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Dear colleague

Relevant exit points of the National Transmission System (NTS): addition of new exit points to the gas transporter licence

By notice under s23 of the Gas Act 1986 issued on 20 June 2011 the Authority added five exit points to National Grid Gas's (NGG's) gas transporter licence (the "Licence").

Under Article 18(3) of the Gas Regulation (EC No 715/2009), NGG is required to make available public information on technical, contracted and available capacities at all "relevant points" on a regular basis and under Article 18(4) those relevant points must be approved by the Authority after consultation with network users. Relevant points are defined in paragraph 3.2 of Annex 1 of the Regulations (as amended by Commission Decision, of 10 November 2010 (2010/685/EU)).

This letter sets out the Authority's decision on the categorisation of the five new exit points for the purposes of Article 18(4), confirming those exit points which are "relevant points" and those that are not.

Background

As explained above, Article 18(4) of the Gas Regulation requires the Authority to approve the relevant points of the NTS for which certain information must be made available, after consultation with network users.

Under paragraph 3.2(2) of Annex 1 to the Gas Regulation, single final customers and production facilities are excluded from the definition of relevant points and information on such points is to be published in aggregate format.¹

On 6 May 2011, the Authority issued an approval letter which included two tables of the NTS points one of which listed those that are to be considered relevant exit points and the other listed those which were not. The exit points that do not fall within the definition of relevant points were power stations and industrial offtake exit points.

The Authority also stated in the approval letter that as new points were added to the NTS their categorisation as relevant points would be consulted on in tandem with the corresponding licence modification consultation. This was to ensure that stakeholders can comment on the appropriate categorisation of the new NTS point.

¹ Full details on what information must be published for "relevant points" can be found in the 'consultation on "relevant points" of a transmission system for the purposes of Article 18(4) of Gas regulation (EC) No 715/2009' consultation letter available on the Ofgem website: <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk>

On 18 May 2011, the Authority issued a notice of proposed modifications to NGG's gas transporter licence under section 23 of the Gas Act 1986. This modification included a proposal to add five exit points to the NTS. These exit points are:

- Deborah Storage (Bacton)
- Tilbury Power Station
- Willington Power Station
- Cockenzie Power Station
- Saltfleetby Storage (Theddlethorpe)

In the section 23 notice consultation we sought respondents' views on whether any of these points should not be considered relevant points in accordance with the provisions of the Gas Regulation.

On 20 June 2011, the Authority amended the Licence to include these five exit points.

Consultation

The Authority received five responses to the licence modification consultation, two of which commented on the categorisation of the exit points. Both respondents considered that Tilbury Power Station, Willington Power Station and Cockenzie Power Station should be excluded from the definition of a relevant point and, hence, have data published on an aggregate level.

Both respondents also considered that Deborah Storage (Bacton) and Saltfleetby Storage (Theddlethorpe) should fall within the definition of a relevant point and have information published in accordance with the requirements of Article 18(4).

The respondents stated that this categorisation would be consistent with the Authority's decision letter dated 18 May 2011 and ensure that only aggregate information was published for those exit points connected to a single final customer (as required by the Gas Regulation).

Authority decision

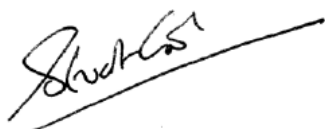
The Authority has considered carefully the responses to the consultation and the definition of relevant points in the Gas Regulation in approving the categorisation of the new exit points. We have decided that Deborah Storage (Bacton) and Saltfleetby Storage (Theddlethorpe) should be considered as relevant exit points.

We have also decided that Tilbury Power Station, Willington Power Station and Cockenzie Power Station are not to be categorised as relevant points and data in respect of these points need only be published in an aggregate format.

In our view this is in keeping with the exclusion of exit points connected to a single final customer from the definition of relevant points as provided for by paragraph 3.2(2) of Annex 1 to the Gas Regulation.

Tables 1 and 2 appended to this letter identify all the exit points listed in NGG's gas transporter licence after it has been updated with the five exit points added by the modification of 20 June 2011, and indicate whether they are relevant exit points (Article 18(3) and Annex 1 Chapter 3 reporting requirements) or excluded single final customer or production facilities (aggregated reporting) respectively.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Cook', is written over a horizontal line.

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Table 1: Relevant Points (Exit) on the NTS (Paragraph 3.2(1) of Chapter 3 of Annex 1 of the EC Gas Regulation - Information to be published in accordance with Article 18.3 and Paragraph 3.1 of Chapter 3 of Annex 1)

Aberdeen
Alrewas (EM)
Alrewas (WM)
Armadale
Aspley
Asselby
Audley (NW)
Audley (WM)
Austrey
Avonmouth Max Refill
Aylesbeare
Bacton
Bacton (Baird)
Bacton (BBL)
Bacton (IUK)
Baldersby
Balgray
Barrow (Bains)
Barrow (Gateway)
Barton Stacey Max Refill (Humbly Grove)
Bathgate
Bishop Auckland
Blaby
Blackrod
Blyborough
Braishfield A
Braishfield B
Brisley
Broxburn
Burley Bank
Caldecott
Cambridge
Careston
Caythorpe
Cirencester
Coffinswell
Coldstream
Corbridge
Cowpen Bewley
Crawley Down
Deborah Storage (Bacton)
Dowlais
Drointon

