

The Company Secretary
National Grid Gas plc
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Consent given to National Grid Gas plc by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority pursuant to Special Conditions 9A.7 and 9B.9 of the gas transporter licence in respect of the national transmission system

1. This Consent is given by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to Special Conditions 9A.7 and 9B.9 of the gas transporter licence in respect of the national transmission system (the "Licence") granted or treated as granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (the "Act") to National Grid Gas plc (the "Licensee").
2. Special Conditions 9A.6 and 9B.8 provide that the Licensee must, if so directed by the Authority, and in any event at least once in every two years, review the Capacity Methodology Statements and capacity release methodology statements.
3. Special Conditions 9A.7 and 9B.9 provide that, unless the Authority otherwise consents in writing, the Capacity Methodology Statements and capacity release methodology statements must be accompanied by statements from an Independent Examiner, confirming that they have carried out an Examination, the scope and objectives of which must have been established by the Licensee and approved by the Authority and giving an opinion as to the extent to which the Licensee has developed a methodology that is consistent with its duties under the Gas Act and its obligations under the Licence.
4. On 3 October 2014 the Licensee requested that the Authority grant a Consent releasing it of the requirements under Special Conditions 9A.6 and 9B.8 to provide Independent Examiner Statements alongside Capacity Methodology Statements and capacity release methodology statements updated to facilitate compliance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 984/2013 (Capacity Allocation Mechanisms) and continued compliance with Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks with regards to the Congestion Management Procedures. The letter set out the reasons for that request.

5. The considerations and reasons for the Authority's decision are set out in the accompanying letter to the Licensee.
6. The Authority hereby consents to the Licensee submitting the Capacity Methodology Statements and capacity release methodology statements updated to facilitate compliance with Regulation No 984/2013 and Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 without Independent Examiner Statements as required under Special Conditions 9A.7 and 9B.9. The Authority is granting this consent on the condition that it may require the Licensee to include, in the scope of future Independent Examiner Statements, an examination of the live Gemini PRISMA interface.

Dated: 11 November 2014

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose by the Authority