¹*

¹ “Ancillary services” are defined as “all services necessary for access to and the operation of transmission and/or distribution networks and/or LNG facilities and/or storage facilities including load balancing and blending, but excluding facilities reserved exclusively for transmission system operators carrying out their functions;”

In order to satisfy the requirements expressly to request the views of network users in relation to the designation of relevant points as required under Article 6(4) of Gas Regulation 1775/2005, Ofgem invites representations and comments from interested parties on our proposal to approve all the points listed in Annex 1 as relevant points. Annex 1 is based on all the points listed in National Grid Gas's transporter licence².

We ask interested parties to outline in their consultation response any points which they consider should not be defined as relevant points and the reason for their exclusion, or whether there are additional points which should be defined as relevant points and the reason for their inclusion.

It should be noted that Paragraph 3.2 of the Guidelines in the Annex of Gas Regulation (EC) 1775/2009 is in the process of being amended, with formal adoption expected later this year. We note, for example, that the proposed amendment to the definition of relevant points intends to allow exceptions of exit points connected to a single final customer and entry points linked directly to a production facility of a single producer that is located within the EU. Ofgem intends to re-consult on the relevant points once the amended Paragraph 3.2 has been formally adopted.

Responses

If you have any comments or questions on this letter, please contact Paul O' Donovan on +44 20 7901 7414 or gas.transmissionresponse@ofgem.gov.uk in the first instance. Please respond to this consultation by 23rd August. Please submit responses both electronically (to the email address above) and in writing. Please put any confidential material in the appendices to your response.

Unless marked confidential, all responses will be published on Ofgem's website www.ofgem.gov.uk and placed in its library. Respondents may request that their response is kept confidential. Ofgem shall respect your request, subject to any obligations to disclose information, for example, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Respondents who wish to have their responses remain confidential, should clearly mark the document/s to that effect and give the reasons for confidentiality.

Once all the responses to this consultation have been assessed, Ofgem intends to issue a further letter listing those points that it approves as relevant points for the purpose of Article 6.4 of Gas Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005.

Yours Sincerely

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² Annex A of Special Condition C8E outlines the exit points. Annex A of Special Condition C8D outlines the entry points.

Annex 1: Proposed Relevant Points

Aberdeen
Abernedd Power Station
Abson (Seabank Power Station phase I)
Albury
Alrewas (EM)
Alrewas (WM)
Armadale
Aspley
Asselby
Audley (NW)
Audley (WM)
Austrey
Avonmouth
Avonmouth Max Refill
Aylesbeare
Bacton
Bacton (Baird)
Bacton (BBL)
Bacton (Great Yarmouth)
Bacton (IUK)
Baldersby
Balgray
Barking (Horndon)
Barrow
Barrow (Bains)
Barrow (Black Start)
Barrow (Gateway)
Barton Stacey
Barton Stacey Max Refill (Humbly Grove)
Bathgate
Billingham ICI (Terra Billingham)
Bishop Auckland
Bishop Auckland (test facility)
Blaby
Blackness (BP Grangemouth)
Blackrod
Blyborough
Blyborough (Brigg)
Blyborough (Cottam)
Blyborough (Welton)
Braishfield A
Braishfield B
Brine Field (Teesside) Power Station
Brisley
Broxburn
Burley Bank
Burnhervie

Burton Point
Burton Point (Connahs Quay)
Caldecott
Caldecott (Corby Power Station)
Cambridge
Canonbie
Careston
Carrington (Partington) Power Station
Caythorpe
Centrax Industrial
Cheshire
Cirencester
Coffinswell
Coldstream
Corbridge
Coryton 2 (Thames Haven) Power Station
Cowpen Bewley
Crawley Down
Deeside
Didcot A
Didcot B
Dowlais
Drakelow Power Station
Drointon
Drum
Dyffryn Clydach
Dynevor Arms
Dynevor Max Refill
Easington
Eastoft (Keadby Blackstart)
Eastoft (Keadby)
Easton Grey
Ecclestone
Elton
Enron Billingham
Epping Green (Enfield Energy, aka Brimsdown)
Evesham
Farningham
Farningham B
Ferny Knoll (AM Paper)
Fiddington
Fleetwood
Ganstead
Garton
Garton Max Refill (Aldbrough)
Gilwern
Glenmavis
Glenmavis Max Refill
Goole (Guardian Glass)