Drum
Dyffryn Clydach
Dynevor Max Refill
Easton Grey
Ecclestone
Elton
Evesham
Farningham
Farningham B
Fiddington
Ganstead
Garton Max Refill (Aldbrough)
Gilwern
Glenmavis
Glenmavis Max Refill
Gosberton
Great Wilbraham
Guyzance
Hardwick
Hatfield Moor Max Refill
Hole House Max Refill
Holford
Holmes Chapel
Horndon
Hornsea Max Refill
Humbleton
Hume
Ilchester
Ipsden
Ipsden 2
Keld
Kenn
Kinknockie
Kirkstead
Langholm
Lauderhill
Leamington
Little Burdon
Littleton Drew
Lockerbie
Lower Quinton
Lupton
Luxborough Lane
Lyneham (Choakford)
Maelor
Malpas
Mappowder
Market Harborough
Matching Green

Melkinthorpe
Mickle Trafford
Milwich
Moffat (Irish Interconnector)
Mosside
Netherhowcleugh
Pannal
Partington
Partington Max Refill
Paull
Peterborough Eye (Tee)
Peters Green
Peters Green South Mimms
Pickering
Pitcairngreen
Pucklechurch
Rawcliffe
Ross (SW)
Ross (WM)
Roudham Heath
Rough Max Refill
Royston
Rugby
Saltfleetby Storage (Theddlethorpe)
Saltwick Pressure Controlled
Saltwick Volumetric Controlled
Samlesbury
Seabank (DN)
Shorne
Shustoke
Silk Willoughby
Soutra
St Fergus
Stranraer
Stratford-upon-Avon
Stublach (Cheshire)
Sutton Bridge
Tatsfield
Thornton Curtis
Thrintoft
Towlaw
Towton
Tur Langton
Walesby
Warburton
West Winch
Weston Point
Wetheral
Whitwell

Winkfield (NT)
Winkfield (SE)
Winkfield (SO)
Yelverton

Table 2: Single Final Customers and Production Facilities on the NTS (Paragraph 3.2(2) of Chapter 3 of Annex 1 of the EC Gas Regulation – Information to be published in aggregate format and to be published as two aggregate exit points, one for Power Stations and one for Industrial Offtakes)

	Power Station	Industrial Offtake
Abernedd Power Station	Y	
Abson (Seabank Power Station phase I)	Y	
Bacton (Great Yarmouth)	Y	
Barking (Horndon)	Y	
Barrow (Black Start)		Y
Billingham ICI (Terra Billingham)		Y
Bishop Auckland (test facility)		Y
Blackness (BP Grangemouth)		Y
Blyborough (Brigg)	Y	
Blyborough (Cottam)	Y	
Brine Field (Teesside) Power Station	Y	
Burton Point (Connahs Quay)	Y	
Caldecott (Corby Power Station)	Y	
Carrington (Partington) Power Station	Y	
Centrax Industrial		Y
Cockenzie Power Station	Y	
Coryton 2 (Thames Haven) Power Station	Y	
Deeside	Y	
Didcot A	Y	
Didcot B	Y	
Drakelow Power Station	Y	
Eastoft (Keadby Blackstart)	Y	
Eastoft (Keadby)	Y	
Enron Billingham	Y	
Epping Green (Enfield Energy, aka Brimsdown)	Y	
Ferny Knoll (AM Paper)		Y
Goole (Guardian Glass)		Y
Gowkhall (Longannet)	Y	
Grain Power Station	Y	
Harwarden (Shotton, aka Shotton Paper)		Y
Hatfield Power Station	Y	

Hollingsgreen (Hays Chemicals)		Y
Langage Power Station	Y	
Marchwood Power Station	Y	
Medway (aka Isle of Grain Power Station, NOT Grain Power)	Y	
Middle Stoke (Damhead Creek, aka Kingsnorth Power Station)	Y	
Pembroke Power Station	Y	
Peterborough (Peterborough Power Station)	Y	
Phillips Petroleum, Teesside		Y
Pickmere (Winnington Power, aka Brunner Mond)	Y	
Roosecote Power Station (Barrow)	Y	
Rosehill (Saltend Power Station)	Y	
Ryehouse	Y	
Saddle Bow (Kings Lynn)	Y	
Saltend BPHP (BP Saltend HP)		Y
Sandy Lane (Blackburn CHP, aka Sappi Paper Mill)		Y
Seabank (Seabank Power Station phase II)	Y	
Sellafield Power Station	Y	
Shellstar (aka Kemira, not Kemira CHP)		Y
Shotwick (Bridgewater Paper)		Y
Spalding 2 (South Holland) Power Station	Y	
St. Fergus (Peterhead)	Y	
St. Fergus (Shell Blackstart)		Y
St. Neots (Little Barford)	Y	
Stallingborough (phase 1)	Y	
Stallingborough (phase 2)	Y	
Stanford Le Hope (Coryton)	Y	
Staythorpe PH1	Y	
Staythorpe PH2	Y	
Sutton Bridge Power Station	Y	
Teesside (BASF, aka BASF Teesside)		Y
Teesside Hydrogen		Y
Terra Nitrogen (aka ICI, Terra Severnside)		Y

Thornton Curtis (Humber Refinery, aka Immingham)		Y
Thornton Curtis (Killingholme)	Y	
Tilbury Power Station	Y	
Tonna (Baglan Bay)	Y	
Upper Neeston (Milford Haven Refinery)		Y
West Burton Power Station	Y	
Weston Point (Castner Kelner, aka ICI Runcorn)		Y
Weston Point (Rocksavage)	Y	
Willington Power Station	Y	
Wragg Marsh (Spalding)	Y	
Wyre Power Station	Y	
Zeneca (ICI Avecia, aka 'Zenica')		Y