

To: All holders of a gas shipper licence

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 23(2) OF THE GAS ACT 1986

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 23(2) of the Gas Act 1986 (the Act) as follows:

1. The Authority proposes to modify all gas shipper licences granted or treated as granted under section 7A(2) of the Act by amending Standard Licence Condition 1(1) (Definitions and Interpretation).
2. The reason why the Authority proposes to make this licence modification is that it considers the modification to be the most appropriate way to facilitate the implementation of certain aspects of the legally binding EU Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in Gas Transmission Systems¹ (CAM) and the EU Network Code on Balancing of Gas Transmission Networks² (BAL). More information on the reason and effects of the proposed licence modification is set out in our covering letter to this Notice³ and in our open letter consultation dated 28 July 2014.⁴
3. The effect of the proposed modification is to change the stated beginning and end times of the Great Britain (GB) gas day set out in the definitions in the licences from 6am to 5am, which will align them with the times of the "gas day" as defined in the above EU Network Codes.
4. The proposed changes to Standard Licence Condition 1(1) are marked up in Annex 1 to this Notice, which forms part of this Notice. Copies of the proposed modification and other documents referred to in this Notice have been published alongside this Notice and are available on the Ofgem website (www.ofgem.gov.uk).
5. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence modification must be made to the Authority on or before 15 May 2015. They should be sent to: Victoria Volossov, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 9 Millbank, London, SW1P 3GE or emailed to gasday@ofgem.gov.uk.
6. All responses will normally be published on Ofgem's website. However, if respondents do not wish their response to be made public then they should clearly mark their response as not for publication. Ofgem prefers to receive responses in an electronic form so they can be placed easily on the Ofgem website.
7. If the Authority decides to make the proposed modification it will take effect not less than 56 days after the decision is published, or on 1 October 2015, whichever is later.

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Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

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¹ Commission Regulation (EU) No 984/2013 of 14 October 2013 establishing a Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in Gas Transmission Systems and supplementing Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:273:0005:0017:EN:PDF>.

² Commission Regulation (EU) No 312/2014 of 26 March 2014 establishing a Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0312&rid=1>.

³ "Statutory consultation on proposed licence modifications to ensure Great Britain's ("GB's") compliance with the European Union legislative definition of gas day" (14 April 2015) available on our website: www.ofgem.gov.uk.

⁴ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/consultation-modification-legislation-and-licences-comply-eu-legislative-definition-gas-day>.

Annex 1: Proposed changes to the gas shipper licence

Standard Licence Condition 1(1) (Definitions and Interpretation)

“day” means a period beginning at 65am on one day and ending immediately before 65am on the following day, and “daily” shall be construed accordingly;