Gosberton
Gowkhall (Longannet)
Grain Power Station
Great Wilbraham
Guyzance
Hardwick
Harwarden (Shotton, aka Shotton Paper)
Hatfield Moor Max Refill
Hatfield Moor (On shore)
Hatfield Moor (Storage)
Hatfield Power Station
Hole House Farm
Hole House Max Refill
Holford
Hollingsgreen (Hays Chemicals)
Holmes Chapel
Horndon
Hornsea
Hornsea Max Refill
Humbleton
Hume
Ilchester
Ipsden
Ipsden 2
Isle of Grain
Keld
Kenn
Kinknockie
Kirkstead
Langage Power Station
Langholm
Lauderhill
Leamington
Little Burdon
Littleton Drew
Lockerbie
Lower Quinton
Lupton
Luxborough Lane
Lyneham (Choakford)
Maelor
Malpas
Mappowder
Marchwood Power Station
Market Harborough
Matching Green
Medway (aka Isle of Grain Power Station, NOT Grain Power)
Melkinthorpe

Mickle Trafford
Middle Stoke (Damhead Creek, aka Kingsnorth Power Station)
Milford Haven
Milwich
Moffat (Irish Interconnector)
Netherhowcleugh
Pannal
Partington
Partington Max Refill
Paull
Palmers Wood
Pembroke Power Station
Peterborough (Peterborough Power Station)
Peterborough Eye (Tee)
Peters Green
Peters Green South Mimms
Phillips Petroleum, Teeside
Pickering
Pickmere (Winnington Power, aka Brunner Mond)
Pitcairngreen
Portland
Pucklechurch
Rawcliffe
Roosecote Power Station (Barrow)
Rosehill (Saltend Power Station)
Ross (SW)
Ross (WM)
Roudham Heath
Rough Max Refill
Royston
Rugby
Ryehouse
Saddle Bow (Kings Lynn)
Saltend BPHP (BP Saltend HP)
Saltwick Pressure Controlled
Saltwick Volumetric Controlled
Samlesbury
Sandy Lane (Blackburn CHP, aka Sappi Paper Mill)
Seabank (DN)
Seabank (Seabank Power Station phase II)
Sellafield Power Station
Shellstar (aka Kemira, not Kemira CHP)
Shorne
Shotwick (Bridgewater Paper)
Shustoke
Silk Willoughby
Soutra
Spalding 2 (South Holland) Power Station

St Fergus
St. Fergus (Peterhead)
St. Neots (Little Barford)
St.Fergus (Shell Blackstart)
Stallingborough (phase 1)
Stallingborough (phase 2)
Stanford Le Hope (Coryton)
Staythorpe PH1
Staythorpe PH2
Stranraer
Stratford-upon-Avon
Stublach (Cheshire)
Sutton Bridge
Sutton Bridge Power Station
Tatsfield
Teesside
Teesside (BASF, aka BASF Teesside)
Teesside Hydrogen
Terra Nitrogen (aka ICI, Terra Severnside)
Theddlethorpe
Thornton Curtis (DN)
Thornton Curtis (Humber Refinery, aka Immingham)
Thornton Curtis (Killingholme)
Thrintoft
Tonna (Baglan Bay)
Towlaw
Towton
Tur Langton
Upper Neeston (Milford Haven Refinery)
Walesby
Warburton
West Burton Power Station
West Winch
Weston Point
Weston Point (Castner Kelner, aka ICI Runcorn)
Weston Point (Rocksavage)
Wetheral
Whitwell
Winkfield
Winkfield (NT)
Winkfield (SE)
Winkfield (SO)
Wragg Marsh (Spalding)
Wyre Power Station
Wytch Farm
Yelverton
Zeneca (ICI Avecia, aka 'Zenica')