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

Dear Martin,

National Grid Gas plc (“National Grid”) in its role as holder of the Gas Transporter Licence in respect of the NTS (“the Licence”) welcomes the opportunity to respond to Ofgem’s consultation on “relevant points”.

National Grid supports the proposal to include all the entry and exit points listed in Annex A of Special Condition C8D and Annex A of Special Condition C8E of the Licence respectively as relevant points for the purpose of publication of capacity information. However, we would like to point out the following inconsistencies between the list in Annex 1 of the consultation and the Annexes in the Licence.

- At certain entry points there is also an offtake to the local distribution network. Although given the same name, the Licence recognises these as two distinct system points. Annex 1 only records these as one system point. The relevant points are:
 - Bacton
 - Glenmavis
 - Partington
 - St Fergus
 - Tatsfield.
- In addition, a single point at “Caythorpe” is included in Annex 1. However, the Licence refers to Caythorpe (Burton Agnes) as an exit point and Burton Agnes (Caythorpe) as an entry point.
- Annex 1 refers, in three instances, to a pair of exit points that have been amalgamated into single exit points within the Licence. These are:
 - Didcot
 - Stallingborough
 - Staythorpe.

For the avoidance of doubt, National Grid supports the publication of capacity information at entry and exit points identified in the Licence, as this may, from time to time, be updated.

If you have any queries with regard to our comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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